Admission to

Primary School 2024



Apply online at www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Closing date for Primary School Applications:

15th January 2024



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Dear Parent/Carer,

This booklet produced by Halton Borough Council sets out the arrangements for the admission of children in to reception class for the academic year beginning in September 2024.

The booklet contains important information, which you should read carefully before making the important decision of expressing a preference for a school (or schools) for your children to attend. I hope you will find it helpful and informative. It is also beneficial to visit the school(s) you are interested in before submitting your application.

This booklet can only give a brief outline of policy and procedures. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact individual schools or School Admissions on 0151 511 8601/511 7271. This booklet is available online at www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions and if you follow the links you will also find our online application system which allows you to complete and return your preferences electronically and view your result first thing on National Offer Day. All you need is an email address to get set up and you'll also receive a confirmation email to that address regarding your place offer. If you need a paper copy of the application form, please email schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk or call the School Admissions Team or visit Halton Direct Link.

As parents/carers it is important you are aware that the success of a preference you express for a school will depend on the particular oversubscription criteria that are explained in this booklet, and the numbers of parents/carers expressing a preference. You should note that **you cannot simply choose a school**.

Starting school for the first time, or transferring from one school to another, is an important step for parents and children. I hope this booklet, and seeking further advice, if necessary, will help you and your child/children to look on the experience with confidence. Staff in all of our schools look forward to working with you in support of your child/children and their learning, as we know that those children who succeed best at school receive understanding and support from their home.

It is extremely important that you complete and submit your application before the closing date of **15**th **January 2024**, as a late application will normally only be considered after the main allocation of places has taken place and this may result in you not obtaining a place at your preference school(s).

On behalf of Councillor McInerney, Portfolio Holder for the Children's Services Directorate, and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to wish your child/children a successful and happy career at school.

Jill Farrell

Operational Director – Education, Inclusion and Provision

Note: The information contained in this guide was correct at the time of preparation (August 2023) but could alter in the light of Government legislation and local policy developments.

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ADMISSION TO RECEPTION CLASS IN HALTON SCHOOLS

How to apply for a Halton Primary School reception class place for September 2024

Halton Local Authority (LA) has an agreed co-ordinated scheme for admission to all mainstream primary schools in September 2024.

This means that when you complete the **online preference form** or a paper copy (available from any of the Halton Direct Link Offices or by request), you may put any primary school regardless of which LA it is in, but please consider carefully whether your child will meet the admissions criteria. Following the deadline for submission of applications, consideration to your preferences will be given, and if your preference is for a school in another LA then Halton LA will forward details on to the relevant LA. The preference form is for completion by Halton residents only. Parents/Carers of pupils from other LAs should complete their own LA form but may include Halton schools as preferences on their form.

The closing date for receipt of preference forms via online applications and those submitted by a paper copy is 15th January 2024

Complete a preference form online at: www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Applications for all schools are considered in strict accordance with the relevant admissions criteria and it is important that you read and consider the admissions criteria contained within this booklet before submitting your application.

If you complete a paper form and are able to return it by email, please email it to schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk, take it to any of the Halton Direct Link Offices (you'll be provided with a receipt) or post it directly to:

School Admissions Team PO Box 317 Runcorn Cheshire WA7 9BZ *As receipts cannot be issued for paper copies of the preference form received via postal services, it is strongly recommended that you send the form by a recorded delivery service.

To ensure your application is received and processed, forms **must not** be returned anywhere other than to the above sources. **DO NOT** return your form to a school.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is an admission policy?

An admission policy is used to decide which children will have priority for places but only if the school receives more applications than the number of places available. The Council has agreed one admission policy for all community, and voluntary controlled primary schools in Halton. Academies and Voluntary Aided schools each set their own individual policy which is agreed and set by the governing body of the school. Admission policies contain the "oversubscription criteria" which will be applied to assess each application.

What happens if I send the preference form in after the published deadline?

Applications received after the published deadline of the 15th January 2024 for all Halton schools will be **treated as a late application** and will not be considered until **after** the main allocation of places has taken place for all those applications received on time. The online application system is not available after the deadline.

DON'T BE LATE – YOU MAY MISS OUT ON A PLACE IN THE SCHOOL YOU WANT

What is a Published Admission Number (PAN)?

This is the number of places available in the reception class. Once the PAN has been reached, the admissions body cannot admit any more pupils.

Are there limits to infant class sizes?

By law, no infant class (typically Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) should normally have more than 30 pupils with one teacher. This applies to all Halton schools. Head teachers are responsible for ensuring that classes are organised to comply with this requirement, and this is monitored by the local authority.

Can I complete and submit the form online?

Yes, we highly recommend that you complete the preference form online at:

www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Changes to preferences, home address and other details can be made online, and forms can be edited and re-submitted online up to the published deadline date of the 15th January 2024. **The online facility is not available after this point.**

An **email receipt** of your application will be sent to the registered email address used in this process immediately after you have submitted your application. **Please check your junk mail/spam folder if you do not receive this confirmation email.**

What happens if I don't complete a preference form?

If you do not complete or submit a preference form, we will not know about your child and the schools which you prefer. You may then find that the school you prefer is full, after the placement of children for whom forms have been received.

Please REMEMBER:

- With the exception of The Grange School, which is an all through school (see page 35), there is no automatic transfer from nursery to reception class, and attending a nursery class does not guarantee or give your child a place in the reception class of that school.
- There is no automatic transfer if you have an older child attending your preferred school. You must still complete a preference form.
- Putting your child's name on a school's interested list does not constitute a formal application. You must still complete a preference form with the local authority.
- Do consider the oversubscription criteria for schools you express as a preference. There is no guarantee of a place at any school.
- St Bede's Catholic Junior School (see page 43) also operates an application process and attendance at St Bede's Catholic Infant School <u>does not</u> guarantee your child a place at the school. You must apply for a place at St Bede's Catholic Junior School by completing the Infant to Junior Transfer Form 2024, which is available online from <u>www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions</u>, following the 'Junior School's' link, or by requesting a form from the School. This form must also be returned by the closing date of 15th January 2024.

TIMETABLE FOR ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2024		
September 2023	 ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE AT: Online at www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions Paper forms can be obtained online or by contacting School Admissions (0151 511 8601/ 511 7271) or from Halton Direct Link 	
15 th January 2024	CLOSING DATE ALL ONLINE AND PAPER PREFERENCE FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THIS DATE DON'T BE LATE - YOU ARE LIKELY TO MISS OUT ON A PLACE IN THE SCHOOL YOU WANT	
11 th February 2024	FINAL DATE TO NOTIFY LOCAL AUTHORITY OF ADDRESS CHANGE AND SUPPLY PROOF	
16 th April 2024	 NOTIFICATION OF OFFERS Email offers sent to all online applicants. Parent/carers are also able to log in to their online account to view their offer. Offer letters will be posted on this date, notifying parent/carers who have submitted a paper copy of the preference form. 	
16 th May 2024	CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF INTENTION TO APPEAL	
September 2024	ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL	
31 st December 2024	FORMAL WAITING LISTS CLOSE	

ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

All information regarding admission to schools is available at www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions and follow the Primary/Secondary School Admissions link.

There are four main types of primary school. These are:

- 1) COMMUNITY
- 2) VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED
- 3) VOLUNTARY AIDED (CATHOLIC AND CHURCH OF ENGLAND)
- 4) ACADEMY

Halton LA is the admission authority for all Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Halton. These schools have the same admissions criteria and Halton LA, as the admissions authority, deals with applications for places in the event of oversubscription. In the case of oversubscription, places will be allocated using the published criteria detailed in this booklet. The school governors decide the allocation of places at Voluntary Aided (Church) Schools and Academy schools in accordance with their published admissions policy, and you may be required to provide further information in support of your application.

Church of England schools (CE) are either voluntary aided or voluntary controlled. Church of England voluntary aided schools are schools where the religious education provided is in conformity with the rites, practices and doctrines of the Church of England. A Church of England voluntary controlled school, like a voluntary aided school, is a Church school functioning within the partnership of the Church and the Local Authority. Its Christian nature is an important aspect of the school's life. The religious teaching in it is mainly in accordance with the Agreed Syllabus but this may, for those who wish, be supplemented by specific Church teaching. Worship at its school assemblies is linked with the worship of the Church in accordance with the provisions of its Trust Deed.

All Roman Catholic schools (RC) are voluntary aided or academy schools.

