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Applying for a Year 7 place 2027/28

Secondary School
Information for parents/carers

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Applying for a Year 7 place 2027/28

If your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027 you need to apply for a school place by the closing date of 31 October 2026.

Please read this booklet very carefully because it will:

- Explain 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.

We can give you this information in other formats (such as in large print) and languages if you ask.

The information in this booklet was correct at the time it was published. If there are any changes, we will update the information and take appropriate steps to let you know.

If you need any help with your application please contact:

School Organsiation Team
Telephone: 01942 489013
Email: schoolplaces@wigan.gov.uk
Postal address: School Organsiation Team, Wigan Council, PO Box 100, Wigan, WN1 3DS

Important dates to remember

Timetable for transfer to secondary school

If your child is in Year 6 in September 2026, they will transfer to secondary school at the start of the new year in September 2027. The timetable for the application process is as follows.

Opening date to apply Application process starts – online application and composite prospectus available.	12 September 2026
Closing date for applications	31 October 2026
National allocation day Offer emails and letters will be sent.	1 March 2027
Date for appeals to be lodged by All appeals lodged by this date should be heard within 40 school days.	13 April 2027
Appeals heard	May – June 2027
Admission to school	September 2027
Waiting list closing date	31 December 2027

Open days/evenings

Secondary schools hold open evenings during the Autumn Term so that parents and pupils may visit schools prior to completing the application form for a secondary school place.

Please check these dates and time with the schools in case there have been any changes since this booklet was published. For further information please contact the school directly.

Atherton High School Please contact the school for details. Tel: 01942 885500	**Hawkley Hall High School** Thursday 17th September 2026 Please contact the school for times. Tel: 01942 204640
Bedford High School Thursday 15th October 2026 5:00pm – 7:30pm (head teacher talks at 5:15pm & 6:15pm) Student/Parent tours are available upon request directly with school, from September – October half term. Tel: 01942 909009	**Lowton Church of England High School** Monday 28th September 2026 4:30pm – 6:30pm Tel: 01942 767040
Cansfield High School Thursday 1st October 2026 6:00pm – 8:00pm Tel: 01942 727391	**Outwood Academy, Hindley** Please contact the school for details Tel: 01942 767704
Dean Trust Rose Bridge Thursday 24th September 2026 6:00pm - 8:00pm Tel: 01942 510712	**Shevington High School** Wednesday 21st October 2026 4:00pm-7:00pm Head Teacher Tours throughout September & October 2026 – details on school website and social media Tel: 01257 400990
Dean Trust Wigan Please contact the school for details Tel: 01942 511987	**St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School** Please contact the school for details Tel: 01942 728651
Fred Longworth High School Wednesday 23rd September 2026	**St John Fisher Catholic High School** Thursday 24th September 2026

4:30pm – 8:30pm (address by head teacher at 5:00pm, 6:00pm & 7:00pm) Tel: 01942 883796	4:30pm – 7:00pm (head teacher presentation 4:30pm, 5:30pm & 6:15pm) Tel: 01942 510715

Golborne High School
Thursday 1st October 2026
6:00pm – 8:00pm (head teacher talks at 6:10pm & 7:00pm)
Tel: 01942 726842

St Mary's Catholic High School
Thursday 24th September 2026
5:00pm – 7:45pm
Tel: 01942 884144

St Peter's Catholic High School
Wednesday 30th September 2026
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Tel: 01942 747693

The Deanery CofE High School
Thursday 8th October 2026
5:00pm – 7:30pm
Tel: 01942 768801

Standish Community High School
Please contact the school for details
Tel: 01257 422265

The Westleigh School
Please contact the school for details
Tel: 01942 202580

The Byrchall High School
Thursday 8th October 2026
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Tel: 01942 728221

Before you apply

There are a few things you need to know before you complete your application for a place in Year 7 for September 2027.

Definition of child's home address

Many schools use children's addresses when deciding who to offer places to. When considering your child's application, **we must use your permanent home address at the closing date for applications 31 October 2026.**

You must give the correct permanent address. This is where the child and parent, or the person who has care of the child or has parental responsibility, normally live.
If your address changes temporarily (for example, if you go to live with a relative), you cannot use this address.

