# Admissions Policy Statement

**Starting in Year 7 in September 2027**

Parents/Carers of Year 6 students will receive a letter and common application form from their primary school in early July 2026. Parents must complete the Rotherham Common Application Form and it should be returned to the Local Authority by **31 October 2026.**

To apply on-line go to **http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/schools**

Please remember that individual schools cannot allocate places. The form that you send to the Local Authority is the key to the process. Without it, your child cannot be placed.

**Transition**

At Oakwood, Year 6 students move up to start Year 7 on Monday 13 July 2026 this process is called Transition. Transition allows for a more effective transfer between primary learning and secondary learning, and supports students to settle early, experiencing life at Oakwood prior to breaking for the summer holiday – it also provides a more effective continuation of the learning process. It is very popular with our students and parents.

**Would you like to visit Oakwood?**

There are two ways to visit and you are welcome to use either or both as suits your needs.

The Open Evening – This will be held in September and will run from 4.00pm-6.00pm for Year 5 and 6 families to visit. The exact date will be communicated closer to the time. Oakwood staff will be available for you to talk to, and there is the opportunity to meet the Headteacher and other senior staff. The evening is run on an informal basis, but you may wish to time your visit to include the Headteacher's talk in the hall. Please check our website for further details.

The Individual Visit - Would you like to see the school during a normal working day, talk to specific teachers, e.g., SEN, English as an additional language support staff or find out about another key area of interest? Please email **transition@oakwood.ac** to arrange a visit.

**Admission Arrangements and Policy**

All preferences for Community/Academy/Trust Schools are considered equally in accordance with the Co-ordinated Scheme for Admission to Secondary Schools. Parents/carers are able to name up to three preferences on the Common Application Form.

If you want your child to attend Oakwood High School, you must express your wish in writing using the form provided. Applications must be returned to the Local Authority Admissions section by 31 October 2026 for consideration in the initial process. The outcome of this year's admission round (2025) shows that **214 students were allocated a place at Oakwood, with 78 students on the waiting list and 10 appeals.** This cannot be taken as a guide to the position for 2027/2028; however, parents/carers may wish to consider this information when expressing a preference.