General information about Church schools can be obtained from the appropriate CE and RC Diocesan Education Authorities. Addresses and telephone numbers are set out below:

CHURCH OF ENGLAND Diocesan Education Authorities

Runcorn Schools

Director of Education

Widnes Schools

Director of Education

Chester Diocesan Board of Diocese of Liverpool Board of Education

Education Church House Church House 1 Hanover Street

5500 Daresbury Park Liverpool Daresbury L1 3DW

WA4 4GE Telephone No: 0151 709 9722

Telephone No: 01928 718834 https://Liverpool.anglican.org/forschools/board-

www.chester.anglican.org/schools of-education/

ROMAN CATHOLIC Diocesan Education Authorities

Runcorn Schools Widnes Schools

Director of Schools Director of Schools and Colleges
Diocese of Shrewsbury Schools Liverpool Archdiocesan Centre for

Commission Evangelisation
2 Park Road South Croxteth Drive
Birkenhead Sefton Park
CH43 4UX Liverpool L17 1AA

Telephone No: 0151 652 9855 Telephone No: 0151 522 1071

https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/ed https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/education

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ALLOCATION OF PLACES TO HALTON PRIMARY SCHOOLS

In allocating school places, all parents/carers are asked to complete either the online preference form (www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or a paper copy of the form, on which they are invited to express up to three preferences. This will enable parental preferences to be fully considered, even if the admission authority (the LA for community and voluntary controlled schools, or the governing body for voluntary aided and academy schools) is unable to comply with parental preference.

All preferences are considered equally against each school's admissions criteria. After all preferences have been considered if only one school named on the preference form can offer a place the Local Authority will send out an offer of a place. If more than one school can offer a place parents will be offered a place at whichever of those schools is ranked highest on the preference form. This may not be the first preference school and there is no guarantee that you will be offered any of your preferences.

What happens if a School becomes oversubscribed?

Sometimes more applications are received for a particular school than there are places available, and this means that the school is oversubscribed. When a school is oversubscribed places will be allocated in accordance with the relevant oversubscription criteria. Each voluntary aided school has its own criteria, and these are detailed later in this booklet.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR COMMUNITY, VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED AND ACADEMY SCHOOLS WHO ADOPT THE LA'S POLICY The following criteria will apply to oversubscribed schools:		
Children in Public Care	Looked after children (often known as in care or LAC) or children who were previously looked after (PLAC), but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC)	
Siblings	Pupils with elder brothers or sisters, including half brothers and sisters, and unrelated children living together as part of the same household , already attending the school and <u>expected to continue at the school in the following year</u>	
Distance	Pupils living nearest to the school defined as a straight-line measurement from the unique reference point of the child's permanent residence to the unique reference point of the school	

In the instance of a tie regarding distance for the last place to be offered (to two decimal places in metres), a place will be offered using the electronic admission system's random allocation function.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL FURTHER INFORMATION

- Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order) immediately after they were looked after. This includes children qualifying as Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Child (IAPLAC).
- Children who have a current Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) will be admitted to the
 school named in their plan. An application does not need to be submitted if your child has a
 current EHCP as this will be coordinated by the SEND Team. Please discuss your child's
 application with your child's SEND Coordinator or the SEND department at the Local Authority,
 or email SENAT@halton.gov.uk. If you're unsure about your child's SEND status, please
 contact the SEND Team to discuss.
- Where applications are received for twins, triplets etc. the Local Authority will apply the oversubscription criteria and will oversubscribe the community or voluntary controlled school if a family would otherwise be separated. This would include infant class sizes of 30, where the child would be an excepted pupil for the time they are in an infant class.
- The address to be used in measuring distance for the purpose of allocating school places will be the **child's** permanent address **at the closing date of 15th January 2024.** The above criteria will apply without reference to the Halton Borough Council boundary. Distance will be measured by the LA using the LA's Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) address point system which measures a straight-line distance from the unique address point of the child's permanent address to the unique address point of the school in metres. If oversubscription occurs within any one of the above criteria, places will be allocated on distance grounds as described within the distance criteria above.
- If none of the parent's preferences can be met, Halton LA will allocate a school. In Halton, a place will be allocated at the nearest school with vacancies to the home address measured in a straight-line distance measurement from the child's permanent residence to the school. This does not affect parent's rights to appeal for a place at the school(s) they have been refused. Parents may also contact School Admissions following receipt of their child's offer of a place, if they are not happy with the offered place and wish to enquire about other Halton schools with vacancies available.
- The law does not give you the "right" to choose a school for your child. However, it does allow you to make a preference as to which school you would like your child to attend. The admissions authority for each school will try and meet that preference in accordance with their admissions policy and oversubscription criteria.
- Parent/carers completing an online preference form will be able to view their offer of their child's primary school place on 16th April 2024. Offer letters will also be posted on this date to parents/carers who have submitted a paper copy of the preference form application.

Who should apply for reception?

If your child was born **between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020,** or if you were granted a deferred admission for your child for September 2023, they are due to start school in September 2024 and you need to apply by 15th January 2024

ONLINE APPLICATIONS

Applying for a school place online

Halton Borough Council offers an online service to parents/carers who are applying for a reception class place in primary school for September 2024.

How to apply online

If you live in Halton and your child is due to transfer to primary school in September 2024 we highly recommend that you apply-online by following the link at: https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/EducationandFamilies/Schools/PrimarySecondarySchool.aspx

If you are not a Halton resident, you cannot complete the Halton form and you should contact the council within the area that you live. That authority will then provide you with details of how to apply online.

You will be required to create an account. It is important that you keep a note of your password and security question, as you will need this to view the outcome of your application on offer day.

Follow the steps and guidance through the online system, making sure you have completed each section and submit your application. You will receive an acknowledgement email once you have pressed submit. If you do not receive an acknowledgement email, you must contact the local authority as this may indicate that your application has not been received.

Benefits to online application

There are many benefits to making an online application for school admissions, including:

- It's quick, secure and easy to use.
- Applicants can view their offer online on the published offer day, rather than waiting for the
 offer letter to be received in the post.
- You can apply from home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- There is no risk your application will be lost in the post.
- The system guides you through the application and alerts you if any errors have been made. When you have submitted your application, you will receive an email confirming receipt
- You can log in and view your child's school offer on 16th April 2024 (no hard copies will be sent)
- You will also receive your offer of a school place by email on 16th April 2024.

Please note that if you are applying for a voluntary aided school and you are requested to submit a supplementary information form, and/or proof of baptism or membership of a faith, this information **must be returned directly to the school,** and not to the Local Authority and **must** be returned by the closing date for applications, **15**th **January 2024,** unless otherwise advised.

The online system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week up to the closing date of 15th January 2024. If you are applying after that date you need to contact the School Admissions Team or visit a Halton Direct Link Office to request and complete a paper preference form.

ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Waiting Lists

Waiting lists will be held for all oversubscribed Primary Schools. The waiting list will automatically comprise all of those pupils refused admission to the school(s) of preference, ordered by the oversubscription criteria of the admission policy. This list will be maintained from the time of initial allocation until 31st December 2024 at which point the waiting list will cease. If a place becomes available at an oversubscribed school, the place will be reallocated in accordance with the published oversubscription criteria relevant to that school. Parents/Carers should be aware that their child's place on the waiting list might alter, either up or down, dependent upon the movement of other applicants, as the law requires that waiting lists are re-ranked every time a new application is received following the offer of places.

Equal Preferences

In accordance with regulations, the equal preference model will be used to consider applications for all maintained schools. In an equal preference scheme your first, second and third preference will be considered at the same time. If potentially you can be offered a place at more than one of your preferences (i.e., because you have a high enough priority for an oversubscribed school, the school is undersubscribed or because the school receives the same number of applications as the number of places available) the single offer made to you will be for the school you ranked the highest on your preference form.

Late Applications

All applications received before the closing date will be dealt with at the same time. A preference form received after the closing date of 15th January 2024 will be deemed as <u>late</u> and all late applications will be dealt with <u>after</u> those received on time. Please be aware that a late application will reduce your chance of gaining a place at your preferred school.

If the late application is received after places have been allocated and the school(s) are oversubscribed, the child will be placed on the waiting list, along with all other unsuccessful applications. The child's position on the waiting list will then be determined by the admission policy, not by the date received. Parents/carers have the right of appeal if admission is refused and details on the appeals process are provided later in this booklet.