If parents are separated and the child spends time at each parents' address, the address which will be used for admission to schools is the address where the child sleeps the majority of the school nights (Sunday to Thursday) during the week in term time. Where there is dispute or equal nights are slept, parent will be asked to provide proof of the address registered with the child's GP. The Local Authority reserves the right to request other documentary evidence according to the individual circumstances of the applicant.

Please see each school's individual admission arrangements for further details.

Verifying information
We carry out checks to confirm that addresses are genuine. If we are unable to confirm your address, or any issues are raised concerning your address, we may carry out further checks.

We may ask to see **two** forms of evidence of your permanent address at the closing date for applications (photocopies are acceptable).
The primary form of evidence required is **proof of where you are registered for council tax on the closing date for applications.** The second form of evidence may be one of the following documents:

- proof of your Child Benefit;
- your current driving licence;
- a utility bill (gas, electricity or water) covering the closing date for applications;
- proof of your Child Tax Credits.
- written evidence of final completion of sale or a long term tenancy agreement

Any evidence you provide must show that the parent or main carer lives at the address used on the closing date for applications.

Applicants who are not registered for Council Tax are required to supply three alternative forms of evidence to fit the individual circumstances.

If on the balance of the information provided, we believe that the address you have given is a temporary one, in order to secure a place in a school, we may not use this address.

Moving address

If you move house please tell us immediately, documentary proof of your new address must be provided. Examples of acceptable proof are as follows:

- a signed exchange of contacts/completion
- long term tenancy agreement
- council tax bill
- driving licence
- Utility bill, not bank statements. For the purpose of this policy, utility bills are defined as water, gas or electric bill.

If you move house after the closing date for applications, we cannot use your new address to process your application form. We must use your permanent address on the closing date for applications. Once your new address has been confirmed it will be taken into account when operating waiting lists, for more information on waiting lists go to page 16.

False Information

If you give any false information which results in your child being offered a school place they are not entitled to (for example, if you give the incorrect permanent address at the closing date for applications), we may withdraw the offer and your child will lose their place.

If you suspect that someone has given false information to get a school place, please contact the School Organisation Team on 01942 489013 or schoolplaces@wigan.gov.uk

Re-allocating withdrawn places

Where a place is withdrawn due to a fraudulent or misleading application it will be re-allocated to the applicant who should have been offered the place on offer day.

One application per child / shared responsibility

We will only accept one application per child. The applicant should inform all other parties who have parental responsibility before submitting the form.

Where more than one application is received for a child, the Local Authority will contact both applicants and advise them to complete one application with one set of preferences for their child.

The Local Authority cannot mediate disputes between parents. Parents must resolve disputes about preferences between themselves, legally if necessary. For further information please read the government's guidance Parental responsibility: guide for schools and local authorities - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

Applying for schools outside of Wigan

If you live in Wigan and wish to apply for schools in another Local Authority, you must do so on our application form. If you name a school outside of Wigan, please take the time to read that Local Authority's information booklet as well as ours as their admission arrangements may be different to those applied in Wigan. Contact details for neighbouring Authorities can be found later in this booklet.

After the closing date for applications, it is a legal requirement for Local Authorities to exchange information which is relevant to schools in their area.

Applications from parents who live outside of Wigan

If you reside in another Local Authority and wish to apply for a Wigan school, you must complete your home Local Authority's application form and read both Local Authority's information booklets before submitting your application. Contact details for neighbouring Authorities can be found later in this booklet.

After the closing date for applications, it is a legal requirement for Local Authorities to exchange information which is relevant to schools in their area.

Supplementary forms

If you are naming a Wigan voluntary aided (Church) school as a preference on your application, we strongly recommend that you complete and

submit the school's supplementary information form. The school governors will need this extra information so that they can consider your application against their faith criteria.

Supplementary information forms can be downloaded from the school's website, or you can request one from the school office.

If you are naming a school outside of Wigan, please check with the school if they have a supplementary information form.

