

Where to get help

In Wigan, the School Places Team at Children and Young People's Services deal with admissions to schools. We will be pleased to help if you have any questions or need extra information.

You can contact us as follows.

Address: School Places Team
Children and Young People's Services
Progress House
Westwood Park Drive
Wigan
WN3 4HH

Phone: 01942 486036, 01942 486038 or 01942 486039

E-mail: schoolplaces@wiganmbc.gov.uk

There is also information on Wigan Council's website at www.wigan.gov.uk

Other useful phone numbers

School transport	01942 486139 or 01942 486140
Special educational needs	01942 486132
Free school meals	01942 828609
SureStart team (early years)	01942 486050
General education enquiries	01942 486123

Other local authorities

Bolton	Children's Services	01204 332137
Lancashire	Children's Services	01772 531813
Salford	Children's Services	0161 778 0413
St Helens	Children and Young People's Services	01744 456348
Trafford	Education Department	0161 912 5007
Warrington	Children's Service Directorate	01925 442951

On-line application service

Apply on-line for your child's secondary-school place because:

- √ it is quick, safe and secure;
- √ we will confirm we have received your application;
- √ you can change your application at any time up until the closing date for applications (19 October 2007);
- √ there are clear, simple instructions to guide you through making your application; and
- √ the service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the application period – September 2007 to 19 October 2007.

What will I need to apply on-line?

- A computer with internet access
- An e-mail account

Where can I access the website to apply on-line?

- At home
- At an internet café
- At a library – we recommend that you book this service beforehand.

You will have received a letter giving you details on how to access the on-line service. Or, you can go to our website at www.wigan.gov.uk and follow the links.

If you need any help or guidance using the on-line service, please do not hesitate to contact us:

- by phone on 01942 486039, 8.45am to 5pm Monday to Friday; or
- by e-mail at schoolplaces@wiganmbc.gov.uk

Applying for a place at secondary school

We call secondary schools in Wigan high schools.

How to apply

September 2007

You will receive an application pack.

We will send parents of children in Year 6 who live in Wigan:

- a copy of this booklet;
- a local authority (LA) application form; and
- information about how to apply on-line.

September 2007 to 19 October 2007

Decide which schools you want to apply for in order of priority.

Please read this booklet very carefully because it:

- explains how we decide which school to offer your child; and
- gives information to help you decide if you are likely to get a place at a particular school.

High schools will hold open evenings during this period.

You can get school prospectuses from the schools. The headteacher of your child's primary school can also help you with this. You can visit schools' websites on www.wiganschoolsonline.net

Fill in and return your LA application form or apply on-line.

If any of your preferred schools is a voluntary-aided (church) school, you must fill in the school's own supplementary information form as well as the local authority application form. You can get the supplementary information form from the school, and you must return it to the school by 19 October 2007. If you put a voluntary-aided (church) school as a preference and you do not fill in the school's own supplementary application form, the school will not have all the information they need to consider your application and your child may be refused a place.

Send your LA application form by 19 October 2007 to:

- the headteacher at your child's primary school if it is in Wigan LA; or
- Children and Young People's Services if your child does not go to a Wigan school (the address is on the form).

Whether you apply on-line or by using the application form, you will get an acknowledgement. This is your proof that you have handed in your form. Please keep it until you get the letter telling you that your child has a place at school.

19 October 2007

The closing date for applications.

October 2007 to February 2008

Applications will be processed.

3 March 2008

We will write to tell you the school we are offering your child.

Late applications

It is important that you return your application form or apply on-line **before the closing date on 19 October 2007.**

If your application is late, we will only look at it after we have dealt with all the applications we receive on time. This means that you are less likely to get a place at the school you want.

If you have not been able to apply for a school place by the closing date or even after school places have been allocated, please do not hesitate to contact the School Places Team, who will be able to help.

If you do not apply for a place

If you do not apply for a place, we will offer your child a place at the nearest school to your home with a place available. However, we will only do this if your child lives in Wigan.

This may not be a school that is near to you because we will offer places first to children whose applications were received on time. All places at your local high schools may already have been filled.

Your child's home address

Many schools use children's addresses when deciding who to offer places to.

You must give the correct current home address. This is where the child and parent, or person with parental responsibility, normally live. It must not be the address of a grandparent or childminder.

If you are separated and your child spends time at each parent's address, the address we use for admission to school is that of the main carer. We use the address on your Child Benefit book or the child's medical card for this.

We may carry out checks to confirm that addresses are genuine. We may ask to see evidence of your address such as:

- a copy of the front sheet of your Child Benefit book showing your child's date of birth and home address; or
- your child's medical card or similar documents to show their address and date of birth if you have your Child Benefit paid into a bank or building society account.

If you are moving house, we will write to you at your new address if you send us:

- a solicitor's letter confirming contracts have been exchanged for buying a house; or
- a long-term tenancy agreement if you are renting a house.

When considering your child's application, we use the home address we have for you at the closing date for applications.

False information

If you give any false information, such as the incorrect address, to get a school place, we will withdraw the offer and your child will lose the place.

Important information about how we decide which school to offer your child

By law, we must now use the 'equal preference' system when considering your application for a school place. This system is different to the one we have used in the past.

We will consider the following things when deciding which school to offer your child using the 'equal preference' system.

- The three school preferences you name on the application form.
- The admission number for the schools.
- The admission criteria for the schools.
- The order of priority you have given schools on your application.

Admission number

Every school has an admission number. This is the number of places in a school year group. The admission numbers for all Wigan high schools are given with the information on each school in pages 17 to 48 in this booklet.

Admission criteria

When there are more applications than places for a school, we say the school is 'oversubscribed'.

If we receive more applications than the admission number, we use a fixed set of rules to decide which children we offer a place. These rules are called the 'admission criteria'.

The admission criteria for all Wigan high schools are given in pages 16 to 52 in this booklet.

You will see that the criteria are numbered. Children in category one will have first priority for places, children in category two will be considered next and so on through the criteria until there are no places left.

Tie breaker

When we use the admission criteria, more children might fall into a particular category than the number of places left. If this happens, we use the tie breaker to decide who is given a place.

At community and voluntary-controlled schools, places will be given to the children who live nearest to the school. We measure this distance:

- in a straight line; and
- using a Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on Ordnance Survey. We will measure from your child's home address to a central point on the school site. If you want more information about the point we measure to at community or voluntary-controlled schools, please contact the School Places Team.

The tie breakers for voluntary-aided schools are given with the admission criteria for each school on pages 35 to 55 of this booklet.

The priority order of schools on your application

We will look at your priority order of schools once we have applied the admission criteria to each of the preferred schools you have named on your application. We will then use the information to make sure your child is offered a place at your highest ranked school (as long as that school can offer a place).

Children in public care

If you are responsible for a child in public care, please let us know on your application.

Brothers and sisters

The admission criteria for community and voluntary-controlled schools have children who will have brothers or sisters at the school when they start as category three.

We will include:

- half-brothers and half-sisters;
- stepbrothers and stepsisters; and
- foster brothers and foster sisters;

who live at the same address as part of the same family unit.

Voluntary-aided (church) schools

The governing bodies of voluntary-aided schools decide who will be offered a place if there are more applications than places.

The admission criteria for voluntary-aided high schools usually take account of church membership. They ask for information about this on their own supplementary information form.

If you want a place at a voluntary-aided school, you must;

- get the school's own supplementary information form from the school; and

- return this to the school by the closing date of 19 October 2007.