Place of residence

Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of a week, the child's 'permanent place of residence' will be determined as the address of the parent who normally has the responsibility for the majority of school days in a week. All addresses are initially checked against the records held for your child by the local authority and its partners, however it may be necessary at any point during the admissions process for the admissions authority to carry out checks to confirm that addresses given are genuine. Parents may, therefore, be asked to provide documentary evidence of their child's home address, for example, but not limited to, Council Tax Statement, Child Benefits Statement, Utility Bills, letter from registered GP, etc. Where the local authority are unable to determine a child's permanent address following investigation, the address used will be the registered address for Child Benefit payments as of 15th January 2024, or where that benefit is not received, the address held by the child's GP as of 15th January 2024 as evidenced by an official letter from the GP.

Change of address

If you move house after the closing date of 15th January 2024 you **must** notify School Admissions by emailing schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk, providing your child's details and your new address. You may be required to complete a new preference form and you will be advised of this at this time. Proof of change of address will be required to support your application. **Please note:** the address stated on the preference form must be where the child is currently residing, and **not a future address**.

IMPORTANT:

Your address and criteria will not be changed unless supporting evidence of the house move is received by the Local Authority. This information must be received by 11th February 2024

Proof of residency received after this date cannot be used for the initial allocation of School Places as this process will be in final stages.

Change of preference

If you decide to change your preference after the closing date of 15th January 2024 you will need to complete another preference form and your previous preference form will be disregarded. The online facility will not be available after the closing date, and you must complete a hard copy preference form. If places have already been allocated the LA may not be able to meet your change of preference. Please be aware that a change of preference after the closing date will result in that preference being treated as a late preference and this may affect your chances of gaining a place at your preference school.

Admissions age

The Secretary of State for Education and Employment has defined compulsory school age under the Education Act 1996 as follows:

Child's 5th Birthday Lawful Term of Admission

1st September to 31st December Spring
1st January to 31st March Summer
1st April to 31st August (summer-born) Autumn

In Halton, however, children will continue to be admitted to school earlier than the lawful admission date. This reflects the commitment of the LA to secure the best possible start for children within the Borough of Halton

Children reaching the age of five between 1st September and 31st August may be admitted full-time on the first day of the Autumn Term before their fifth birthday (i.e. in September). Schools may phase their intake but this will be decided at school level. A request for admission earlier than described would not normally be permitted.

If your child is presently attending a nursery class, please note that you **do not have an automatic right to transfer to the primary school to which the nursery class is attached**. You will need to indicate your preference for a primary school along with all other parents. The only exception to this is The Grange School, which is an all-through school, providing the child is **on roll at the nursery by the closing date of 15**th **January 2024.**

Parental Disputes

Where two people with parental responsibility for a child are in dispute regarding their preferred schools it is **strongly** advised that this is resolved informally, or formally by legal process, **prior to the application being submitted**. Neither the local authority nor any admission authority in the local area can resolve these disputes for the parties concerned. School admissions law requires that only one offer is made for each child and therefore it is of great importance that any such disagreement is resolved before submitting the application to avoid any delays or difficulties further into the process. Where a resolution cannot be achieved informally between the concerned parties, we recommend that you seek legal advice immediately to resolve the matter.

Delayed entry to school

Parents/carers can delay their child's entry to school until the child is of compulsory school age if they wish or request a part-time attendance during this time period. If a parent/carer is offered and accepts a place during the normal admissions round but would prefer to delay their child's start date until he or she is of compulsory school age, the admission authority must agree to the parent's request **provided the place is taken up within the same academic year**, **but not beyond** the beginning of the term following the child's fifth birthday. (i.e., statutory school age)

Parents of summer-born children - Request to defer entry

The Department for Education (DfE) has issued guidance regarding the admission of summer-born children to reception class outside of their normal age group (starting reception class after their fifth birthday). Parents considering making such a request are advised to speak to the Headteacher of their preference school(s) and the School Admissions Team and must make the request during the normal admissions round within their child's normal age group (the academic year in which they turn five), and submit a preference form in application during this round and before the deadline for applications, being 15th January 2024.

All admissions authorities must consider a parent's request, and all evidence provided, for their child to be educated outside their normal age group, but they are not obligated to adhere to the request, and instead are required to make a decision which they believe is in the best interests of the child, based on the evidence provided.

If the request is agreed, parents will then be required to complete a new preference form in the year following and their application for admission within the normal age group will be discarded. If the request is declined, parents do not have the right to appeal against a decision not to admit a child to a certain year group if admission to another year group at the school can be offered.

In all instances we would advise that you consider the advice of your child's current early year's setting, input from any education or medical professionals involved with your child and please also read the <u>documentation provided by the DfE regarding the admission of children outside of their normal age group</u>.

Withdrawal of offer of a school place

The Council and all of the admission authorities in its area reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a school place if it has been offered in error, or it is established that the offer was obtained through a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application. This may include where a fraudulent/intentionally misleading preference form is received claiming a false sibling or false residence, or the child's date of birth has been falsified. Where a place is removed, that place will be offered to the child who was unsuccessful in gaining a place due to the fraud/error.

Infant Class Size Legislation

By law, no infant class (normally Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) should normally have more than 30 pupils with one class teacher. This applies to all Halton schools. Head teachers are responsible for ensuring that classes are organised to comply with this requirement, and this is monitored by the local authority. There are few exceptions to this rule which can be found within the School Admissions Code 2021 available online.

Accepting or Declining an offer of a school place

In Halton, you are **not required** to accept an offer of a school place. Places are *automatically accepted* once they have been offered, unless you notify us otherwise. Other local authorities may request that you formally accept the place, and you should check this when making a preference for a school (s) in another local authority.

If you wish to decline your offer of a school place for your child, you must do this in writing as soon as possible, preferably by emailing schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk and explaining that you do not wish to accept the offer and notifying us of the alternative arrangements for your child. We strongly advise that you do not decline a school place offer on the grounds that you are appealing for a place at another school, as there are no guarantees that an appeal will be successful and if you have formally declined the offered place, it may not still be available after the appeals have been heard.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN HALTON

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS

The following pages provide details on the Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary schools in Halton.

The Local Authority is the admission authority for these schools, and the oversubscription criteria detailed on **page 9** applies to all of the primary schools listed in this section.

All Saints Upton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)
Anticipated number on roll: 200

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all on-time preferences were accommodated

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 28 Preference 2: 8 Preference 3: 7

Final number allocated for September 2023: 28

Hough Green Road, Widnes, WA8 4PG

Headteacher: Mrs J Davies

Tel: 0151 257 2450

Website:

www.allsaintsupton.halton.sch.uk

Astmoor Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 118

Published Admission Number September 2024: 25

Last academic year all applications were accommodated

Published Admission Number September 2023: 25

Number of parents expressing each preference (includes

late applications): Preference 1: 19

Preference 2: 8 Preference 3: 5

Final number allocated for September 2023: 17

Kingshead Close, Runcorn, WA7 2JE

Headteacher: Mrs L Aldridge

Tel: 01928 565053

Website:

www.astmoorprimaryschool.co.uk

Beechwood Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 148

Published Admission Number September 2024: 20

Last academic year all applications were accommodated

Published Admission Number September 2023: 20

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 17 Preference 2: 20 Preference 3: 11

Final number allocated for September 2023: 18

Grasmere Drive, Runcorn, WA7 2TT

Headteacher: Mrs. S Kidd

Tel: 01928 560479

Website:

www.beechwoodschoolruncorn.co.uk

Brookvale Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 217

Published Admission Number September 2024: 40

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 40

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 30 Preference 2: 11 Preference 3: 15

Final number allocated for September 2023: 28

Northwich Road, Runcorn,

WA7 6BZ

Headteacher: Mr R Moore

Tel: 01928 711401

Website:

https://brookvaleprimary.co.uk/

Meadway, Runcorn, WA7 2DZ

Headteacher: Miss H Melarangi

Castle View Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Published Admission Number September 2024: 20

The school was oversubscribed for the 2023 intake by

on-time preferences.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 20

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 24

Preference 2: 4

Preference 3: 5

Anticipated number on roll: 164

Tel: 01928 563970

Website:

https://www.castleviewprimary.co.uk/

National Offer Day 2023 Position:

Last place criteria: Distance

Distance last place: 1108.90 metres

Final number allocated for September 2023: 24

Fairfield Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 587

Published Admission Number September 2024: 90

Last academic year all applications were accommodated

Published Admission Number September 2023: 90

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 67 Preference 2: 42 Preference 3: 37

Final number allocated for September 2023: 59

Farnworth Church of England Controlled Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)
Anticipated number on roll: 419