Supplementary information forms must be returned directly to the school by the closing date 31 October 2026.

If you have sent any forms by post, it is your responsibility to check they have been received.

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan your child's primary school will arrange a meeting 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 has and Education, Health and Care plan please contact the SEND Team to express your school preferences.
SENDSadmin@wigan.gov.uk.

Looked after and previously looked after children

A looked after child is defined as a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

The term previously looked after children is defined as children who were in care to a Local Authority but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).

If you are responsible for a looked after or previously looked after child, please tell us on your application. For a previously looked after child to be considered under this criterion, you must provide a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order at the time

of submitting your application. This information should be sent to the School Organisation Team either by email or post by the closing date 31 October 2026.

If you do not provide this evidence your application will not be considered under this criterion and may be refused a place.

Children adopted from state care outside of England

If you are responsible for a child who appears to the Local Authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because they were adopted, please tell us this on your application.

A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if there were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose if to benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that child has been adopted from state care. Evidence must be provided by the closing date 31 October 2026.

If you do not provide this evidence your application will not be considered under this criterion and may be refused a place.

Children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces)

Places can be allocated in advance (on offer day) for children of UK service personnel with a confirmed posting in the area, or crown servants returning from overseas to live in the area.
If this applies to your child, please tell us on your application. You must also provide evidence i.e. an official letter from your commanding officer containing a relocation date and Unit postal address.

Evidence must be submitted to the School Organisation Team by the closing date 31st October 2026. If you do not provide this evidence your child may be refused a place.

Admission out of year group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, to a higher year group if the child is gifted and talented or to a lower year group if the child has experienced problems such as ill health.
A decision is made on the basis of the circumstances of each case.

The process is as follows:

Stage 1 – request
Parents make a formal request to the Local Authority School Organisation Team in writing with any supporting evidence they wish to be considered. A request for early entry into Year 7 should be made before 31st October in the previous academic year in order to give sufficient time for the case to be considered prior to the offer of school places on 1st March.

Stage 2 – decision
Requests for voluntary-aided, foundation and academy schools will be referred to the school for consideration.
Requests for community schools will be considered by the Local Authority. We will look at the following factors, but these are not exhaustive:

- Parent's views
- The needs of the child and the possible impact on them of being educated out of year group
- The child's medical history and views of medical professionals if appropriate
- In the case of children born prematurely the fact that they may have naturally fallen into the lower age group if they had been born on their expected date of birth
- Whether delayed academic, social, emotional or physical development is adversely affecting their readiness for school;
- Any other information which the parent requests the local authority to consider.

Stage 3 – outcome
Parents are notified of the decision in writing by the School Organisation Team.

Request agreed:
If the request is agreed the application will be considered for the year group requested and ranked alongside any other applications in accordance with the oversubscription criteria for the school. **There is no guarantee that a place will be offered at the preferred school.**

Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school, but it is not in their preferred age group.

Request refused:

There is no statutory right of appeal against the refusal of a request for admission outside the normal age group. However, if the parents are dissatisfied, they have the right to complain through the Council's complaints procedure for decisions made by the Local Authority or under the school's complaints procedure where the decision has been made by the school.

If your child is already being taught out of year group in Primary school, you will still need to follow the above process. You should do this before the closing date for application for your child's normal age group. This will be on 31 October of the year your child starts year 5, rather than year 6. This is so you know the outcome of the decision in time to submit an application for your child's normal age group, should your request be turned down.

Expressing and ranking your preferences

Equal preferences

By law, we must use the equal preference system when considering your application for a school place.

All first, second and third preferences you name on your application form will be treated equally. If schools receive more applications than they have places available, the oversubscription criteria will be used to decide which applicants can be potentially offered a place.

The preference order is only used to determine which school should be offered if your application is ranked high enough in the criteria for more than one school i.e. your child will be offered a place at your highest available preference. This is why we advise you to name three preferences on your application form.

If you do not name a second or third preference, it does not increase your chances of getting a place at the school you have named first. If we cannot offer your child a place, we can only offer the nearest school to your child's home address with a place available. Your child may miss out on a place at another school that you prefer.