You must fill in a supplementary information form as well as the local authority application form for each voluntary-aided school you name, whether it is one of your first, second or third preferences.

If your child goes to a Church of England primary school, they are not guaranteed a place at a Church of England high school. You should read the admission criteria carefully.

Children with a statement of special educational needs

It is the law that if a child has a statement of special educational needs that names a school, the school **must** admit them. This applies to all types of school, whether they are community, voluntary-controlled or voluntary-aided.

Waiting lists for community and voluntary-controlled schools

Places may become available at a school after the offer date on 3 March 2008 but before pupils are admitted in the autumn term in 2008. To decide which children have these places, we will:

- put all children who we refuse a place at their first-preference school on the waiting list for the school;
- keep the list in priority order, **decided by the admission criteria for the school only;**
- offer any places that become available to the next child on the waiting list; and
- keep the waiting list until the first day of the autumn term.

Important information about the waiting list

We cannot take into account the length of time a child's name has been on the waiting list, only the admission criteria for the school. This means that your child's position on the list may change if another parent asks to be put on the list and their child has higher priority in the admissions criteria.

We will put your child's name on the waiting list at your second-preference or third-preference school if you tell us that you want to do so. You can do this by writing to:

School Places Team
Children and Young People's Services
Progress House
Westwood Park Drive
Wigan
WN3 4HH.

Waiting lists for voluntary-aided schools

The governing body of the school will decide if a waiting list will be kept and how this will work.

You should contact the individual school for details.

Important questions answered

When will my child transfer to secondary school?

If your child will turn 11 between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008, he or she will transfer to secondary school at the start of the new school year in September 2008.

Who will deal with my application?

The local authority (LA) co-ordinates admissions to all high schools. In Wigan, this is done by the School Places Team.

The LA decides which children will be offered places at community and voluntary-controlled high schools. These schools are listed on pages 17 to 31 in this booklet.

The governing body of the school decides which children will be offered places at voluntary-aided (church) high schools. These schools are listed on pages 35 to 55 in this booklet.

Do I have to put three school preferences?

You should give three preferences because if you do not:

- it does not increase your chance of gaining a place at your first-preference school; and
- we do not know which other schools you are interested in. If we cannot offer your first-preference school, we can only offer the nearest school to your child's home with a spare place. You may miss out on a place at another school which you prefer.

In the same way, repeating the name of one school three times on your application does not improve your chances of a place.

Can I change my mind after I have sent my application?

If you change your mind about the names or order of schools you have put on the application form, you must write to the School Places Team to give the details before the closing date on 19 October 2007. **We will only accept changes in writing.**

If you apply on-line, you can change your preferences at any time up to the closing date by amending your application. You must follow the instructions given on the on-line service to make sure your preferences have been changed.

You can only change your mind after the closing date in special circumstances, such as if you are moving house. If you do this, we will class your new application as a late application. This may reduce your chance of getting a place at the school you want.

What happens if you cannot offer a place at any of the schools I have asked for?

If your child lives in Wigan, we will either:

- offer your child a place at the nearest Wigan community school to their home address with a spare place; or
- if there is a voluntary-aided school with spare places nearer to your home, we will ask the governing body if it can offer a place.

If your child does not live in Wigan, their home LA will offer them a place.

My child has a statement of special educational needs. How do I apply for a place at secondary school?

Your child's primary school will arrange a review to discuss their move into secondary education in either:

- the summer term when they are in year 5; or
- the autumn term when they are in year 6.

If your child goes to a mainstream primary school

We will send you an application to secondary school pack at the same time as everyone else. You should apply in the usual way. It is important that you apply by the closing date of **19 October 2007**.

You should still apply if you are considering a special school place for your child. This is so that you have a better chance of getting a place at the mainstream school you prefer if your child does not transfer to a special school.

If your child goes to a special school

If it is agreed that your child should transfer to mainstream secondary school, we will tell you how to apply when the time comes.

Why do you give information about admissions to each school last year?

We give details of how we offered places last year to help explain how the available places were allocated. You may want to use this information as a guide to whether you are likely to gain a place at one of your preferred schools. The information is only a guide because:

- the number of applications for a school is different each year; and
- the way we will consider preferences for schools has changed since we allocated places last year. We explain more about this in 'Important information about how we decide which school to offer your child' on page 6 of this booklet.

Can I apply for a place at a school in a different local authority?

You can apply for schools in any local authority. Other LAs produce their own admission booklets with details of their schools and will be pleased to send you a copy. There is a list of Wigan's neighbouring LAs, with contact phone numbers, on page 1 of this booklet.

If your child lives in Wigan and you want to apply for a place at a school in another LA, you can apply using Wigan's on-line application service or:

- fill in the Wigan LA application form we sent with this booklet;
- put the name of the other LA school on the application form; and
- return the application form to Wigan LA, either through your child's primary school or by post **by the closing date of 19 October 2007.**

Whichever way you apply, we will deal with the other LA for you.

Please make sure you fill in and return to the school any supplementary information form for a voluntary-aided school, as well as returning the filled-in local authority application form to the local authority.

I do not live in Wigan. Can I apply for a place at a Wigan school for my child?

Anyone can apply for a place in a Wigan school. However, you should look at the admission criteria to see if you have a reasonable chance of gaining a place.

Your own LA will have sent you their application form. If you want a place at a Wigan school:

- put the name of the school on your own LA application form;
- return the form to your own LA by the closing date; and
- your LA will deal with the School Places Team at Wigan on your behalf.

Admission appeals

You can appeal to an independent appeal panel if the LA or the school governing body refuse a place at any school you have applied for.

If we refuse your child a place at a school, we will write to tell you:

- the reasons why your application was refused;
- how to appeal;
- the time limit for sending your appeal (you will have at least 14 days from the date of the letter);
- where to send the appeal; and
- who to contact if you need any help.

Sometimes, places become available at a school before the admission appeals have been heard. If this happens, we will offer places to the next child on the waiting list. If you appeal, it does not affect your child's place on the waiting list.

Before you decide if you want to appeal, you will probably want to think about:

- the school's published admissions criteria for admitting pupils;
- your reasons for wanting your child to go to the school;
- your child's view on which school he or she should go to; and
- how strong a case you have.

You may also want to visit the school which your child has been offered.

The appeal hearing

Before the hearing

We will tell you the date, time and place of the hearing 14 days before.

Seven days before the hearing, the LA or the school will send you a document called the 'Statement of Case'. This sets out the reasons why your child was not offered a place. The appeal panel will also get a copy of this.

The panel also receives all the documents you have sent in to support your child's appeal. If you have any more information or supporting documents that you want the panel to consider, you should bring them to the appeal panel hearing. It would be useful if you could bring eight copies of each document.

The appeal panel

The panel will have three or five people on it. They are completely independent of the LA and the school you are appealing for.

At the appeal hearing

We strongly advise you to go to the appeal hearing if you can. You will not usually need legal representation but you do have the right to bring a legal adviser or a friend along for support.

There will be an LA or school representative at the hearing to give their reasons for refusing your child a place and you can ask them questions about this. You will be able to put your case for your child to the panel. You will probably want to refer back to your original reasons for applying for that school.

If you cannot go to the appeal hearing, the panel will consider all the information you have sent in writing, in your absence.

At the end of the hearing, the clerk should be able to tell you when you can expect to receive the panel's decision.

You will receive the panel's decision by letter.

Admission authorities must keep to the decisions of admissions appeals panels. The decisions can only be overturned by the courts.