Published Admission Number September 2024: 60

Last academic year all applications were accommodated

Published Admission Number September 2023: 60

Number of parents expressing each preference: Preference 1: 54 Preference 2: 68

Preference 3: 27

Final number allocated for September 2023: 57

Peelhouse Lane, Widnes,

WA8 6TH

Headteacher: Mrs. V Pierce

Tel: 0151 424 0123

Website:

www.fairfieldprimaryschool.org.uk

Pit Lane, Widnes, WA8 9HS

Headteacher: Mr A Redman

Tel: 0151 424 3042

Website:

https://www.farnworthcofeprimary.c

o.uk/

Gorsewood Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 174

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 22 Preference 2: 11 Preference 3: 3

Final number allocated for September 2023: 23

Gorsewood Road, Runcorn,

WA7 6ES

Headteacher: Miss E Jackson

Tel: 01928 712100

Website:

www.gorsewood.halton.sch.uk

Hale Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 192

Published Admission Number September 2024: 25

The school was oversubscribed for the 2023 intake by on-

time preferences. Appeal registered: 2

Appeals upheld:0

Published Admission Number September 2023: 25

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 31 Preference 2: 8 Preference 3: 5

Final number allocated for September 2023: 30

Hesketh Road, Hale, L24 4AN

Headteacher Mrs E Fenton

Tel: 0151 425 3023

Website:

https://www.hale.halton.sch.uk/

National Offer Day 2023 Position:

Last place criteria: Distance

Distance last place: 2080.21 metres

Halebank Church of England Voluntary Controlled

Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 102

Published Admission Number September 2024: 15

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 15

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 12 Preference 2: 6 Preference 3: 0

Final number allocated for September 2023: 14

Heathview Road, Widnes,

WA8 8UZ

Headteacher: Mrs C Warner

Tel: 0151 425 5798

Website:

https://www.halebank.halton.sch.

uk/

Hallwood Park Primary and Nursery School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 74

Published Admission Number September 2024: 25

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 25

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 12 Preference 2: 0 Preference 3: 0

Final number allocated for September 2023: 11

Hallwood Park Avenue, Runcorn,

WA7 2FL

Acting Headteacher:

Ms. L Davies

Tel: 01928 716336

Website:

www.hallwoodpark.co.uk/

Halton Lodge Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 201

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 28 Preference 2: 10 Preference 3: 5

Final number allocated for September 2023: 28

Hillview Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed) Anticipated number on roll: 174

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 21 Preference 2: 15 Preference 3: 8

Final number allocated for September 2023: 22

Grangeway, Runcorn, WA7 5LU

Headteacher: Mr. A Hilldrup

Tel: 01928 564053

Website:

https://www.haltonlodge.co.uk/

Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn,

WA7 3HB

Headteacher: Mr. R Jackson

Tel: 01928 714666

Website:

www.hillview.halton.sch.uk

Lunt's Heath Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed) Anticipated number on roll: 418

Published Admission Number September 2024: 60

The school was oversubscribed for the 2023 intake by ontime preferences.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 60

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 66 Preference 2: 54 Preference 3: 41

Final number allocated for September 2023: 60

Wedgewood Drive, Widnes, WA8 9RJ

Headteacher: Mr D Paton

Tel: 0151 423 3322

Website:

www.luntsheathprimary.co.uk

National Offer Day 2023 Position:

Last place criteria: Distance

Distance last place: 1891.88 metres

Moore Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 206

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

The school was oversubscribed for the 2023 intake by on-

time preferences.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 43 Preference 2: 24 Preference 3: 8

Final number allocated for September 2023: 30

Lindfield Close, Moore, WA4 6UG

Headteacher: Mrs. E Smith

Tel: 01925 740326

Website:

www.moore.halton.dbprimary.co

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National Offer Day 2023 Position:

Last place criteria: Distance

Distance last place: 1512.99 metres

Moorfield Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 270

Published Admission Number September 2024: 45

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 45

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 36 Preference 2: 16 Preference 3: 20

Final number allocated for September 2023: 35

Moorfield Road, Widnes,

WA8 3HJ

Headteacher: Mrs. K Heyes

Tel: 0151 424 3108

Website:

www.moorfieldprimary.co.uk

Murdishaw West Community Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 122

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 21 Preference 2: 11 Preference 3: 1

Final number allocated for September 2023: 20

Barnfield Avenue, Runcorn,

WA7 6EP

Headteacher: Mrs V Edwards

Tel: 01928 711254

Website:

www.mwcp.co.uk

Oakfield Community Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 290

Published Admission Number September 2024: 40

Appeals Registered: 1 Upheld Appeals: 1

Published Admission Number September 2023: 40

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 44 Preference 2: 23 Preference 3: 9

Final number allocated for September 2023: 42

Pewithall Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 213

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

The school was oversubscribed for the 2023 intake by ontime preferences.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 40 Preference 2: 36 Preference 3: 23

Final number allocated for September 2023: 30

Edinburgh Road, Widnes,

WA8 8BQ

Headteacher: Mrs. J Makin

Tel: 0151 424 4958

Website:

https://www.oakfieldwidnes.co.uk/

National Offer Day 2023 Position:

Last place criteria: Sibling (late

application)

Distance of last place: 573.98 metres

Kenilworth Avenue, Runcorn, WA7 4XQ

Headteacher: Mr. D Baugh

Tel: 01928 576139

Website:

www.pewithall.org.uk

National Offer Day 2023 Position:

Last place criteria: Distance

Distance last place: 1523.56 metres

The Brow Community Primary School

Age range 3 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 142

Published Admission Number September 2024: 25

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 25

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 20 Preference 2: 4 Preference 3: 2

Final number allocated for September 2023: 19

The Clough, Runcorn, WA7 2HB

Headteacher: Mrs. L Webb

Tel: 01928 563089

Website:

https://thebrowprimaryschool.com

Victoria Road Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 190

Published Admission Number September 2024: 40

Last academic year all applications were accommodated

Published Admission Number September 2023: 40

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 26 Preference 2: 12 Preference 3: 12

Final number allocated for September 2023: 25

Victoria Road, Runcorn,

WA7 5BN

Headteacher: Ms. E Roberts

Tel: 01928 574644

Website:

https://victoriaroadprimary.uk/

Westfield Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 101

Published Admission Number September 2024: 25

Last academic year all applications were accommodated

Published Admission Number September 2023: 25

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 20 Preference 2: 5

Preference 3: 6

Final number allocated for September 2023: 16

Clayton Crescent, Runcorn, WA7 4TR

Headteacher: Miss S Pope

Tel: 01928 572343

Website:

www.westfieldprimaryschool.com

Weston Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 207

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all applications were accommodated

Lambsickle Lane, Weston, Runcorn, WA7 4RA

Headteacher: Mrs. H Pitt

Tel: 01928 574544

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 31 Preference 2: 11 Preference 3: 12

Final number allocated for September 2023: 30

Website:

http://weston.halton.sch.uk/

Weston Point Community Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 125

Published Admission Number September 2024: 20

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 20

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 11 Preference 2: 10 Preference 3: 4

Final number allocated for September 2023: 11

Castner Avenue, Runcorn,

WA7 4EQ

Interim Headteacher: Mrs G Snell

Tel: 01928 574593

Website:

http://westonpoint.halton.sch.uk

Windmill Hill Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 153

Published Admission Number September 2024: 25

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 25

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 22 Preference 2: 6 Preference 3: 5

Final number allocated for September 2023: 21

Windmill Hill, Runcorn, WA7 6QE

Headteacher: Miss. P Newman

Tel: 01928 712337

Website:

www.windmillhill.school

Woodside Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 117

Published Admission Number September 2024: 20

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 20

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 14 Preference 2: 4 Preference 3: 3

Final number allocated for September 2023: 13

Whitchurch Way, Runcorn,

WA7 5YP

Headteacher: Mr. R Collings

Tel: 01928 564031

Website:

https://www.woodsideprimary.co.uk/

ACADEMY SCHOOLS

The following **Academy** schools follow Halton Local Authority's oversubscription criteria as detailed on **Page 9** of this booklet, but remain to be their own admission authorities:

Ditton Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 379

Published Admission Number September 2024: 60

Last academic year all applications were accommodated

Published Admission Number September 2023: 60

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 50 Preference 2: 21

Preference 3: 17

Final number allocated for September 2023: 53

Liverpool Road, Widnes,

WA8 7HD

Headteacher: Mrs. J Pyne

Tel: 0151 424 5861

Website:

https://www.dittonprimary.co.uk/

Under the Warrington Primary

Academy Trust (WPAT)