Please do not name a school more than once. This does not improve your chances of getting a place there.

Reason for Preference

Parents are able to include reasons for their preference when making an application. Your reasons for choosing a particular school are not considered during the allocation process. Only information relevant to the school's oversubscription criteria entered on the correct part of the application form will be considered. Please check your application carefully before submission to ensure that you have entered these details correctly, for example, siblings, looked after status and Education, Health and Care Plan.

If you include reasons for preference, they will be submitted to the independent appeal panel should you be refused a place and take up your right of appeal.

If you are considering applying for support with travel costs to school, please refer to the section 'Help with Travel Costs'. Your preferences may affect your eligibility.

How to apply

All parents need to apply online using the Citizen Portal.
Please visit our website Secondary schools (wigan.gov.uk) to access the secondary information booklet, and online application.

New user of the Citizen portal

If you don't already have an account on the Citizen Portal, simply click on 'register an account' and follow the instructions. You will receive an email confirming your registration; this email will contain a unique link which will active your account. Click on the link and confirm your email and password, you will then be able to add your child's details by clicking on the 'School Places' icon.

Already registered on the Citizen portal

If you have previously registered your details on the citizen portal, you can log in using the same email and password and select the 'School Places' icon. To complete the online application, click the link 'start new application'.

If you cannot remember your password, you can click on the forgotten password link.

If you do remember your password but still having problems accessing your account, please contact the School Organisation team at schoolplaces@wigan.gov.uk or 01942 489013.

Please note you will not be able to log into the Citizen portal with your Wigan Council My Account details.

No internet access or email account

If you do not have a computer or smartphone, you can request a paper application form by contact the School Organisation Team on 01942 489013 or schoolplaces@wigan.gov.uk . Alternatively, you can ask your child's primary school for a copy.

Please return your completed application form to your child's primary school by the closing date 31 October 2026. If your child does not go to a Wigan Primary school, please return your application form to the School Organisation Team by closing date 31 October 2026.

You will receive a receipt for your application. This is your proof that you have applied. Please keep this safe until you know the outcome of your application.

Making changes

You can make changes to your online application form as many times as you like up to the closing date of 31 October 2026.

After you have resubmitted your application, you will receive a confirmation email showing your new preferences. This is your proof that you have changed your preferences. Please keep this safe until you receive an offer of a school place.

If you want to make any changes to your application after the closing date you will need to complete a late application form.

Frequently asked questions about online applications

What do I need to apply online?

You will need access to the internet, an email account, your Council Tax reference number and your child's details.

When can I use the online system?

The online system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week up to midnight on the closing date of 31 October 2026. If you are applying after this date you will need to complete a late application.

Will my application be secure?
Yes, the system has a series of security features which prevent others from seeing your personal information.

Can I change my mind after clicking submit?
Yes, up to the closing date of 31 October 2026 you will be able to amend your online application, you should note that if you revisit or edit your application you will need to resubmit.

How will I know that the amendments have been logged?
Every time you resubmit your online application, you will receive an email notification confirming the changes made.

Can I change my application after the closing date?
You will not be able to amend your submitted application after the closing date of 31 October 2026. If you want to make any changes you will need to complete a late application.

Allocation

Offers

All on time applicants will be notified of their school place offer on 1 March or the next working day if this date falls over a weekend or bank holiday.

If you have applied online before the closing date for applications, you will receive an email from 9:00am on offer day. Emails will be sent to the email address which you provided on the online application form. Online applicants will also be able to view their allocation by logging onto the citizen portal.

If you applied using a paper application, you will receive a letter. Letters will be sent out by first class post on offer day.

If you are offered one of your preferred schools, it is assumed that you will accept the place and no further action will need to be taken. The school allocated will contact you in due course to invite you to the school and arrange admission.

All applicants who are refused a preference, will receive a letter. The letter will include information on how places were allocated at the preferred school(s), in accordance with the individual school's oversubscription criteria and will also include information on waiting lists and appeals procedures.