After the hearing

The parents or guardians of children who have been unsuccessful in their admission appeal may want to consider the following options.

1 Complaints to the Local Government Ombudsman

The Local Government Ombudsman can investigate written complaints about bad administration by an admission appeal panel. This is not a right to appeal and has to relate to issues such as failing to follow correct procedures or failing to act independently and fairly, rather than to the person making the complaint thinks that the decision is wrong.

You can contact the Ombudsman at:

Local Government Ombudsman
Beverley House
17 Shipton Road
York
YO30 5FZ.

2 Complaints to the Secretary of State

The Secretary of State cannot review or overturn decisions of individual appeals panels but can consider:

- whether the local authority set up the appeal panel correctly, with the correct number and properly appointed types of panel members; and
- whether the admission authority or governing body has acted reasonably in running the appeal meeting and handling the decision-making process.

You can contact the Secretary of State for Education and Skills at:

Sanctuary Buildings
Great Smith Street
Westminster
London
SW1P 2BT.

3 Judicial review

You can ask for a judicial review if you consider that the decision wasn't properly made or was 'unreasonable'. An 'unreasonable' decision is one that no sensible authority acting properly would make. You will usually have to contact a solicitor.

Further appeals

We will normally only allow parents to have one appeal to a particular school in any school year.

We will only consider an application for the same school in the same school year in very exceptional situations, such as a significant, material change in your circumstances or those of your child. A material change is something substantial, such as a change of address from a different area. The fact that a pupil is distressed at not being offered a place at the school they wanted is not a significant and material change in circumstances.

General information

School meals

School meals are available in all high schools at the moment.

There is a cafeteria service for pupils who want to buy a school meal. At all schools there are places where pupils can eat food they have brought from home.

If you receive Income Support, your child or children will be entitled to free school meals on the days they go to school. To apply for free school meals:

- pick up a free school meals application form from your nearest council office; or
- phone the council's Benefits Office on 01942 828674.

We do not provide milk for any pupils in Wigan schools.

School uniform

Pupils must wear school uniform at all high schools in Wigan. Details are available from the individual schools.

School transport

Where to get information on bus services

- Our website has links to other sites, including transport (www.wigan.gov.uk).
- You can get leaflets from Wigan and Leigh bus stations.
- Phone Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive (GMPTE) on 0161 242 6000 or 0161 242 6207.
- Visit GMPTE's website at www.gmppte.gov.uk

Travelling expenses

We can refund travelling expenses for secondary school pupils who must travel more than three miles to their nearest suitable school. We will measure this by the shortest walking route. We will not refund travelling expenses if:

- your child goes to a school more than three miles away and there is another school with a place available less than three miles away;

unless you have applied to the school because of your religion or belief.

From 1 September 2008, a child aged 11 to 16 who is entitled to free school meals or whose parents or guardians are entitled to the maximum level of Working Tax Credit will be entitled to free transport to:

- any one of the three nearest suitable schools, where the distance travelled is between two and six miles; or

- the nearest school they have chosen because of their religion or belief, where this is between two and 15 miles away.

How we will measure the distances

We will measure:

- the two-mile limit along the nearest and shortest suitable walking route; and
- the six-mile limit and 15-mile limit along road routes.

We usually pay travelling expenses at the end of the school year. However, in some circumstances, you may claim at the end of each term. You can get claim forms from school or the School Transport Team.

If you have any queries, please contact the Supply and Transport Team on 01942 486115, 01942 486116 or 01942 486140.

If you want to check if we would pay travelling expenses before you apply for a particular school, please contact the School Transport Team.

Transferring between high schools

Parents sometimes want to transfer their child to a different school during the school year.

To apply for a place:

- contact the School Places Team for an application form; and
- if you want a place at a voluntary-aided school, fill in the school's own application form. You can get this from the school.

Changing schools can cause an unnecessary break in your child's education. If your child is having problems, a change of school is not always the answer. You should discuss any concerns with your child's headteacher before you apply for a different school.

If your child is in year 10 or year 11, you should think very carefully before moving them for any reason. A different school may not be able to offer the same subject options or exams for which your child has studied and completed coursework.

We sometimes receive requests for places at schools and are not able to offer a place at a school within a reasonable distance of where the child lives. In these situations, we may offer a place even if a school is full, in line with the Fair Access Policy.

You can find out more about the Fair Access Policy by contacting us on 01942 486037.

Plain English Campaign's Crystal Mark does not apply to the rest of this booklet.

Community and voluntary-controlled high schools

All mixed, comprehensive, 11-16

Ashton-in-Makerfield, The Byrchall High School
Warrington Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield
WN4 9PQ
01942 728221

DfES No: 4501

Headteacher: Mr A R Birchall

Admission number: 240

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Other children living in Ashton-in-Makerfield, and Garswood and North Ashton in St Helens.
5. Other children living nearest to the school.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals and withdrawals
240	166	1 st Preference – 166 2 nd Preference – 23 3 rd Preference – 1 Late applications – 20 Authority offers – 5 Total places allocated – 215	211

*This information is only a guide. The system for the allocation of school places has changed for the 2008 intake. The new system is called the 'equal preference system'. Please see details of how the new allocation system will work on page 6 of this booklet in section 'Important information about how we decide which school to offer your child'. If you need any help please remember to contact the School Places Team on 01942 486037 or 01942 486039.

Cansfield High Specialist Language College
Old Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield
WN4 9TP
01942 727391

DfES No: 4015

Headteacher: Mr M Southworth

Admission number: 202

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Other children living in Ashton-in-Makerfield, and Garswood and North Ashton in St Helens.
5. Other children living nearest to the school.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals and withdrawals
202	253	First preference applications: Criterion 1 – 1 Criterion 2 – 1 Criterion 3 – 61 Criterion 4 – 139 Criterion 5 – 0 Total places allocated – 202	211

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Golborne High School
Lowton Road, Golborne
WA3 3EL

DfES No: 4022

Headteacher: Mr D W Lythgoe

Admission number: 171

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Other children living in Golborne and Lowton.
5. Other children living nearest to the school.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals and withdrawals
171	159	1 st Preference – 159 2 nd Preference – 11 3 rd Preference – 1 Late applications – 0 Authority offers – 0 Total places allocated – 171	171

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Hindley Community High School & Arts College
Mornington Road, Hindley
WN2 4LG
01942 767704

DfES No: 4026

Headteacher: Mrs J Lees

Admission number: 187

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Other children living in Hindley, Platt Bridge, Abram and Bickershaw.
5. Other children living nearest to the school.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals and withdrawals
187	176	1 st Preference – 176 2 nd Preference – 4 3 rd Preference – 0 Late applications – 4 Authority offers – 3 Total places allocated – 187	187

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Ince, Rose Bridge High School
Holt Street, Ince-in-Makerfield
WN1 3HD
01942 510712

DfES No: 4017

Headteacher: Mr J Pendlebury

Admission number: 155

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Other children living in Ince, Aspull, Platt Bridge and Abram.
5. Other children living nearest to the school.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals and withdrawals
180	106	1 st Preference – 106 2 nd Preference – 1 3 rd Preference – 2 Late applications – 4 Authority offers – 3 Total places allocated – 116	113

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Leigh, Bedford High School
Manchester Road, Leigh
WN7 2LY
01942 760032

