



Year 3 (September 2026 Entry) Waiting List: Frequently Asked Questions

I haven't received a notification from the Local Authority. How do I know if my child has been offered a place?

If you applied in the first round by the 15 January 2026 deadline, your Local Authority will notify you of the outcome on Primary National Offer Day, **16 April 2026**. Please log in to the online admissions portal you used to submit your application.

The school is not able to provide outcomes directly. If you cannot access your online account or do not receive your letter, please contact your Local Authority's School Admissions Team for assistance.

What does 'a place has been requested' mean?

The status '**Requested**' means we were unable to offer your child a place at The King's (The Cathedral) School. Their name has been added to the **waiting list**.

How can I find out my child's waiting list position?

Please email admissions@kings.peterborough.sch.uk and include your child's **full legal name** and **date of birth** in the subject line. Your child will remain on the waiting list for the **entire duration of Year 3**. Please note that waiting list positions are subject to change. If a place becomes available during the academic year and your child is in position 1 on the waiting list we will contact you.

Is it likely that my child will be offered a place before September?

We are sorry that we were unable to offer your child a place. We received **over 70 applications** for **15 Year 3 places**, and the school is heavily oversubscribed. If any families decline their first-round offer, places will be reallocated in the **second round**. If second-round offers are made, these will be issued by the Local Authority during the **week commencing 22 May 2026**.

We applied in category A2 (C of E/Methodist). Why hasn't my child been offered a place?

This year we received a high number of C of E/Methodist applications, and the **cut-off score** for this category was high. Please email us if you would like to know your child's waiting list position.

My older child has just been offered a Year 7 place for September; Can we apply as a sibling for the Junior Department?

There is no sibling category for the Junior Department. Having a child in the main school does not alter your child's waiting list position for the Junior Department. All places in the Junior Department are offered as per the published oversubscription criteria.

We worship/attend church but it isn't a C of E/Methodist church. Why hasn't my child been offered a place?

The oversubscription criteria for the Junior Department are different to the Year 7 criteria. There is no Other Christian Denominations/Other Faiths category.

We live very close to the school. Why hasn't my child been offered a place?

The King's (The Cathedral) School is a **Church of England school** and does **not** operate a catchment area. Places are allocated strictly according to our **oversubscription criteria**. Once again this year, we were unable to offer any places in category **A6 (Proximity to the school)**.

Can I submit an appeal?

All parents and carers have the right to appeal the decision not to offer their child a place. We understand how disappointing and upsetting it can be when your child is not offered a place at your preferred school.

You may wish to submit an appeal if you believe that the admissions policy was not correctly or fairly applied to your child's application, or if you feel you have other grounds that you would like an independent panel to consider. Appeals are heard by an independent appeals panel. The panel reviews the evidence you provide and decides whether the decision should be upheld or overturned.

For context, 4 appeals were lodged for Year 3 last year (September 2025 entry), and none were upheld by the independent panel.

Please follow the instructions on our website to request an appeals form and to access further information about the appeals process.