If you are a Wigan resident and we are unable to offer a place at any of your preferred schools, we have a duty to offer a place at the next nearest school to your home address with an available place.

Please note we are unable to withdraw an offered place unless an alternative school place has been secured first, even if you choose to refuse it.

Year 7 waiting lists

If you are refused one of your preferred schools your child's name will automatically be added to the waiting list for that school.

All admissions authorities must:

- Put all children who have been refused a place on the waiting list for the school.
- Keep the list in oversubscription criteria order.
- Offer any places that become available to the next child on the waiting list; and
- Maintain the waiting list until 31 December 2027.

The waiting list must be kept in the order of the oversubscription criteria for the school. This is a legal requirement. Admission authorities cannot take into account the date the application was received, or the length of time a child's name has been on the waiting list. This means that both on time and late applications are treated the same for waiting list purposes. Your child's position on the waiting list may change if another applicant is refused a place and their application ranked higher in the school's oversubscription criteria, so it's possible for your child to move up and down a list.

If you tell us, after the closing date for applications, that your address has changed, and you provide documents to prove this, we will take this into account for the purposes of the waiting lists from the date you are resident at your new address.

Please note: Your child's name can only be placed on the waiting list for schools you have named as preferences and have been refused a place. This means that they can only be on 3 waiting lists at any one time. If your child's name is already on 3 waiting lists and you wish to put them on the waiting list for another school, you need to decide which of your original preference you want to change.

Waiting lists for foundation schools, academies and free schools
Each school includes details of their waiting list policy in their admission arrangements. Wigan Council will maintain the waiting list on behalf of the admission authorities of the following schools:

- Atherton High School
- Dean Trust Wigan
- Dean Trust Rose Bridge
- Fred Longworth High School
- Golborne High School
- Hawkley Hall High School
- Lowton CE High School
- Outwood Academy Hindley
- Standish Community High School
- The Byrchall High School
- The Westleigh School

Waiting lists for voluntary-aided schools

- St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School
- St John Fisher Catholic High School
- St Mary's Catholic High School
- St Peter's Catholic High School
- The Deanery CofE High School

Each voluntary aided school includes details of their waiting list policy in their admission arrangements. The governing body of the school will maintain the waiting list. If you are refused a place at a voluntary aided school, please contact the school to confirm that your child's name is on the waiting list.

Giving a place from a waiting list
If a place becomes available at an oversubscribed school and your child's name is at the top of the waiting list, we will contact you to ask if you want

to accept the place. We will do this by telephone if possible. We will send you a letter to confirm the new offer.

If you accept a place from a waiting list, we will withdraw any place we have already offered and make it available for another child.

Late Applications

It is important that you submit your application before the closing date of 31 October 2026. Applications received after the closing date will be classed as late.

All applications submitted on or before the closing date will be processed at the same time. Late applications will be processed after those received on time. You should be aware that a late application could reduce the chance of gaining a place at your preferred school

Making changes to an application after the closing date

If you change your mind about the preferences or the order of preferences after the closing date, you must complete a late application form. The late application form will be available online after the closing date or a paper copy can be requested from the School Organisation Team.

However, it is important to note that this will be treated as a late application, and it may reduce your chance of getting a place at the school you want. **If we are able to offer a place based on your new application, we will automatically withdraw the original offer if one was made.**

Appeals

You can appeal to an independent appeal panel if the admission authority refuses your child a place at any school you have expressed a preference for.

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

- Why your application was refused
- How to appeal
- The time limit for submitting your appeal
- 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.

Appeals for children refused a place at a preferred school for admission to Year 7 in September 2026 will be heard according to the following timetable:

Offer date	**Appeals lodged**	**Appeals to be heard**
1 March 2026 (next working day if falls at a weekend)	by 13 April 2027	within 40 school days
	After 13 April 2027	Within 30 school days

Appeals should be heard within 40 school days from the deadline for lodging appeals where possible, or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

Before the hearing

You will be notified of the appeal date at least 10 school days before the hearing.