Kingsway Primary Academy (formerly Simms Cross) Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QS Age range 4 - 11 (mixed) **Executive Headteacher:** Anticipated number on roll: 219 **Published Admission Number September 2024: 40** Mrs P Warding Last academic year all applications were accommodated. Tel: 0151 424 5031 **Published Admission Number September 2023: 40** Website: Number of parents expressing each preference: www.kingswavprimarvacademv.c Preference 1: 23 o.uk Preference 2: 10 Under the Warrington Primary Preference 3: 7 Academy Trust (WPAT) Final number allocated for September 2023: 22 **Widnes Academy** Cholmondeley Street, Widnes, Age range 4 - 11 (mixed) WA8 0EL Anticipated number on roll: 144 **Published Admission Number September 2024: 30** Executive Principal: Ms Juliet Brown Head of School: Mrs Laura Kirchin Last academic year all applications were accommodated. Tel: 0151 424 2799 **Published Admission Number September 2023: 30** Number of parents expressing each preference: Website: Preference 1: 20 https://www.widnesacademy.co.uk Preference 2: 2 Preference 3: 0 Under the Wade Deacon **Academy Trust** Final number allocated for September 2023: 20

The following **Academy** schools do not follow the local authority's oversubscription criteria and the details provided are only a brief summary of their full admissions policies, which can be found on the school websites:

Bridgewater Park Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)
Anticipated number on roll: 92

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all applications were accommodated

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 7 Preference 2: 5 Preference 3: 2

Final number allocated for September 2023: 6

Plantation Close, Runcorn, WA7 2LW

Principal: Ms. K Murphy

Tel: 01928 563838

Website:

www.bridgewaterpark.halton.sch.uk

Under The Heath Academy Trust

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Children designated as Looked After Children or previously Looked After Children, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England prior to having been adopted (IAPLAC).
- 2. Children in the Nursery at Bridgewater Park Primary School at the time of application who wish to transfer.
- 3. Where there are professionally supported medical reasons, or professionally supported exceptional social reasons why a child should attend the school. Written evidence from a Doctor, Social Worker, Health Visitor, Housing officer, Borough School Attendance Officer or other relevant Council Officer will be required at the time of application. (Refugees and Asylum Seeking children may be included under this criterion, depending on individual circumstances.)

 This evidence must be sent <u>directly to the school</u> by the closing date for applications, being 15th January 2024.
- 4. Applicants who have an older sibling who will be attending Bridgewater Park Primary School, at the intended time of admission.
- 5. Remaining places will be offered on the basis of proximity of the child's home address to the school.

Daresbury Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated Number on roll: 202

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

The school was oversubscribed for the 2023 intake by on-time preferences.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 24 Preference 2: 32 Preference 3: 15

Final number allocated for September 2023: 30

Chester Road, Daresbury, WA4 4AJ

Executive Principal: Mr P Holloway Head of school: Mrs K Zuger

Tel: 01925 740309

Website:

https://www.daresbury.halton.sch.uk/

Under The Heath Academy Trust **National Offer Day 2023 Position:**

Last place criteria: Distance Distance last place: 4524.34 metres

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Children designated as Looked After Children or previously Looked After Children, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England prior to having been adopted (IAPLAC).
- 2. Where there are professionally supported medical reasons, or professionally supported exceptional social reasons why a child should attend the school. Written evidence from a Doctor, Social Worker, Health Visitor, Housing officer, Borough School Attendance Officer or other relevant Council Officer will be required at the time of application. (Refugees and Asylum Seeking children may be included under this criterion, depending on individual circumstances.) This evidence must be sent <u>directly to the school</u> by the closing date for applications, being 15th January 2024.
- 3. Applicants who have an older sibling who will be attending Daresbury Primary School, at the intended time of admission.
- 4. Remaining places will be offered on the basis of proximity of the child's home address to the school.

Palace Fields Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 140

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all applications were accommodated

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 17 Preference 2: 8 Preference 3: 1

Final number allocated for September 2023: 17

Badger Close, Runcorn, WA7 2QW

Executive Principal: Mr P

Holloway

Head of school: Miss G Hitchin

Tel: 01928 716521

Website:

www.palacefieldsprimary.org.uk

Under The Heath Academy Trust

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Children designated as Looked After Children or previously Looked After Children, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England prior to having been adopted (IAPLAC).
- 2. Children in the Nursery at Palacefields Primary School at the time of application who wish to transfer.
- 3. Where there are professionally supported medical reasons, or professionally supported exceptional social reasons why a child should attend the school. Written evidence from a Doctor, Social Worker, Health Visitor, Housing officer, Borough School Attendance Officer or other relevant Council Officer will be required at the time of application. (Refugees and Asylum Seeking children may be included under this criterion, depending on individual circumstances.)
 This evidence must be sent <u>directly to the school</u> by the closing date for applications, being 15th January 2024.
- 4. Applicants who have an older sibling who will be attending Palacefields Primary School, at the intended time of admission.
- 5. Remaining places will be offered on the basis of proximity of the child's home address to the school.

The Grange School – All Through Academy

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll KS1: 380

Published Admission Number September 2024: 60

Last academic year all applications were accommodated

Published Admission Number September 2023: 60

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 44 Preference 2: 20 Preference 3: 11

Final number allocated for September 2023: 44

Latham Avenue, Runcorn, WA7 5DX

Principal: Mr R Hicks

Tel: 01928 562 660

Website:

www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/

Under the Wade Deacon Academy Trust

Oversubscription Criteria:

The Grange is a designated all through Academy school, therefore children enrolled in the school's nursery will automatically transfer from the nursery to primary and primary to secondary phases within The Grange. Following the transfer of those children from the nursery to reception class, the remaining places will be allocated in accordance with the local authority's admissions oversubscription criteria as detailed on page 9.

Please be aware that a child currently at the Grange Nursery can opt out of an automatic transfer to the Grange Infant by requesting an alternative school by completing a preference form online or by requesting a paper copy. If an application is made to another school then this will remove the right to automatic transfer.

If your child starts at the Grange Nursery after the deadline for Primary School applications (15th January 2024), or after the allocation letters are sent (16th April 2024), please ensure you contact the School and the Local Authority as a place may not be guaranteed.

VOLUNTARY AIDED (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) SCHOOLS

The schools listed in this section are Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary Schools. Each school has an individual admission policy which is the responsibility of the school governors. The details below provide only a summary of the oversubscription criteria and **full details of the schools policies can be viewed on the schools' websites**, together with a copy of the school's supplementary application form (if required). The schools will advise when the supplementary information form is required.

Runcorn All Saints' CE Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 109

Published Admission Number September 2024: 20

Last academic year all applications were accommodated

Published Admission Number September 2023: 20

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 14 Preference 2: 4 Preference 3: 1

Final number allocated for September 2023: 14

Church Street, Runcorn,

WA7 1LD

Headteacher: Mrs J. Robertson

Tel: 01928 572091

https://www.allsaintsceprimaryschool

.co.uk/

Website:

Applicants must also complete a supplementary form available from the school. This **must** be returned to the School and not the Local Authority.

Oversubscription Criteria:

- Looked after children and children who were looked after, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order)
- 2. Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.
- 3. Children who have a sibling in school who will still be attending school the following year
- 4. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in the churches of All Saints Runcorn or Holy Trinity Runcorn *
- 5. Children resident in the parish(es) of All Saints and Holy Trinity Runcorn
- 6. Children whose parents are regular worshippers at a Christian church that is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland*
- 7. Remaining places will be offered on the basis of proximity of the child's home address to the school

Please note that attending Runcorn All Saints Nursery does not automatically guarantee admission to, nor enable automatic enrolment with the school. If there are not enough places to admit all applicants meeting any one criterion, the governors will apply the subsequent criteria, in order of priority, to all these applicants.

* In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship

St Berteline's Church of England Primary School

Norton Lane, Runcorn, WA7 6QN

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Headteacher: Mrs. S Moss

Anticipated number on roll: 270

Tel: 01928 719847

Website:

Published Admission Number September 2024: 44

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 44

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Preference 1: 22 Preference 2: 14 Preference 3: 19 www.stbertelines.org.uk

Final number allocated for September 2023: 26

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2. Children who have a sibling in at the time of application and who will continue to be in school at the beginning of the year of admission.

Once places have been allocated under criteria 1 and 2 above, the remaining places will be divided equally to be allocated under criteria 3 and 4 below. In the event of an odd number of places being available, the single odd place shall be made available for allocation under criterion 3.