DfES No: 4019

Headteacher: Mr S Preston

Admission number: 242

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Other children living in Leigh, Atherton and Tyldesley (as defined by the former borough and urban district council boundaries), irrespective of whether the applicants now reside in the metropolitan boroughs of Wigan or Salford.
5. Other children living nearest to the school.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals and withdrawals
242	162	1 st Preference – 162 2 nd Preference – 0 3 rd Preference – 0 Late applications – 5 Authority offers – 4 Total places allocated – 171	166

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Leigh, Westleigh High School – A College of Technology
Westleigh Lane, Leigh
WN7 5NL
01942 202580

DfES No: 4020

Headteacher: Mr J Banks

Admission number: 155

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Other children living nearest to the school.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals and withdrawals
155	137	1 st Preference – 137 2 nd Preference – 1 3 rd Preference – 0 Late applications – 7 Authority offers – 8 Total places allocated – 153	149

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Lowton High School – A Specialist Sports College
Newton Road, Lowton
WA3 1DU
01942 767040

DfES No: 4028

Headteacher: Mr J Shanahan

Admission number: 230

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Other children living nearest to the school.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals and withdrawals
230	189	1 st Preference – 189 2 nd Preference – 1 3 rd Preference – 0 Late applications – 13 Authority offers – 1 Total places allocated – 204	202

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Orrell - Abraham Guest Specialist Sports and Arts College
Orrell Road, Orrell
WN5 8HN
01942 511987

DfES No: 4023

Headteacher: Mr R A Caslake

Admission number: 178

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Other children living in Orrell and Billinge.
5. Other children who live closer to Abraham Guest High School than to the nearest alternative school.
6. Other children living nearest to the school.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals and withdrawals
178	200	First preference applications: Criterion 1 – 0 Criterion 2 – 1 Criterion 3 – 60 Criterion 4 – 24 Criterion 5 – 23 Criterion 6 – 70 Total places allocated – 178	193

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Shevington High School
Shevington Lane, Shevington
WN6 8AB
01257 400990

DfES No: 4027

Headteacher: Mrs H Mackenzie

Admission number: 178

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Other children living in Shevington.
5. Other children who live closer to Shevington High School than to the nearest alternative school.
6. Other children living nearest to the school.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals and withdrawals
178	117	1 st Preference – 117 2 nd Preference – 1 3 rd Preference – 1 Late applications – 5 Authority offers – 4 Total places allocated – 128	125

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Standish Community High School
Kenyon Road, Off Preston Road, Standish
WN6 0NX
01257 422265

DfES No: 4034

Headteacher: Mr H Crossan

Admission number: 250

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Other children living in Standish including Shevington Moor.
5. Other children living in Aspull, including New Springs and Haigh.
6. Other children living in former Wigan wards Beech Hill, Swinley and Whelley.*
7. Other children who live closer to Standish Community High School than to the nearest alternative school.
8. Other children living nearest to the school.

*To help you, the map on page 33 shows the boundaries of this area. You can see a larger copy of the map at Children and Young People's Services, Progress House, Westwood Park Drive, Wigan, WN3 4HH or you can phone the School Places Team for advice.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals and withdrawals
250	257	First preference applications: Criterion 1 – 0 Criterion 2 – 2 Criterion 3 – 77 Criterion 4 – 101 Criterion 5 – 24 Criterion 6 – 41 Criterion 7 – 1 Criterion 8 – 4 Total places allocated – 250	253

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Tyldesley - Fred Longworth High School
Printshop Lane, Tyldesley
M29 8JN
01942 883796

DfES No: 4025

Headteacher: Mr A Colley

Admission number: 255

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Children living in Mosley Common and Tyldesley, situated to the north of Manchester Road (Astley) and Chaddock Lane, to its junction with the East Lancashire Road, and thereafter the East Lancashire Road, with the exception of pupils who live nearer to Bedford High School than Fred Longworth High School and children living in that part of Hindsford bounded to the east by the former Borough and Urban District Boundary and bounded to the north by the northerly access road to the Chanters Industrial Estate and Tyldesley Old Road to its junction with Millers Lane and bounded to the west by Millers Lane to its junction with Langley Platt Lane and the former Borough and Urban District Boundary.*
5. Children living in the remainder of Atherton and the remainder of Tyldesley.
6. Other children living nearest to the school.

*To help you, the map on page 32 shows the boundaries of this area. You can see a larger copy of the map at Children and Young People's Services, Progress House, Westwood Park Drive, Wigan, WN3 4HH or you can phone the School Places Team for advice.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals and withdrawals
255	242	1 st Preference – 242 2 nd Preference – 2 3 rd Preference – 1 Late applications – 5 Authority offers – 5 Total places allocated – 255	255

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Wigan - Hawkley Hall High School
Carr Lane, Hawkley Hall, Wigan
WN3 5NY
01942 204640

DfES No: 4035

Headteacher: Mr R W Halford

Admission number: 188

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Other children living in the town of Wigan. ▲
5. Other children who live closer to Hawkley Hall High School than the nearest alternative high school.
6. Other children living nearest to the school.

▲ The town of Wigan refers to the Borough boundaries before Local Government reorganisation in 1974. Please see the map on page 34. You can phone the School Places Team for advice about this.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals or withdrawals
192	151	1 st Preference – 151 2 nd Preference – 6 3 rd Preference – 1 Late applications – 4 Authority offers – 5 Total places allocated – 167	165

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Wigan – PEMBEC (Pemberton Business and Enterprise College)
Montrose Avenue, Pemberton, Wigan
WN5 9XL
01942 515370

DfES No: 4008

Headteacher: Mrs M Buras-Stubbs

Admission number: 170

Oversubscription criteria:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school.
2. Children in Public Care.
3. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2008-2009 school year.
4. Other children living in the town of Wigan. ▲
5. Other children who live closer to PEMBEC at Kingsdown High School than the nearest alternative school.
6. Other children living nearest to the school.

▲ The town of Wigan refers to the Borough boundaries before Local Government reorganisation in 1974. Please see the map on page 34. You can phone the School Places Team for advice about this.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals or withdrawals
170	69	1 st Preference – 69 2 nd Preference – 2 3 rd Preference – 0 Late applications – 3 Authority offers – 8 Total places allocated – 82	80

