

Lowton CE High School

Admission arrangements

Principles

Lowton Church of England High school is a secondary school jointly sponsored by the dioceses of Liverpool and Manchester. For new admissions, we are very keen to receive applications from parents of all faiths or no particular faith who wish to have their children educated in a Church of England context. We offer an education based on Christian values to all members of the local community, and will be sensitive and encouraging to all religious and philosophical standpoints.

This policy has been produced in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act 2005 and the Special Educational Needs Disability Act 2001. It has been reviewed in accordance with the DDA in 2006 and updated in accordance to the schools Equality Schemes and all related Acts.

This policy will be presented to the Governing body and renewed on an annual basis.

Lowton Church of England High School's admission number is: 150

Where the school receives more applications than places available, the following admission criteria will be applied once places have first been allocated to pupils who have a statement of special educational needs which names the school:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children
2. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school at the time of admission. This includes full, half or step-brothers and sisters, foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit. If we offer the last place available at the school to one of twins (or triplets, and so on), our policy is to admit the other twin or triplets.
3. Children attending primary schools in Lowton, Golborne, Leigh and Atherton.
4. Children from Christian Families who choose a Church of England secondary education and whose children have been baptised.
5. Other children living nearest to the school as measured by the Local Authority.

Tie-breaker

Where there are more children in one particular criterion than the number of places available, places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school, as measured by the Local Authority.

Occasionally, the distance from home to school is the same for more than one child (for example, if more than one child lives in the same block of flats). In these cases, we will use a system to randomly pick who will be offered a place. A copy of the policy is available on request from the local authority.

When considering your child's application, we will use the permanent home address we have for you at the closing date for applications. If parents are separated and the 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 of the parent who receives the Child Benefit for this.

Late applications

Late applications (those received after the closing date) will only be considered after those received by the closing date. The only exception to this is applications for looked after children that are received by 30th November will be included with on time applications.

Waiting lists

Places may become available at a school after the offer date. We will:

- Put all children who we refuse a place on the waiting list for the school;
- Keep the list in priority order, decided by the oversubscription criteria for the school only;
- Offer any place that become available to the next child on the waiting list; and
- Maintain the waiting list until the end of the autumn term.

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 oversubscription criteria.