- 3. Children whose parent/parents are involved in the work and worship of any Christian Church for whom there is no nearer Church of England School*
- 4. Pupils living nearest to the school

Within criteria 3 and 4, places in each category will be allocated in order of shortest distance according to the straight-line distance measurement from the child's permanent residence to the school as measured by the Local Authority.

* If you are applying under criteria 3, a supplementary form must be completed, these can be obtained directly from the school and must be returned to the school.

St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 183

Published Admission Number September 2024: 35

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 35

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 19 Preference 2: 12 Preference 3: 7

Final number allocated for September 2023: 17

Castlefields Avenue South, Runcorn, WA7 2NR

Headteacher: Mrs. R Tainsh

Tel: 01928 565995

Website: http://st-marys.halton.sch.uk/

Applicants must also complete a supplementary form available from the school. This **must** be returned to the School and not the Local Authority.

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).
- 2. Children who have a sibling already attending the school and expected to continue at the school in the year of admission.
- 3. Children or their parents/guardians who are faithful and regular in the work and worship of Halton St Mary's Church or Christ Church, Castlefields or any Christian church in Runcorn as recognised by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland *
- 4. Children resident within the Parish boundary (Halton Village, Castlefields, Halton Brook, The Brow). To look at a map of the Parish go to www.achurchnearyou.com. Alternatively a Parish map is available from school.
- 5. Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.
- 6. Children resident outside the areas in criteria 4 and who live nearest the school as measured using the LA's address point system.

Please note that attending St Mary's Nursery does not automatically guarantee admission to, nor enable automatic enrolment with the school.

*In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship

VOLUNTARY AIDED (CATHOLIC) SCHOOLS

The schools listed in this section are Voluntary Aided Catholic Primary Schools. Each school has an individual admission policy which is the responsibility of the school governors. The details below provide only a summary of the oversubscription criteria and **full details of the schools policies can be viewed on the schools' websites**, together with a copy of the school's supplementary application form (if required). The schools will advise when the supplementary information form is required.

Our Lady Mother of the Saviour Catholic Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed) Anticipated number on roll: 190

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 27 Preference 2: 9 Preference 3: 3

Final number allocated for September 2023: 27

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children, including those who appear to have been adopted following a period of state care outside of England (IAPLAC)
- 2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of The Divine saviour for whom Our Lady Mother of the Saviour is the nearest Catholic school.
- 3. Other Catholic children.
- 4. Other looked after and previously looked after children, including those who appear to have been adopted following a period of state care outside of England (IAPLAC)
- 5. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- (ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.

A Supplementary Information Form is required for this school and can be obtained from the school website or by contacting the school and requesting one. This must be returned to the school directly and must be submitted by 15th January 2023 (the closing date for applications).

Lapwing Grove, Runcorn,

WA7 2TP

Headteacher: Mrs. J Ward

Tel: 01928 711921

Website:

https://www.ourladysruncorn.

halton.sch.uk/

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School

Clincton View, Widnes,

WA8 8JN

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)
Anticipated number on roll: 201

Headteacher: Mrs. P McGuffie

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Tel: 0151 424 6130

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 21 Preference 2: 21 Preference 3: 8 Website:

www.olpsprimary.co.uk

Final number allocated for September 2023: 24

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).
- 2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission
- 3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of St Wilfrid, the part of this parish formerly referred to as the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
- 4. Other Baptised Catholic children
- 5. Other children who have a sibling at the school at the time of admission.
- 6. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
- 7. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
- 8. Other children

If it is not possible to offer places for all applicants within any criteria above, then places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school. Distance will be measured by the LA using the LA's address point system which measures from the address point of the child's permanent address to the address point of the school in metres.

St Basil's Catholic Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 243

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 60

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 27 Preference 2: 10 Preference 3: 9

Final number allocated for September 2023: 25

Hough Green Road, Widnes, WA8 4SZ

Head teacher: Mrs. A Sheppard

Tel: 0151 424 7887

Website:

www.stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).
- 2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission
- 3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of St Wilfrid, the part of this parish formerly referred to as the parish of St Basil
- 4. Other baptised Catholic children
- 5. Children who are other than Catholic and have a sibling in the school at the time of admission
- 6. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
- 7. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
- 8. Other children

If it is not possible to offer places for all applicants within any criteria above, then places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school. Distance will be measured by the LA using the LA's address point system which measures from the address point of the child's permanent address to the address point of the school in metres.

St Bede's Catholic Infant School

Age range 4 - 8 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 231

Published Admission Number September 2024: 75

The school was oversubscribed for the 2023 intake by ontime preferences.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 75

Appeals Registered: 2 Upheld Appeals: 2

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 76 Preference 2: 44 Preference 3: 28

Final number allocated for September 2023: 75

Leigh Avenue, Widnes, WA8 6EL

Head teacher: Miss J Coughlan

Tel: 0151 4243112

Website:

www.stbedesinfants.co.uk

National Offer Day 2023 Position:

Last place criteria: Criteria 8 Distance of last place: 1575.36

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Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the St. Bede's Catholic Infant School or St. Bede's Catholic Junior School at the time of admission.
- 3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of St. Wilfrid, the part of this parish formerly referred to as the parish of Bede and St. Raphael.
- 4. Other baptised Catholic children.
- 5. Other children who have a sibling in St Bede's Catholic Infant or St Bede's Catholic Junior Schools at the time of admission.
- 6. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
- 7. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
- 8. Other Children.

If it is not possible to offer places for all applicants within any criteria above, then places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school. Distance will be measured by the LA using the LA's address point system which measures from the address point of the child's permanent address to the address point of the school in metres.

St Bede's Catholic Junior School

Age range 7 – 11 (mixed) Anticipated number on roll: 307

Published Admission Number September 2024: 75

The school was oversubscribed for the 2023 intake by ontime preferences.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 75

Final number allocated for September 2023: 75

Leigh Avenue, Widnes, WA8 6EL

Head teacher: Mrs F Tiernan

Tel: 0151 4243386

Website:

www.stbedesjuniorschool.co.uk

Oversubscription Criteria:

- Looked after children and previously looked after children. This includes children who appear
 to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of
 being adopted.
- 2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in St Bede's Catholic Infant or St Bede's Catholic Junior Schools at the time of admission.
- 3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of St. Wilfrid, the part of this parish formerly referred to as the parish of Bede and St. Raphael.
- 4. Other baptised Catholic children.
- 5. Other children who have a sibling in St Bede's Catholic Infant or St Bede's Catholic Junior Schools at the time of admission.
- 6. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
- 7. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
- 8. Other Children.

If it is not possible to offer places for all applicants within any criteria above, then places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school. Distance will be measured by the LA using the LA's address point system which measures from the address point of the child's permanent address to the address point of the school in metres.

St Clement's Catholic Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 194

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 25 Preference 2: 22 Preference 3: 12

Final number allocated for September 2023: 24

Oxford Road, Runcorn, WA7 4NX

Head teachers: Mrs C Hodgkins

Tel: 01928 572129

Website:

www.st-clements.halton.sch.uk

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Looked after and previously looked after children, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England prior to being adopted (IAPLAC)
- 2. Catholic children who are resident in the St. Clements designated area of the parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe. (*Please refer to St Clement's full Admission Policy*)
- 3. Catholic children resident in the remainder of St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish.
- 4. Other Catholic children
- 5. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.
- 6. Any other children

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above.
- (ii) The children of staff will be given increased priority within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above.

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. The address to be used in measuring distance for the purpose of allocating school places will be the child's permanent address at the closing date of 15th January 2024. Distance will be measured by Halton LA using the LAs address point system, which measures from the address point of the child's permanent address to the address point of the school in metres.

A Supplementary Information Form is required for this school and can be obtained from the school website or by contacting the school and requesting one. This must be returned to the school directly and must be submitted by 28th February 2024.

St Edward's Catholic Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed) Anticipated number on roll: 117

Published Admission Number September 2024: 20

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 20

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 15 Preference 2: 13 Preference 3: 5

Final number allocated for September 2023: 12

Wivern Place, Runcorn,

WA7 1RZ

Head teacher: Mrs. A Snell

Tel: 01928 572317

Website:

www.stedwardscatholicprimarysc

hool.co.uk

Oversubscription Criteria:

- Catholic Looked after and previously looked after children. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Maximilian Kolbe
- 3. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Maximilian Kolbe for whom St. Edward's is the nearest Catholic school.
- 4. Other Catholic children.
- 5. Other Looked after and previously looked after children. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 6. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.
- 7. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 8. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 9. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above.
- (ii) The children of staff will be given increased priority within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above.