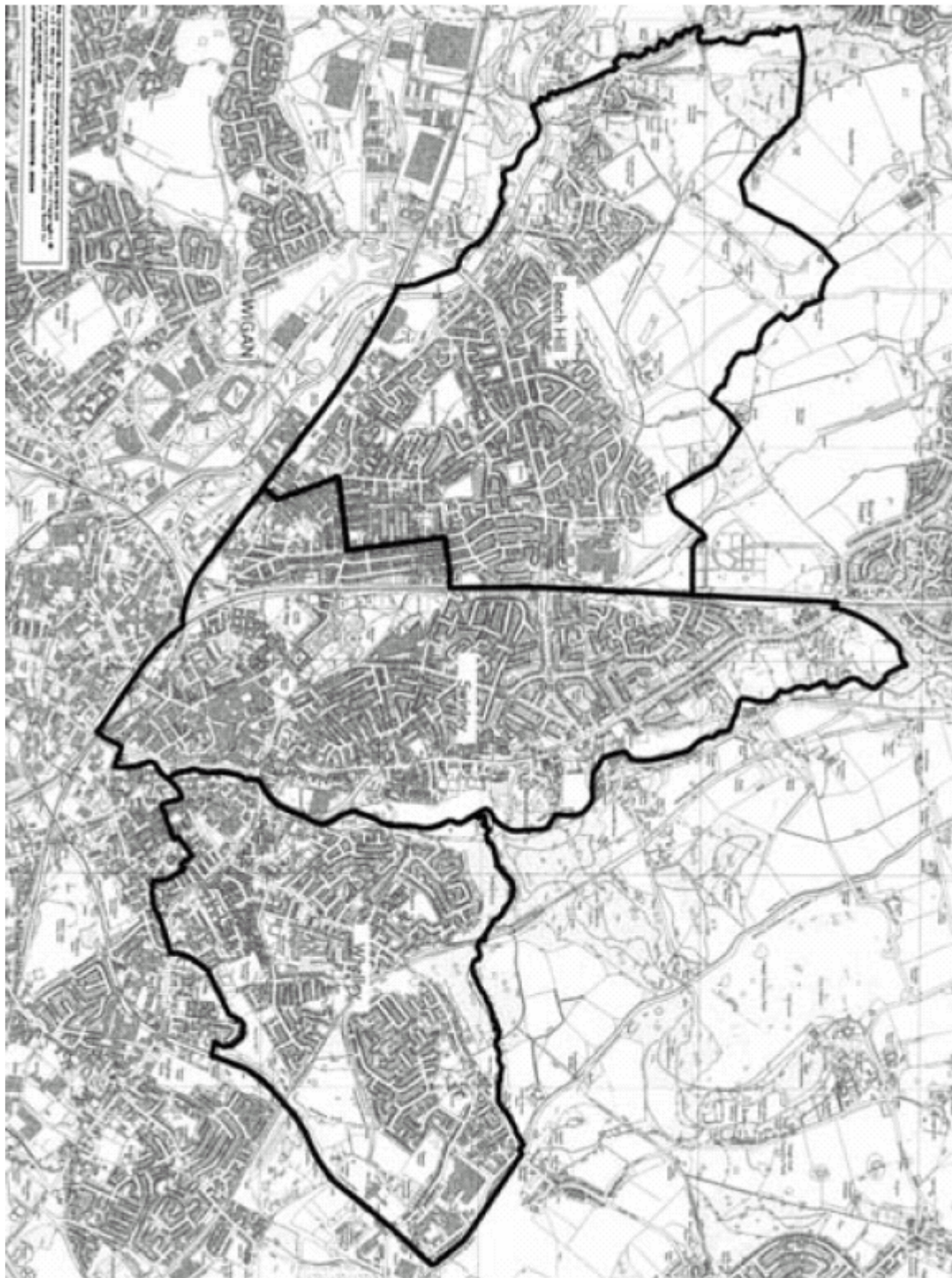
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Map for Fred Longworth High School Criterion 4.



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Map for Standish Community High School Criterion 6.



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Map for Hawkley Hall High School and PEMBEC Criterion 4.



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Church of England Voluntary-Aided High Schools

To apply for a place at an aided school, parents must complete the school's own application form as well as the Local Authority form. It is the responsibility of parents to obtain the form from the school and return it to the school by the closing date.

Wigan, The Deanery CE High School
Frog Lane, Wigan
WN1 1HQ
01942 768801

DfES No: 4608

Headteacher: Mr S Brierley

Age range 11-18 years

Admission Number: 270

Parents / carers who inform the Authority that one of their three preferences of Secondary School for their child on transfer from Primary Education is DEANERY C.E. HIGH SCHOOL are asked to read the information provided in this document and to fill in side A only of Form DHS1. Side B should be completed by your Vicar/Minister, countersigned by you and then returned to:

The Deanery C.E. High School
Frog Lane, Wigan. WN1 1HQ

clearly marked **F.A.O. THE CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS**

Please note, DHS1 forms are only available at the open evening.

Since Deanery C.E. High School is a Voluntary Aided Church of England School the policy for Admissions is determined by the Governing Body in accordance with the criteria laid out below. The school was founded to serve the children of the Wigan Deanery and is supported by the parishes of that Deanery. In the event of the school being over-subscribed, preference will be given to those families or children whose live Church membership can be supported by the clergy of their Churches.

Ethos Statement

'Recognising its historical foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level.

The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.'

You may be sure that all applications will be given careful consideration.

If you require further information please contact the Headteacher at the School.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

In the event that more applications are received than there are places available, places will be allocated as follows:

Priority will be given to children in public care, following which up to 30 places will be allocated to children whose parents / carers can demonstrate that their admission to the school is necessary for the medical, social or spiritual well-being of the child, including those of other faiths. A letter from a doctor, social worker, clergy member, faith leader or other professional with full knowledge of the family and the particular needs of the child will be required in support of applications for these places, and must accompany the application form. The letter should explain why admission to the school is necessary for the child's medical, social or spiritual well-being. Cases will be carefully considered on merit, and in strict confidence.

The remaining places will be allocated, using a points scoring system, in the following order of priority:

1. How regularly and frequently at least one parent / carer/ family member and the child attend Sunday worship at an Anglican or other Christian Church (as defined).
2. The number of years the parent's / carer's / family member's and the child's attendance at Church has been sustained.
3. Involvement of parent / carer / family member in other Church activities which reflects Christian commitment.
4. Whether brother(s) / sister(s) or step brother(s) / step sister(s) who live at the same address currently attend(s) this school and will still do so in September 2008.

Tie Breaker

When we use the admission criteria, more children might fall into a particular category than the number of places left. If this happens, we will use the tie breaker to decide who is given a place.

Places will be given to the children who live nearest to the school. We measure this distance:

- in a straight line from the front door of the home to the pupil entrance of the school; and
- using a Geographical Information System [GIS] which is based on Ordnance Survey.

Please Note:

- Applications are considered without reference to a child's ability.
- The Governors have defined 'Christian Church' as being any Church in membership of, or sharing the statement of belief of 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland'.
- In the event of your child being refused a place you have the right of appeal. In the first instance you should write to the Clerk to the Governors of the school setting out the grounds of your appeal.

To apply for a place at this school you must fill in the school's own supplementary information form as well as the local authority form. You can get the supplementary information form from the school, and you must return it to the school by the closing date 19 October 2007. If you do not complete the school's own supplementary information form, the school will not have all the information they need to consider your application and your child may be refused a place.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received	Final number admitted following any appeals or withdrawals
270	281	282

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Atherton Hesketh Fletcher CE High School & Humanities College
Hamilton Street, Atherton
M46 0AY
01942 882425

DfES No: 4612

Headteacher: Dr E A Walker

Age range 11-16

Admission Number: 200

Eligibility for Admission

1. All pupils who have reached primary/secondary transfer age are eligible and welcome to apply for admission.
2. Parents should note that all pupils are admitted without reference to ability.
3. All pupils will be expected to attend Corporate Worship, Church Services and R.E. lessons, subject to parent's legal right to withdraw them from the same.

Please note:

Since Hesketh Fletcher C.E. High School is a Voluntary Aided Church of England School, the policy for admissions is determined by the Governing Body of the School. In addition to the Local Authority Form the school's own Admission Form should be completed (the Blue Form HF1) and returned to the school in line with the LA Co-ordinated Admission Scheme.

Admissions Arrangements

1. All applications will be considered at the same time and after the closing date.
2. Parents will be informed, by letter, of the decision of the Admissions Committee. The letter will be provided by the LA on behalf of the Governing Body.
3. If the application has not been successful the letter will give reasons for the decision, will inform parents of their right of appeal and give guidance on how that appeal should be made.

Children with a statement of special educational need who name Hesketh Fletcher will be admitted without reference to criteria.