A copy of the school's statement of case will be sent to you at least 5 school days before the hearing.
Any additional information you wish to submit to support your appeal must be sent to the clerk at least 7 school days before the hearing. Any additional information not submitted by this deadline may not be considered by the independent appeal panel.

The appeal panel

The panel have three or five people on it. They are completely independent to the Local Authority and the school you are appealing for. The appeal panel will also have a clerk.

At the appeal hearing

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

A representative of the admission authority will be at the hearing to give their reasons for refusing your child a place and you can ask 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.

After the hearing

If you have been unsuccessful at your appeal, you may want to consider the following options:

1. Complaints about maladministration

Community, Foundation and Voluntary Aided Schools

The Local Government Ombudsman can investigate written complaints about bad administration by an admissions appeal panel for community, voluntary aided or foundation schools. 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. You cannot complain just on the basis that you think an admissions decision is wrong.

You can contact the Local Government Ombudsman at:
Local Government Ombudsman
Visit the Local Government Ombudsman website for information.
Telephone 0300 061 0614

Academy and Free schools

The Education and Skills Funding Agency deals with complaints about bad administration by an admissions appeal panel for academy and free schools. 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. You cannot complain just on the basis that you think an admissions decision is wrong.
Visit the Education and Skills Funding Agency website for contact details.

2. 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

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

They 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 which would change the priority of your application or the submission of substantial new evidence that could not have been made available to the original appeal panel. 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.

See the Department for Education's website for further information about admission appeals.

Information about Wigan secondary schools

Types of secondary school

In Wigan there are a range of schools available. Each type of school has an admission authority that is responsible for considering applications.

The oversubscription criteria for all types of schools are given in this booklet. You can also view admission arrangements for each school in full on the Wigan Council and individual schools' websites.

We give detail of how schools offered places last year to help explain how the available places were allocated. You may want to consider this information when deciding on your preferences. The information is only a guide because the number of applications for a school is different each year.

Community schools

Wigan Council is the admission authority for community schools and decides who will be offered places, if there are more applications than the number of places available.

Foundation schools

The governing body of a foundation school decides who will be offered place, if there are more applications than the number of places available.

Academies and Free schools

The Academy Trust for a free school or academy decides who will be offered a place, if there are more applications than places.

Voluntary aided (church) schools

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

If your child goes to a voluntary aided primary school, they are not guaranteed a place at a voluntary-aided secondary-school. You should read the oversubscription criteria carefully.

The oversubscription criteria for voluntary aided secondary schools usually take account of whether the child is a member of a church or goes to church (or both). They ask for information about this on their own supplementary information form.

Obtaining more information about individual schools

Visit the schools

It is a good idea to attend the open evenings of schools you may be interested in before deciding which one you prefer your child to attend.

School websites

Each year schools are required to publish information about their school on their websites. The individual schools' website addresses can be found further along in this booklet.

Ofsted reports

Schools are regularly inspected by the Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED). Copies of Ofsted reports are available from schools or can be viewed on reports.ofsted.gov.uk.

School performance tables

Yearly school achievement and attainment tables are available online at Compare the performance of schools and colleges in England - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

2026 allocation table

The table below contains information on how places were allocated for all Wigan secondary schools on National offer day 2026.

School	School Type and Age Range	Published Admission Number	Oversubscribed school	Places Allocated	Last place offered criterion and distance	Appeals lodged	Appeals upheld
Atherton High School	Free 11-16	90	Yes	125	Criterion 3 1.032 miles	6	0
Bedford High School	Community 11-16	210	No	202	All on time applications offered a place	0	0
Cansfield High School	Community 11-16	202	No	198	All on time applications offered a place	0	0
Dean Trust Rose Bridge	Academy 11-16	150	No	150	All on time applications offered a place	0	0
Dean Trust Wigan	Academy 11-16	205	No	168	All on time applications offered a place	0	0
Fred Longworth High School	Academy 11-16	255	Yes	265	Criterion 4 1.863 miles	14	1
Golborne High School	Foundation 11-16	230	Yes	240	Criterion 3 1.841 miles	9	0