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. The address to be used in measuring distance for the purpose of allocating school places will be the child's permanent address at the closing date of 15th January 2024. Distance will be measured by Halton LA using the LAs address point system, which measures from the address point of the child's permanent address to the address point of the school in metres.

A Supplementary Information Form is required for this school and can be obtained from the school website or by contacting the school and requesting one. This must be returned to the school directly and must be submitted by 15th January 2024 (the closing date for applications).

St Gerard's Roman Catholic Primary & Nursery School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 209

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 29 Preference 2: 11 Preference 3: 4

Final number allocated for September 2023: 29

Lugsdale Road, Widnes, WA8 6DD

Head teacher: Mr. K Landrum

Tel: 0151 4242879

Website:

www.st-gerards.halton.sch.uk

Oversubscription Criteria:

- Looked after children and previously looked after children. This includes children who
 appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a
 result of being adopted.
- 2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
- 3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of St Wilfrid, the part of the parish formerly referred to as St Marie.
- 4. Other baptised Catholic children.
- 5. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
- 6. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
- 7. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
- 8. Other children.

If it is not possible to offer places for all applicants within any criteria above then places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school. Distance will be measured by the LA using the LA's address point system which measures from the address point of the child's permanent address to the address point of the school in metres.

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed) Anticipated number on roll: 210

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 27 Preference 2: 9 Preference 3: 6

Final number allocated for September 2023: 26

Edward Street, Widnes, WA8 0BW

Head teacher: Mrs N Dickinson

Tel: 0151 424 7794

Website: www.st-gonnfisherprimary.co.uk/

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
- 3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of St Wilfrid, the part of the parish formerly referred to as St John Fisher.
- 4. Other baptised Catholic children.
- 5. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
- 6. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
- 7. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
- 8. Other children.

If it is not possible to offer places for all applicants within any criteria above then places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school. Distance will be measured by the LA using the LA's address point system which measures from the address point of the child's permanent address to the address point of the school in metres.

St Martin's Catholic Primary School

Age range 4 - 11 (mixed)

Anticipated number on roll: 186

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 11 Preference 2: 4

Preference 3: 3

St Martin's Lane, Runcorn, WA7 6HZ

Head teacher: Mrs. C Ming

Tel: 01928 711207

Website:

https://www.st-

martins.halton.sch.uk/

Final number allocated for September 2023: 11

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children including children who have been adopted from state care outside of England (IAPLAC)
- 2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of Divine Saviour from whom St Martin's is the nearest Catholic school
- 3. Other Catholic children
- 4. Other looked after and previously looked after children including children who have been adopted from state care outside of England (IAPLAC)
- 5. Any other children

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- (iii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. The address to be used in measuring distance for the purpose of allocating school places will be the child's permanent address at the closing date of 15th January 2024. Distance will be measured by Halton LA using the LAs address point system, which measures from the address point of the child's permanent address to the address point of the school in metres.

A Supplementary Information Form is required for this school and can be obtained from the school website or by contacting the school and requesting one. This must be returned to the school directly and must be submitted by no later than 15th January 2024. (the closing date for applications).

St Michael's Catholic Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed)
Anticipated number on roll: 237

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30

The school was oversubscribed for the 2023 intake by ontime preferences.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 43 Preference 2: 31 Preference 3: 8

Final number allocated for September 2023: 30

St Michael's Road, Widnes, WA8 8TD

Head teacher: Mr. P Loughran

Tel: 0151 424 4468

Website:

www.stmichaelscatholicprimaryschool.

National Offer Day 2023 Position:

Last place criteria: Criteria 5 Distance of last place: 744.49 metres

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling at the school at the time of admission.
- 3. Baptised Catholic children living in the Parish of St Wilfred, the part of the parish formerly known as St Michael's
- 4. Other baptised Catholic children
- 5. Other children who have a sibling at the school at the time of admission.
- 6. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in form of Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
- 7. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
- 8. Other children

If it is not possible to offer places for all applicants within any criteria above then places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school. Distance will be measured by the LA using the LA's address point system which measures from the address point of the child's permanent address to the address point of the school in metres.

The Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed) Anticipated number on roll: 93

Published Admission Number September 2024: 20

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 20

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 10 Preference 2: 7 Preference 3: 3

Final number allocated for September 2023: 10

Cotterill, Halton Brook, Runcorn, WA7 2NL

Head teacher: Mrs L Connolly

Tel: 01928 563148

Website:

www.holyspiritruncorn.co.uk

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children including Catholic children who have been adopted from state care outside of England (IAPLAC)
- 2. Other looked after and previously looked after children including children who have been adopted from state care outside of England (IAPLAC)
- 3. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of Maximilian Kolbe for whom The Holy Spirit is the nearest Catholic school.
- 4. Other catholic children
- 5. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order:

- (i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made
- (ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distances are calculated using the local authority's computerised measuring system on the following basis (Distance will be measured from the geographical reference point of the home address to the geographical reference point for the school).

A Supplementary Information Form is required for this school and can be obtained from the school website or by contacting the school and requesting one. This must be returned to the school directly and must be submitted by 28th February 2024.

VOLUNTARY AIDED (CATHOLIC OR CHURCH OF ENGLAND) ACADEMY

The schools listed in this section are Voluntary Aided Catholic or Church of England Academy Schools. Each school has an individual admission policy which is the responsibility of the school governors/trust. The details below provide only a summary of the oversubscription criteria and full details of the schools policies can be viewed on the schools' websites.

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Age range 3 – 11 (mixed) Anticipated number on roll: 127

Published Admission Number September 2024: 25

Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 25

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 22 Preference 2: 9 Preference 3: 3 Conwy Court, Runcorn, WA7 2JJ

Head teacher: Mrs N Sothern

Tel: 01928 568936

Website:

www.st-augustines.halton.sch.uk

Final number allocated for September 2023: 20

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Catholic Looked after and previously looked after children including Catholic children who appear to have been adopted from state care outside of England (IAPLAC)
- 2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of The Divine Saviour for whom St Augustine's is the nearest Catholic school.
- 3. Other Catholic children.
- 4. Other looked after and previously looked after children including Catholic children who have been adopted from state care outside of England (IAPLAC)
- 5. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- (ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distances are calculated using the local authority's computerised measuring system on the following basis (Distance will be measured in a straight line from the geographical reference point of the home address to the geographical reference point for the school).

A Supplementary Information Form is required for this school and can be obtained from the school website or by contacting the school and requesting one. This must be returned to the school directly and must be submitted by 15th January 2024 (the closing date for applications).

St Michael with St Thomas CE Primary School

Age range 4 – 11 (mixed) Anticipated number on roll: 178

Published Admission Number September 2024: 30 Last academic year all applications were accommodated.

Published Admission Number September 2023: 30

Number of parents expressing each preference:

Preference 1: 19 Preference 2: 12 Preference 3: 7

Spinney Avenue, Widnes, WA8 8LD

Head teacher: Ms M Slingsby

Tel: 0151 424 4234

Website:

https://www.smwst.co.uk

Final number allocated for September 2023: 19

Oversubscription Criteria:

- 1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. Children who appear to the Directors of the Trust to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of likely admission. This includes full, half or stepbrothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters or a child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case who is living at the same address and is part of the same family unit.
- 3. Children whose parent(s) regularly attend a Church of England church. (A parent is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child.) In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.
- 4. Children whose parent(s) regularly attend another Christian church that is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (www.ctbi.org.uk) or a place of worship which is associated with the UK Interfaith Network (www.interfaith.org.uk). (A parent is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child.) In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.
- Other children

In the event of oversubscription within any of the criteria above, priority will be given to children whose family home is nearest the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from home to school using the local authority address point system.

The school's admissions policy **does not** refer to a supplementary information form but the school may request a letter from the relevant Church leader to support criteria 3 or 4.

OTHER INFORMATION

ADMISSION APPEALS PROCEDURE

Parents/carers who are not offered a place at any of their preferred schools have a right of appeal to an independent appeals panel under section 94 of the School Standards & Framework Act 1998. Appeals must be submitted in writing, but parents/carers have the right to present their case to the panel. The Chairman of the appeal panel will be a lay person having no connection with the LA. Other members of the panel will be suitably experienced persons.