Oversubscription Criteria

In the event that more applications are received than there are places available, places will be allocated as follows:

Category A (1st Priority)

Priority will be given to children in Public Care and children whose parents or guardians can demonstrate that their admission to the school is necessary for the medical or social well-being of the child, and/or who have special educational needs. A letter from a doctor or

social worker will be required in support of applications for these places. The letter should explain why admission to the school is necessary for the child's medical or social well-being. As to whether or not admission to the school is 'necessary' should be a matter for the governing body acting reasonably, or otherwise at their absolute discretion.

If the standard admission number is reached priority under either category will be given to those living closest to school.

Category B (2nd Priority)

Children living in the Deaneries of Deane or Leigh, and the Parish of Hindley Green St. John's at the date of application who fulfil any of the following criteria (listed without priority).

1. Children whose parents are actual communicant members of the Church of England.
2. Children who attend the Church of England or who are involved in any of its activities.
3. Children whose parents attend a Christian Church or have a faith background, which does not fall into the category above.
4. Children who attend a Christian Church or who are involved in any of its activities.
5. Children who have a brother or sister in Years 7-11 at the school at the time of admission.

In the event of over-subscription, criteria 1 to 4 will be verified by reference to ministers of religion or the Headteachers of church schools.

If the standard admission number is reached priority under this category will be given to those living closest to school.

Category C

6. Other Children

If the standard admission number is reached priority under this category will be given to those living closest to the school.

All the above criteria are considered by the Governors in determining admission to the school.

The Blue Form H.F.1 also invites you to provide any other information which you may think is relevant to your child's admission to the school.

If you require any further information please contact the Headteacher at this school.

Definitions and Interpretation

1. How close you live to the school will be measured by straight-line distance, using the relevant scale Ordnance Survey map ("as the crow flies").

2. An 'actual communicant member' of the Church of England means a person:
 - Who is baptised
 - Who is on the electoral roll of the Church of England parish
 - Who has declared membership of the Church of England, or a church in communion with it
 - Who has received communion in one of the above churches, at least six times during the 12 months before the date of this application.
3. Reference to 'parents' includes:
 - Both mother and father
 - Either mother or father
 - A single parent
 - A legal guardian

It does not matter if only one of two parents satisfied the criterion, all applications will be treated equally.

Notes

- The Governors have defined 'Christian Church' as being any church in membership of, or sharing the statement of belief of 'Churches Together in England'.
- In the event of your child being refused a place you have the right of appeal to the Governors by writing to the Clerk to the Governing Body c/o the school address.
- You have final right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel.

To apply for a place at this school you must fill in the school's own supplementary information form as well as the local authority form. You can get the supplementary information form from the school, and you must return it to the school by the closing date 19 October 2007. If you do not complete the school's own supplementary information form, the school will not have all the information they need to consider your application and your child may be refused a place.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received by the closing date	Breakdown of how places were allocated	Final number admitted following any appeals or withdrawals
200	84	1 st Preference – 84 2 nd Preference – 1 3 rd Preference – 1 Late applications – 2 Authority offers – 0 Total places allocated – 88	80

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Catholic Voluntary Aided Schools

To apply for a place at an aided school, parents must also complete the school's own application form. It is the responsibility of parents to obtain the form from the school and return it to the school by the closing date.

St. Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High, Ashton-in-Makerfield
Rookery Avenue, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan
WN4 9PF
01942 728651

DfES No: 4805

Headteacher: Mr P Phillips

Admission Number: 240

Age range 11-16

Admissions Policy and Arrangements for 2008

1. St Edmund Arrowsmith is a Catholic High School situated in the Archdiocese of Liverpool and is maintained by Wigan Local Authority.
2. The Governing Body of the school is responsible for determining and administering the policy relating to the admission of pupils to the school. It is guided in that responsibility by:
 - a) the requirements of the law
 - b) the advice of the Archdiocesan Trustees on the nature and purpose of its duties
 - c) its duty towards the school and the Catholic community it serves
 - d) the Catholic character of the school and its Mission Statement
 - e) recognition of the Parish boundaries.
3. The school serves in the first instance baptised Catholic children who have made their first holy communion and living in the Parish(es) of:

St. Oswald and St. Edmund Arrowsmith, Ashton-in-Makerfield
St. Wilfrid's, Ashton-in-Makerfield
Our Lady Immaculate, Bryn
The Blessed English Martyrs, Haydock
St. Benedict's, Hindley
Sacred Heart, Hindley Green
The Holy Family, Platt Bridge
St. Aidan's, Winstanley

4. Having consulted with the LA and others in accordance with the requirements of the law, the Governing Body has published its admission limit at 240 pupils for the school year commencing September 2008.
5. Applications for a place at the school must be made on the school's own admission form and returned to the school in line with the LA Co-ordinated Admission Scheme by 19 October 2007. Applications received after this date will not be considered if all places have previously been allocated. A complete LA form must also be submitted.
6. The Governing Body has delegated responsibility for determining admissions to its Admissions Committee, which will consider all applications made in accordance with the criteria set out, without reference to the ability or aptitude of the child.
7. Parents may wish to know that the number of applications received last year was 258, and that 242 were admitted under the admission criteria.
1 – criteria one, 232 – criteria two, 8 – criteria three, 1 – criteria five.

Admission Criteria

Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available the Governing Body will apply the following over-subscription criteria.

Please note the following point:

All reference to Catholic children means baptised Catholic children.

1. Baptised Catholic looked after children.
2. Baptised Catholic children living in the designated Parish(es) named in Section 3 of "Admissions Policy and Arrangements" and have received their primary education at the Catholic school associated with these parishes.
3. Baptised Catholic brothers and sisters of children who are in attendance at St. Edmund Arrowsmith High School at the time of likely admission, and who have received their primary education at a Catholic school. This includes full, half or step-brother and sisters, foster brothers and sisters and children who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit.
4. Baptised Catholic children from other Catholic parishes who have attended Catholic primary schools.
5. Baptised Catholic children from designated Catholic parishes who attend non-Catholic primary schools.
6. Looked after children who are other than Catholic.
7. Children who are other than Catholic and are brothers and sisters of children who are in attendance at St. Edmund Arrowsmith High School, at the time of likely admission, and who have received their primary education at a Catholic school.

8. Non-Catholic children who attend Catholic schools associated with the designated parishes.
9. Other non-Catholic children.

In the event of oversubscription in the number of applications made under any of the categories above then the admissions committee will offer places first to children living nearest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance using public highways.

Note:

The Governing Body reserve the right to admit children with proven and exceptional medical and social needs where admission to the school might best help satisfy those exceptional needs, providing that such application is submitted with appropriate evidence or reports from a doctor or social worker.

