

Reading School - Admission to Year 7 in September 2024
Frequently Asked Questions regarding Offer of Places

Q	I have been offered a place at Reading School but have not had any communication from the school itself.
A	Communication via Applica was sent to parents w/b 4th March. If you have not received your email by 8th March please contact the school via admissions@reading-school.co.uk . The exception to this is if you applied by paper in which case offers will not be sent by your Local Authority until 8th March 2024.
Q	I have not had an offer from my Local Authority.
A	Please contact your Local Authority.
Q	Is my son on the waiting list?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your achieved the eligible score in English and Maths and he achieved the standard in the Creative Writing test, he will be on our waiting list unless he has been offered a place at your higher preference school. • The waiting list consists of the ranked order of candidates (adjusted for those living within the catchment area) who achieved the eligible score or above in English and Maths, and have achieved the standard in the Creative Writing test, who have not been offered a place at Reading School. • As at 1st March 2024, there were 240 candidates on the day waiting list and 17 candidates on the boarding waiting list.
Q	My child was of the standard for entry to Reading School but has not been offered a place. Why?
A	This is because the 138 day places and 12 boarding places for Year 7 have been offered to the highest scoring candidates and ranked in accordance with our oversubscription criteria. Your son will have been placed on our waiting list (please see Question above).
Q	My child achieved the standard for entry to Reading School and has not been offered a place or been placed on your waiting list. Why?
A	This is likely to be because your Local Authority has been able to offer you a place at the school that you indicated as a higher preference.
Q	My child participated in the Sporting Aptitude test. Could he still get offered a place on the Sporting Aptitude Pathway?
A	If one of the top 15 does not accept the offer of a place at Reading School then we will offer the next ranked sporting aptitude child a place under Category 3 of our oversubscription criteria.
Q	Can I change my preference and put Reading School first?
A	Please contact your own Local Authority.
Q	Can my child's position on the waiting list change?
A	Your child's position on the waiting list may go up or down due to change of preference, change of address or withdrawals.
Q	Can papers be remarked?
A	All the entrance tests are scanned, and each question is checked for the presence of exactly one response. If more or less than one mark is found for any question, it is verified by a human to ensure it is either blank, where no response was given, or which was the intended response, if multiple answers were marked (if, for example, a response was crossed out and another option then marked). The process is reliable and trustworthy and as a result re-marks would be unnecessary. The likelihood of any mistake being made in recording the correct test responses from the multiple choice answer sheet is negligible. However, if you do wish to have your son's papers re-marked, the cost of

	a re-mark would be £50 per paper. Please send in an email or letter with your son's full name, date of birth and candidate number outlining your request for a re-mark to the admissions office at Reading School. A remark will not give any other information other than confirmation of the standardised score.
Q	Can I appeal?
A	<p>If your child is not offered a place at the school of your choice, you have a right to appeal against this decision to an Independent Appeal Panel. In appealing, you should feel that there are very good mitigating circumstances for your son not gaining a place at Reading School which you believe affected his performance on the day of the entrance test. Please also consider the appeal in light of your son's overall score and ranked position.</p> <p>Appeals should be lodged to:</p> <p>School Appeals Clerk, Committee Services, Reading Borough Council, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU</p> <p>Julie Quarmby – Tel: 0118 937 2368 – Email: julie.quarmby@reading.gov.uk</p> <p>Jemma Durkan – Tel: 0118 937 2432 – Email: jemma.durkan@reading.gov.uk</p> <p>Andrew Wood – Tel 0118 937 2744 – Email: andrew.wood@reading.gov.uk</p> <p>You can find information on the appeals process or submit an appeal online by clicking here</p> <p>For entry in September 2023, the deadline for submitting an appeal is 28th March 2024.</p> <p>Appeals will normally be heard during May or June.</p>