The Education Act 1996 as amended by the School Standards & Framework Act 1998 requires that from September 2001 no 5, 6 or 7 year old in an infant class at a maintained school should be in a class of more than 30 pupils. Admission Authorities are not required to admit a child to an infant class where to do so would conflict with keeping to the statutory class size limits. Therefore, if the preference expressed is for a primary school that falls into this category and it is oversubscribed, parents will have the right of appeal to an independent appeals panel, but an appeals panel can only uphold this appeal if it is satisfied that:

- a) The decision was not one which a reasonable admission authority/governing body would make in the circumstances of the case, or
- b) That the child would have been offered a place if the admission arrangements had been properly implemented.

This means that unless the appeals panel agrees to either of the above, admission will be refused. The LA will then advise parents where there are places still available, and parents will then be asked to submit their preference.

Applications for admission to Aided Church schools will be referred to the head teacher and Admissions Committee of the governing body of the school concerned. If the application is unsuccessful, parents will be notified of their statutory right of appeal. The decisions of independent appeals panels are binding on the LA and on the school's governing body.

There are different appeal arrangements for pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

How to appeal

If you wish to appeal against a decision not to admit your child to a particular community, academy, voluntary controlled or voluntary aided primary school, you should contact School Admissions by email schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk who will provide you with an appeal form. You should then return your appeal to schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk or to:

School Admissions, PO Box 317, Runcorn, WA7 9BZ

In general, the following arrangements will be made for all appeals:

- The deadline to submit and appeal for Primary 2024 is **16**th **May 2024**. Appeals will be heard in June and July 2024. Late appeals will still be heard but may not be heard before September so please submit your appeal by the deadline.
- At least 10 days prior to the hearing, the clerk will notify you of the time, date and location of your appeal.
- Approximately 7 days before the appeal you will receive an agenda and supporting paperwork.
- The appeal will be heard before an independent panel who will have a copy of the appeal and all evidence submitted by your.
- You will be notified in writing of the appeal panel's decision and the grounds upon which it was made.

The decision of the appeal panel is binding on all parties.

IN-YEAR APPLICATIONS AND TRANSFERS - PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Applications made outside the normal admissions round (in-year admissions) should be made directly to the school(s) concerned. You can apply for a place for your child at any time and to any school. The Primary In-Year application form will be available from any Halton School, or from: https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/EducationandFamilies/Schools/ChangeofSchool.aspx

Halton residents will be asked to complete an in-year application form which will be considered under in year procedures as described below. If you live outside Halton, you should contact your home authority.

General Advice for In Year Applications

Parents/carers of children who are already in a school who are seeking to move to another school for reasons other than a house move are **strongly advised** to meet and discuss the move with both the current school and the proposed admitting school before completing an application form. Please bear in mind that other schools may be full, and that the upheaval may damage your child's progress.

If you decide to move your child, it is essential that you get a place at a new school before he or she leaves his or her current school.

Applying for an In-Year place

Halton residents should complete the in-year application form and **return the completed in-year application directly to the preference school.** A place will then be considered to be available at the preferred school if the number on roll within the year group is below the published admission number and the child's application does not need to be referred under the locally agreed Fair Access Protocol. Where an application is refused the primary school will notify the local authority and provide a copy of the application and refusal letter.

Halton Local Authority Primary Fair Access Protocol

The Fair Access Protocol concerns **Halton-resident** children and young people of compulsory school age who have difficulty securing a school place. A full copy of the **Primary In-Year Fair Access Protocol** can be found online by visiting the Halton Borough Council school admissions website and following the **Change of School** link.

Application outcomes

The preference school will aim to notify you in writing of the outcome of the In-Year application within 10 school days. For Halton-resident families there are three possible outcomes:

- That a place can be offered and what steps to take next to secure a start date for your child;
- That a place cannot be offered and that you are entitled to the right of appeal. Parents/carers wising to appeal for an in-year place can appeal via the appeals procedure outlined on page 53.
- That your child's application has been referred under the In-Year Fair Access Protocol and you will be provided with the details of that Panel meeting.

If you are seeking admission to a school in another authority then you must contact the relevant authority for details on how to apply for a school place.

INFANT TO JUNIOR SCHOOL TRANSFER

St Bede's Catholic Infant and Junior Schools, Widnes, are **two separate schools**. Although the majority of the children who have attended the Infant School often wish to move to the Junior School, **there is no automatic transfer**.

Attendance at St Bede's Catholic Infant School does not guarantee your child a place at St Bede's Catholic Junior School. The admissions criteria for St Bede's Catholic Junior School will be strictly followed – these are detailed on St Bede's Catholic Junior School's website www.stbedesjuniorschool.co.uk and in the Junior School's Prospectus, and a summarised version can be found on page 43 of this booklet.

Parents/carers of children in Year 2 in St Bede's Catholic Infant School **must** apply for a place for Year 3 to St Bede's Catholic Junior School by completing an **Infant to Junior Transfer Form 2024** and must do so during the primary application period (September 2023 to the 15th January 2024). This is available online from https://www3.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions and following the **Junior School Admissions** link. The local authority will also send an application form to the parents of all Year 2 children in attendance at St Bedes Catholic Infant School as of the end of September 2023, inviting them to apply for a place for their child. If your child joins St Bedes Catholic Infant School after this date you will need to get a form from the website or request one by emailing schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk

Please note: It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to make an application for their child. If you have not received the application form, you must contact the local authority to request one.

The form must be returned to the Local Authority by the closing date of 15th January 2024. Any applications received after this closing date will only be considered if there are still places available after all the ones received on time have been accepted or declined, according to the admissions criteria.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Home to School Travel and Transport

In some circumstances children may be eligible to receive assistance with Home to School Transport. To see if your child is eligible please take a look at the Council's **Home to School Travel Policy online** by visiting www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions and following the link to **School Travel** or request a copy by calling 0151 511 7444.

Free School Meals

Information regarding the provision of School Lunches and Free School Meals is available on the Halton Borough Council website at www.halton.gov.uk, and alternatively on each school's website.

Important Note: All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at Local Authority maintained schools, academies, free schools and alternative provision settings automatically get free school meals.

School Uniform and Physical Education Kit

Head teachers, in consultation with school governors, decide whether or not there should be a school uniform. Details of uniform, where appropriate, are given in each school's prospectus, which can be obtained from the school. The LA is unable to assist parents with the cost of school uniform or physical education kit. All pupils are expected to conform to a reasonable standard of clothing, and parents are asked to try to ensure that pupils attend school suitably dressed.

For further information regarding School uniform, please visit the Department for Education's website www.gov.uk/school-uniform.

School Performance Tables

The latest performance tables for Schools are available via the Department for Education website at www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/index.html

Ofsted Reports

Ofsted reports for all schools these are available via Ofsted's website at www.ofsted.gov.uk

School Holiday Dates

The dates for all maintained schools in Halton for the Academic Year 2024-2025 will be published on the **Halton Borough Council website**, or alternatively on each school's own website.

Military Families and returning Crown Servants

For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting to their area, or crown servants returning from overseas to live in that area, Halton Local Authority will be able to arrange a school place in advance of the relocation, if a preference form, along with an official letter from the MOD, FCO and GCHQ stating a relocation date, is submitted. Please contact the School Admissions Team on 0151 511 8601/7271 for further advice.

Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs

If your child has an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP), you should discuss your child's requirements with the SEND Team on 0151 511 7305 or by emailing SENAT@halton.gov.uk. You do not need to submit an application for your child if they have an EHCP as this will be coordinated by the SEND Team and your child will be prioritised for a place at the school named in their plan.

USEFUL CONTACTS

If you have any queries or wish to obtain further information regarding schools, then you should contact the head teacher of your preferred school(s).

Other useful contacts are as follows:

Admission to School 0151 511 8601/7271 schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk

Free School Meals 0151 511 7188 RutlandHouseSharedAdminTeam@halton.gov.uk

Special Educational Needs 0151 511 7305 SENAT@halton.gov.uk

Education Welfare Service 0151 511 8231

Halton Direct Link Offices Widnes

•Brook Street, Widnes, WA8 6NB

•Concourse Level, Halton Lea, Runcorn, WA7 2ES

Neighbouring Local Authorities Contact Information

Authority	Contact Information
	0300 123 5012
Cheshire East	admissions@cheshireeast.gov.uk
	0300 123 7039
Cheshire West	admissions@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
	0151 443 3372 / 3373 / 5142
Knowsley	schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk
	0151 233 3006
Liverpool	admissions@liverpool.gov.uk
	01744 671030
St Helens	schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk
Warrington	01925 446226
	schooladmissions@warrington.gov.uk