To apply for a place at this school you must fill in the school's own supplementary information form as well as the local authority form. You can get the supplementary information form from the school, and you must return it to the school by the closing date 19 October 2007. If you do not complete the school's own supplementary information form, the school will not have all the information they need to consider your application and your child may be refused a place.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received	Final number admitted following any appeals or withdrawals
240	258	254

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St. John Fisher Catholic High School
Baytree Road, Springfield, Wigan
WN6 7RN
01942 510715

DfES No: 4609

Headteacher: Mr R Ward

Age range 11-16

Admission Number: 200

Admissions Policy and Arrangements for 2008

1. St. John Fisher is a Catholic High School situated in the Archdiocese of Liverpool and is maintained by the Wigan Local Authority.
2. The Governing Body of the school is responsible for determining and administering the policy relating to the admission of pupils to the school. It is guided in that responsibility by:
 - (a) The requirements of the law,
 - (b) The advice of the Archdiocesan Trustees on the nature and purpose of its duties.
 - (c) Its duty towards the school and the Catholic community it serves,
 - (d) The Catholic character of the school and its Mission Statement,
 - (e) Recognition of the Parish boundaries.
3. The school serves in the first instance baptised Catholic children living in the Parishes of St. Johns, St. Mary's, St Patrick's, Sacred Heart, St.Williams, St Edwards, St Judes and St Cuthberts.
4. Having consulted with the LA and others in accordance with the requirements of the law, the Governing Body has set its planned admissions number at 200 pupils for the school year commencing 2008.
5. Applications for a place at the school must be made on the school's own admission form and returned to school in line with the L.A. Co-ordinated Admission Scheme.
6. The Governing Body has delegated responsibility for determining admissions to its Admissions Committee, which will consider all applications made in accordance with the agreed criteria without reference to the ability or aptitude of the child.
7. Parents are required to indicate the order of preference they give to the school on the application form.

Admission Arrangements

1. All applications will be considered at the same time and after the closing date.
2. Parents will be informed, by letter, of the decision of the Admissions Committee. The letter will be provided by the L.A. on behalf of the Governing Body.
3. If the application has not been successful the letter will give reasons for the decision, will inform parents of their right of appeal and give guidance on how that appeal should be made.

Admission Criteria

Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the Governing Body will apply the following over-subscription criteria.

1. Baptised Catholic children in Public Care.
2. Baptised Catholic children living in the designated Parishes named below; St. Johns, St. Mary's, St Patrick's, Sacred Heart, St.Williams, St Edwards, St Judes and that part of St Cuthbert's parish to the east of Norley Hall Avenue and Enfield Street.
3. Baptised Catholic children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of likely admission. This includes full, half or step-brothers and sisters, foster brothers and sisters and children who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit.
4. Other Baptised Catholic children.
5. Children in Public Care who are not baptised Catholics.
6. Children who are other than baptised Catholic who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of likely admission. This includes full, half or step-brothers and sisters, foster brothers and sisters and children who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit.
7. Children who are baptised in other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate is required.
8. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Minister of Religion would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
9. Children whose parents express a preference for a place at the school.

Admissions to secondary school in 2008-2009

In the event of any over-subscription in the number of applications made under any of the categories above then the admissions committee will offer places first to children living nearest to the school measured in a straight line.

To apply for a place at this school you must fill in the school's own supplementary information form as well as the local authority form. You can get the supplementary information form from the school, and you must return it to the school by the closing date 19 October 2007. If you do not complete the school's own supplementary information form, the school will not have all the information they need to consider your application and your child may be refused a place.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received	Final number admitted following any appeals or withdrawals
200	187	197

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St. Mary's Catholic High School. An 11 to 18 Specialist Mathematics and Computing College
Manchester Road, Astley, Tyldesley
M29 7EE
01942 884144

Headteacher: Mr D W Burnett

Age range 11-18

Admission Number: 260

Admissions Policy and Arrangements for 2008

1. St. Mary's is a Catholic High School situated in the Archdiocese of Liverpool and is maintained by the Wigan Local Authority.
2. The Governing Body of the school is responsible for determining and administering the policy relating to the admission of pupils to the school. It is guided in that responsibility by:
 - (a) The requirements of the law,
 - (b) The advice of the Archdiocesan Trustees on the nature and purpose of its duties.
 - (c) Its duty towards the school and the Catholic community it serves,
 - (d) The Catholic character of the school and its Mission Statement,
 - (e) Recognition of the Parish boundaries.
3. The school serves in the first instance baptised Catholic children living in the Parishes of St. Ambrose Barlow, St. Joseph's, Sacred Heart-Hindsford, Sacred Heart – Leigh, Holy Family, XII Apostles, Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Richard's, St. Gabriel's.
4. Having consulted with the LA and others in accordance with the requirements of the law, the Governing Body has set its planned admissions number at 260 pupils for the school year commencing 2008.
5. You must complete the Local Authority application form as well as the school's own supplementary information form (S.M.H.S.1). The supplementary information form should be returned to the school in line with the L.A. Co-ordinated Admission Scheme.
6. The Governing Body has delegated responsibility for determining admissions to its Admissions Committee, which will consider all applications made in accordance with the agreed criteria without reference to the ability or aptitude of the child.

Admission Arrangements

1. All applications will be considered at the same time and after the closing date.
2. Parents will be informed, by letter, of the decision of the Admissions Committee. The letter will be provided by the L.A. on behalf of the Governing Body.
3. If the application has not been successful the letter will give reasons for the decision, will inform parents of their right of appeal and give guidance on how that appeal should be made.

Admission Criteria

Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the Governing Body will apply the following over-subscription criteria.

1. Baptised Catholic looked after children.
2. Baptised Catholic children living in the designated Parishes named below;
St. Ambrose Barlow, St. Joseph's, Sacred Heart - Hindsford, Sacred Heart - Leigh, Holy Family, XII Apostles, Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Richard's, St. Gabriel's.
3. Baptised Catholic children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of likely admission. This includes full, half or step-brothers and sisters, foster brothers and sisters and children who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit.
4. Baptised Catholic children from other Catholic Parishes.
5. Looked after children who are other than Catholic.
6. Children who are other than Catholic who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of likely admission. This includes full, half or step-brothers and sisters, foster brothers and sisters and children who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit.
7. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal certificate or confirmation that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
8. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Minister of Religion would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
9. Children whose parents express a preference for a place at the school.

In the event of any over-subscription in the number of applications made under any of the categories above then the admissions committee will offer places first to children living nearest to the school measured in a straight line.

To apply for a place at this school you must fill in the school's own supplementary information form as well as the local authority form. You can get the supplementary information form from the school, and you must return it to the school by the closing date 19 October 2007. If you do not complete the school's own supplementary information form, the school will not have all the information they need to consider your application and your child may be refused a place.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received	Final number admitted following any appeals or withdrawals
260	291	285

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St. Peter's Catholic High School
Howard's Lane, Orrell, Wigan
WN5 8NU
01942 747693

DfES No: 4614

Headteacher: Miss H Jerstice

Age range 11-16

Admission Number: 178

Admissions Policy and Arrangements for 2008

Parents who wish their child to transfer from Primary Education to St. Peter's Catholic High School are asked to read the information provided in this document and to fill in a form SPCHAD1. This form is available from and returnable to:

St. Peter's Catholic High School
Howards Lane, Orrell,
Wigan. WN5 8NU

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1. St Peter's is a Catholic High School situated in the Archdiocese of Liverpool and is maintained by the Wigan Local Authority.
2. Since St. Peter's Catholic High School is a Voluntary Aided Catholic School the policy for Admissions is determined by the Governing Body in accordance with the criteria laid out below. It is guided in that responsibility by:
 - a) the requirements of the law
 - b) the advice of the Archdiocesan Trustees on the nature and purpose of its duties
 - c) its duty towards the school and the Catholic community it serves
 - d) the Catholic character of the school and its Mission Statement
 - e) recognition of the Parish boundaries.
3. The school serves in the first instance baptised Catholic children living in the Parish(es) of:
 - St. Bernadette's, Shevington
 - St. James', Orrell
 - St. Joseph's, Wrightington
 - St. Marie's, Standish
 - St. Mary's, Birchley
 - St. Teresa's, UpHolland
 - St. Cuthbert's, Norley Hall * "that part of the parish to the west of and including Norley Hall Avenue and Enfield Street".
4. Having consulted with the LA and others in accordance with the requirements of the law, the Governing Body has published its admissions limit at 178 pupils for the school year commencing 2008.

