



SIR ROBERT PATTINSON ACADEMY

INTERNAL APPEALS PROCEDURE ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATION EXAMINATIONS 2023/24

Date Reviewed in School:
Date Approved by Governors:
Date to be Reviewed:

September 2023
25 March 2024
September 2024

Key staff involved in the policy.

Role	Name
Head of Centre	Dale Hardy
Senior Leader	Pete Ward
Examinations Manager	Leah Keogh
SENDCo	Andy Adlington
SLT	All SLT
HODs	All Middle Leaders
Other Staff	All Centre Staff

special consideration

This may include:

- a decision not to award/apply for a specific access arrangement/reasonable adjustment or to apply for special consideration, in circumstances where a candidate does not meet the criteria for, or there is no evidence/insufficient evidence to support the implementation of an access arrangement/reasonable adjustment or the application of special consideration

Where Sir Robert Pattinson Academy makes a decision in relation to the access arrangement(s)/reasonable adjustment(s) or special consideration that apply for a candidate or candidates:

- If a candidate who is the subject of the relevant decision (or the candidate's parent/carer) disagrees with the decision made and reasonably believes that the centre has not complied with its responsibilities or followed due procedures, a written request setting out the grounds for appeal should be submitted
- within 10 school days of the decision being communicated to the appellant

To determine the outcome of the appeal, the head of centre will consult the respective JCQ publication to confirm the centre has complied with the principles and regulations governing access arrangements/reasonable adjustments and/or special consideration and followed due procedures.

The appellant will be informed of the outcome of the appeal within 10 school days from receipt of the appeal

If the appeal is upheld, Sir Robert Pattinson Academy will proceed to implement the necessary access arrangements or reasonable adjustments and make the relevant application

Appeals regarding centre decisions relating to other administrative issues

Circumstances may arise that cause Sir Robert Pattinson Academy to make decisions on other administrative issues that may affect a candidate's examinations/assessments.

Where Sir Robert Pattinson Academy may make a decision that affects a candidate or candidates:

- If a candidate who is the subject of the relevant decision (or the candidate's parent/carer) disagrees with the decision made and reasonably believes that the centre has not complied with its responsibilities or followed due procedures, a written request setting out the grounds for appeal should be submitted
- within 10 school days to the Chair of Governors

The appellant will be informed of the outcome of the appeal within 10 school days

Purpose of the procedure

This procedure ensures compliance with JCQ regulations (GR 5.3) which state that centres must have in place and available for inspection, a written internal appeals procedure which must cover at least appeals regarding centre decisions relating to access arrangements and special consideration.

Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments

Sir Robert Pattinson Academy will:

- comply with the principles and regulations governing access arrangements and reasonable adjustments as set out in the JCQ publication **Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments**
- ensure that all staff who manage and implement access arrangements and reasonable adjustments are aware of the requirements and are appropriately supported and resourced

In accordance with the regulations, Sir Robert Pattinson Academy:

- recognises its duty to explore and provide access to suitable courses, through the access arrangements process submit applications for reasonable adjustments and make reasonable adjustments to the service the centre provides to disabled candidates
- complies with its responsibilities in identifying, determining and implementing appropriate access arrangements and reasonable adjustments

Failure to comply with the regulations has the potential to constitute malpractice which may impact on a candidate's result(s).

Examples of failure to comply include:

- putting in place access arrangements/adjustments that are not approved
- failing to consider putting in place access arrangements (which may be a failure to comply with the duty to make reasonable adjustments)
- permitting access arrangements/adjustments within the centre which are not supported by appropriate evidence
- charging a fee for providing reasonable adjustments to disabled candidates

Special consideration

Special consideration is given to a candidate who has temporarily experienced illness, injury or some other event outside of their control at the time of the assessment. It is applied when the issue or event has had, or is reasonably likely to have had, a material effect on a candidate's ability to take an assessment or demonstrate his or her normal level of attainment in an assessment.

Sir Robert Pattinson Academy will:

- comply with the requirements as set out in the JCQ publication **A guide to the special consideration process**
- ensure that all staff who manage and administer special consideration applications are aware of the requirements

Where Sir Robert Pattinson Academy has appropriate evidence signed by a member of the senior leadership team to support an application, it will apply for special consideration at the time of the assessment for the affected candidate/candidates.

Centre decisions relating to access arrangements/reasonable adjustments and