Hawkley Hall High School	Academy 11-16	216	Yes	216	Criterion 4 2.298 miles	0	0
Lowton Church of England High School	Foundation 11-16	170	No	162	All on time applications offered a place	0	0
Outwood Academy, Hindley	Academy 11-16	180	Yes	180	Criterion 3 1.572 miles	17	3
Shevington High School	Community 11-16	178	Yes	178	Criterion 5 2.672 miles	12	4
St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School	Voluntary Aided 11-16	240	Yes	240	Criterion 4.3 4.411 miles	1	1
St John Fisher Catholic High School	Voluntary Aided 11-16	200	Yes	200	Criterion 8.3 0.435 miles	4	2
St Mary's Catholic High School	Voluntary Aided 11-18	260	Yes	260	Criterion 8.3 1.694 miles	9	0
St Peter's Catholic High School	Voluntary Aided 11-16	205	Yes	205	Criterion 4.3 1.133 miles	14	5
Standish Community High School	Academy 11-16	260	No	251	All on time applications offered a place	0	0
The Byrchall High School	Academy 11-16	240	Yes	265	Criterion 3 2.949 miles	36	1
The Deanery Church of England High School	Voluntary Aided 11-18	250	Yes	260	Criterion 5 1.096 miles	11	2
The Westleigh School	Academy 11-16	210	No	210	All on time applications offered a place	0	0

School contact details and oversubscription criterion 2027/2028

Atherton High School

Hamilton Street, Atherton, M46 0AY

Head Teacher: Mrs L Turner
Admission Authority: Academy Trust
Admission number: 90

Telephone: 01942 885500
Website: Atherton High School
Email: enquiries@athertonhigh.com

Oversubscription criteria
This is an extract from the schools Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

If there are more applicants than places available, after students with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names Atherton High School, places will be offered in the following order:

1. 'Looked after children' and previously looked after children. 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). Application for

previously looked after children must be supported with appropriate evidence i.e. a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order).

2. Children whose older brother or sister attend Atherton High School and will still be there at the time of admission.

3. Children living closest to the school, measured in a straight line from the home address to the front gates of the School.

Tie-breaker
Where there are more applicants for the available places within categories (1) – (3), then the straight-line distance will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. If oversubscription occurs in distance, and home to school distance is equal, rank order will be determined by Atherton High School using a random number generator. This process will be independently verified. Where this applies to twins or other multiple births, the school will consider if it can accommodate the additional child(ren) on a case-by-case basis.

Bedford High School

Manchester Road, Leigh, WN7 2LU

Head Teacher: Mr P McCaffery
Admission Authority: Local Authority
Admission number: 210

Telephone: 01942 909009
Website: Bedford High School –
Email: enquiries@bedford.wigan.sch.uk

Oversubscription criteria
A full copy of the Community Schools Admission Arrangements can be viewed at Determination of admission arrangements (wigan.gov.uk).

Where the school receives more applications than places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied once places have first been allocated to pupils who have an education health and care plan which names the school:

1. Looked after children, previously looked after children and children who appear to the Local Authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because they were 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). Applications for previously looked after children must be supported with appropriate evidence i.e. a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that the child has been adopted from state care.

2. Children whose older brother or sister attends the school and will still be there at the time of admission.

3. Priority will be given to children of all staff in either of the following circumstances:
   (a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made; or
   (b) where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

4. Children living in Atherton (M46 postcodes), Leigh (WN7 postcodes), Astley (M29 postcodes), Tyldesley (M29 postcodes) and Mosley Common (M28 postcodes).

5. Other children living nearest to the school.

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. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey.

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 too.

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.

Cansfield High School

Old Road, Ashton-In-Makerfield, WN4 9TP

Head Teacher: Mrs N Daniels
Admission Authority: Local Authority
Admission number: 202
Telephone: 01942 727391

Website: Cansfield – Achieving Excellence Together
Email: enquiries@admin.cansfield.wigan.sch.uk

Oversubscription criteria

A full copy of the Community Schools Admission Arrangements can be viewed at Determination of admission arrangements (wigan.gov.uk).