5. The Governing Body has delegated responsibility for determining admissions to its Admissions Committee, which will consider all applications made in accordance with the criteria set out over page, without reference to the ability or aptitude of the child.

Parents may wish to know that the number of first preference applications received last year was 206.

Admissions Criteria for 2008

Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available the Governing Body will apply the following over-subscription criteria

Admission number 178.

1. Catholic children who are in public care.
2. Catholic children who attend a Catholic Primary School at the time of application and live in one of the following the parishes:
St. Bernadette's, Shevington; St. Marie's, Standish; St. James', Orrell;
St. Joseph's, Wrightington; St. Mary's, Birchley; St. Teresa's, Up Holland;
and that part of St. Cuthbert's, Norley Hall as defined below.
3. Catholic children who will have an older brother or sister attending St. Peter's Catholic High School on the date at which they will enter the school. (Step-brothers and sisters and half-brothers and sisters will be considered as full siblings where they live with the respective relation who attends the school).
4. Catholic children who live in Parishes listed in Criterion 2 who attend a non-Catholic Primary School.
5. Catholic children not covered in the previous criteria.
6. Children in public care who are non-Catholics.
7. Children who are baptised in other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate is required.
8. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Minister of Religion would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
9. Children whose parents express a preference for a place at the school.

St Cuthbert's Parish: "that part of the parish to the west of and including Norley Hall Avenue and Enfield Street".

Please note the following explanatory points:

- a) All reference to "Catholic" means Baptised Catholic Children or children who have made First Holy Communion in a Catholic Church.
- b) Priority in Criterion 2 will be determined firstly on the Catholic children in this category who have an older brother or sister attending St. Peter's school on the date at which they will enter school and then on the proximity ruling described in (c).
- c) Priority in all other cases will be determined on the basis of proximity to the school, those living nearest being accorded greatest priority. (The distance to be measured in a straight line from the front door of the school to the front door of the home).
- d) Within each of the above criteria the Governing Body reserve the right to admit children with proven and exceptional medical and social needs where admission to the school might best help satisfy those exceptional needs, providing that such application is submitted with appropriate evidence or reports from a doctor or social worker.

To apply for a place at this school you must fill in the school's own supplementary information form as well as the local authority form. You can get the supplementary information form from the school, and you must return it to the school by the closing date 19 October 2007. If you do not complete the school's own supplementary information form, the school will not have all the information they need to consider your application and your child may be refused a place.

Additional information about the 2007 intake*

Admission Limit 2007	No. of 1 st Preferences received	Final number admitted following any appeals or withdrawals
178	206	189

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St. Aelred's Catholic Technology College (St Helens LA)
Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside
WA12 9UW
01925 225974

Headteacher: Mrs M Rimmer

Admission Number: 184

ADMISSIONS POLICY AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2008/2009

1. St Aelred's Catholic Technology College is a Catholic Secondary School situated in the Archdiocese of Liverpool and is maintained by St Helens Local Authority.
2. The Governing Body of the College is responsible for determining and administering the policy relating to the admission of pupils to the College. It is guided in that responsibility by:
 - the requirements of the law
 - the advice of the Archdiocesan Trustees on the nature and purpose of its duties
 - its duty towards the College and the Catholic community it serves
 - the Catholic character of the College and its Mission Statement
 - recognition of the parish boundaries.
3. The College serves in the first instance children in public care and baptised Catholic children living in the Parish(es) of: All Saints, Golborne; St Mary and St John, Newton-le-Willows; St David's, Newton-le-Willows; St Patrick's, Newton-le-Willows; St Catherine of Siena, Lowton; St Lewis', Croft; St Paul of the Cross, Burtonwood and attending a Catholic Primary School of a designated parish.
4. Having consulted with the Local Authority and others in accordance with the requirements of the law, the Governing Body has published its admissions limit at 184 pupils for the College year commencing September 2008.
5. Applications for a place at the College must be made on the applicants home LA form and returned to the address indicated on that form by the closing date of 19 October 2007.
6. The Governing Body has delegated responsibility for determining admissions to its Admissions Committee, which will consider all applications made in accordance with the criteria set out over the page, without reference to the ability or aptitude of the child.

Parents may wish to know that the number of applications received last year was 211 and that 184 were admitted. The College has been oversubscribed for the last two years.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available the Governing Body will apply the following over-subscription criteria:

1. Looked after children.
2. Baptised Catholic children living in the designated Parish(es) named below:

All Saints, Golborne; St Mary & St John, Newton-le-Willows; St David's, Newton-le-Willows; St Patrick's, Newton-le-Willows; St Catherine of Siena, Lowton; St Lewis', Croft; St Paul of the Cross, Burtonwood* and attending a Catholic Primary School of a designated parish.

* Pupils attending St Paul of the Cross Primary School and living in the Kingswood area of West Warrington or in the "Spa Towns" area bounded by Burtonwood Road, Burma Road and Whittle Avenue (formerly in St Joseph's Parish) have Criterion Two admission to St Gregory's High School, Warrington (Warrington LA).
3. Baptised Catholic children who have a brother or sister at the College at the time of likely admission. *This includes full, half or step-brothers and sisters, and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit.***
3. Baptised Catholic children from the parishes named in criterion 2 but not attending a Catholic Primary School in one of those parishes.
5. Baptised Catholic children from other Catholic parishes.
6. Non Catholic children who have a brother or sister at the College at the time of likely admission. The brother or sister must have entered the College in Years 7-11. *This includes full, half or step-brothers and sisters, and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit.***
7. Non Catholic children who attend one of the Catholic primary schools of the designated parishes listed in criterion 2.
8. Children who are members of other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate is required or a letter from an appropriate religious leader or Minister to confirm that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
9. Children of other faiths. An appropriate religious leader or Minister would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
10. Children whose parents express a preference for a place at the College.

** Home address shall be defined as the address of the primary carer of the child, who is in receipt of child benefit.

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In the event of any over-subscription in the number of applications made under any of the categories above then the Admissions Committee will offer places first to children living nearest to the College measured by the shortest walking distance using public highways.

Note

The Governing Body reserve the right to admit children with proven and exceptional medical and social needs where admission to the College might best help satisfy those exceptional needs, providing that such application is submitted with appropriate evidence or reports from a registered health professional or social worker. Higher priority will not be given if the relevant documents are not produced.

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

1. All applications will be considered at the same time and after the closing date.
2. Parents will be informed, by letter, of the decision of the Admissions Committee no later than 3 March 2008.
3. If application has not been successful the letter will give reasons for the decision, will inform parents of their right of appeal and give guidance on how that appeal should be made.
4. A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and ranked according to the oversubscription criteria. Two weeks after parents receive their decision letter they can contact the College to enquire about their child's position on the waiting list. The waiting list will cease to operate after the end of the fourth week in the 2008-2009 academic year. If a parent still wishes to be considered for a place after the waiting list has ceased it will be necessary for them to re-apply as a mid year transfer.

MID YEAR TRANSFERS

For applications received for admission during the course of an academic year, the Governing Body will offer every applicant, whether of the Catholic faith or not, a place at the College if there are places available.

If an application for a mid year transfer has not been successful, the Governing Body will provide information regarding the right of appeal and guidance on how that appeal should be made.

The Governing Body will comply with the Local Authority's protocol on vulnerable and hard to place pupils and admit pupils above the published admission number if required to do so in this respect.