



Candidate Absence Policy202526

Dixons Allerton Academy

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Key staff involved in the policy

Role	Name
Head of centre	Richard Wilson
Senior leader(s)	Richard Wilson - Principal Matt Sanderson -Senior Vice Principal Amanda Patch - Vice Principal Ian Radcliffe - Vice Principal Ben Fogerty - Vice Principal Raza Shah - Assidtant Vice Principal Dan Cook - Assistant Vice Principal Daisy Holland-Selby - Assistant Vice Principal Geoff Simpson - Assistant Vice Principal Steven Bibby - Assistant Vice Principal (Safeguarding & DSL) Richard Jones- Assistant Vice Principal

	Jodie MacDonald Assistant Vice Principal (All through SENDCO)
Exams officer	Alyson Wharton
Other staff (if applicable)	

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that candidate absence from examinations at Dixons Allerton Academy is managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

References in this policy to ICE and SC refer to the JCQ documents **Instructions for conducting examinations** and **A guide to the special consideration process**.

Purpose of the policy

The purpose of this policy is to confirm the arrangements for candidates who are absent from an examination at Dixons Allerton Academy.

An absent candidate may subsequently arrive once the exam is underway, becoming a late or very late arrival, at which point Dixons Allerton Academy reserves the right to exercise discretion whether to allow a candidate who arrives after the start of the examination to enter the examination room and sit the examination. (See **Candidate Late Arrival Policy**)

Based upon the circumstances for the absence, and subject to the required conditions being met, an application for special consideration may also be made to the relevant awarding body.

1. Identifying and dealing with candidate absence

A candidate will be considered absent from an examination if:

- The candidate is considered absent once they have been seated and the register has been taken.
SLT, Head of year and year managers are on hand at the start of exams to identify any missing candidates and calls are made home where we are not aware of a reason for the absence.

Once a candidate is identified as absent from an examination, the following action will be taken:

- The candidate will be contacted as to their whereabouts and as far as possible arrangements made to ensure their immediate arrival

If a candidate fails to sit an examination, the following action is taken:

- A confirmed candidate absence is clearly recorded on the attendance register which is sent to the awarding body/examiner
- The candidate absence is noted on the seating plan by crossing through the candidate details

2. Roles and responsibilities

Overview

It is the responsibility of the following member(s) of staff to deal with candidate absence once it has been identified:

- SLT, Head of Year & Year Manager

It is the responsibility of the following member(s) of staff to deal with candidates who are persistently absent from examinations:

- SLT, Head of Year & Year Manager

The role of invigilators

Invigilators will:

- Be informed of the process for dealing with absent candidates through training
- Ensure that absent candidates are clearly indicated on the attendance register (ICE 22.4)

Additional responsibilities:

The role of candidates

Candidates will be:

- Re-charged any relevant entry fees for unauthorised absence from examinations

Additional responsibilities:

3. Special consideration

At Dixons Allerton Academy if a candidate is absent from a timetabled written examination for an acceptable reason, the candidate may be eligible for special consideration. This is where an adjustment may be made to the candidate's grade by the awarding body, providing the following conditions are met:

- The examination is in the candidate's terminal exam series (SC 4.2)
- The candidate has completed or will be able to complete the required percentage of the assessment to meet the minimum requirements for enhanced grading in cases of acceptable absence (SC 4.5)
- The application for special consideration can be supported by the centre with appropriate evidence authorised by a member of the senior leadership team (SC 6)

It is the responsibility of the following member(s) of staff to deal with special consideration requests and applications:

- Alyson Wharton

Changes 2025/2026

(Changed) Under heading **Special Consideration**:

Changed bullet point: The application for special consideration can be supported by appropriate evidence signed by a member of the senior leadership team (SC 6) To: The application for special consideration can be supported by the centre with appropriate evidence authorised by a member of the senior leadership team (SC 6)

Centre-specific changes

October 2025 - No Centre Specific changes