Where the school receives more applications than places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied once places have first been allocated to pupils who have an education health and care plan which names the school:

1. Looked after children, previously looked after children and children who appear to the Local Authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because they were 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). Applications for previously looked after children must be supported with appropriate evidence i.e. a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that the child has been adopted from state care.

2. Children whose older brother or sister attends the school and will still be there at the time of admission

3. Other children living in Ashton-in-Makerfield, and Garswood and North Ashton in St Helens (WN4 postcodes).

4. Other children living nearest to the school

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. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey.

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 too.

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.

Dean Trust Rose Bridge

Holt Street, Ince, Wigan, WN1 3HD

Head Teacher: Miss L Cropper
Admission Authority: Academy Trust
Admission number: 150

Telephone: 01942 510712
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Email: office@deantrustrosebridge.co.uk

Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the schools Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

Where the number of applicants for admission exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine how places are awarded.

1. 'Looked after' children, including 'previously looked after'. As defined by the School Admissions Code 2021.

2. Children who will have an older sibling attending the school up to and including Y11 at the time of the applicant's proposed admission. This includes half/step or adopted brothers or sisters, who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit.

3. Children of staff at Dean Trust Rose Bridge who have 2 years continuous service at the time of application.

4. Children who live nearest to the school, measured in a direct straight line from the child's permanent place of residence to the main entrance of the school. This will be measured using property co-ordinates provided through a combination of the Wigan Local land and Property Gazetteer (BS7666), other LA data and Royal Mail Postal Address Information.

The criteria used to determine admission refer in every case to the child's home address this means the address where the child normally and permanently lives on a full time basis, not the address of a child minder, grandparent or any other relative.

If parents are separated and child care arrangements are shared between two addresses the average of the distances of the two addresses from the school will be used to determine priority for admission.

We assume that you will always provide us with the correct factual information when you apply for a school place. You should be aware that any school place that has been offered on the basis of false information may be withdrawn and the place may be offered to another child.

For all leasing agreements a minimum of 24 months leasing agreement is required with legally supporting documentation and also documentation pertaining to the disposal of the previous home.

Any applicant who moves address must provide evidence and legal documentation to the effect they have purchased and exchanged contracts on a property and documentation relating to proof of disposal of the previous home.

Tie Break Arrangements
In the event that following the over subscription criteria points 1-4 above, where two or more applicants are otherwise unable to be separated for a place at the school, this will be decided through a random draw conducted and scrutinized by person's independent from the school and from the Children, Families and Wellbeing Directorate.

Final Tie Break Arrangements
Each random allocation event only holds for the allocation of the currently available school place. On any waiting list the remaining applicants remain equally ranked and any further place is offered as the result of a further random exercise.

Dean Trust Wigan

Greenhey, Orrell, Wigan, WN5 0DQ

Head Teacher: Mrs J Evans
Admission Authority: Academy Trust
Admission number: 205

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Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the schools Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

Where the number of applicants for admission exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine how places are awarded:

1. 'Looked after' children and 'previously looked after' children, as defined by the School Admissions Code (2021).

2. Children who will have an older sibling attending the school up to and including Year 11 at the time of the applicant's proposed admission. This includes half/step or adopted brothers or sisters, who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit. Except when the older sibling obtained a place solely because he or she was in possession of an Educational Health Care Plan that names Dean Trust Wigan.

3. Childre of staff at Dean Trust Wigan who have 2 years continuous service at the time of application.

4. Children who live nearest to the School, measured in a direct straight line from the child's permanent place of residence to the main entrance of the School. This will be measured using property co-ordinates provided through a combination of the Wigan Local Land and Property Gazetteer (BS7666), other LA data and Royal Mail Postal Address Information.

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 parents' address, the address which will be used for admission to schools is the address where the child sleeps the majority of the school nights (Sunday to Thursday) during the week in term time. Where there is dispute or equal nights are slept, parent will be asked to provide proof of the address registered with the child's GP.

We may ask to see additional forms of evidence of your home address (photocopies are acceptable). This may include:

- proof of where you are registered for council tax
- your television licence
- wage/ salary slip
- proof of your child tax credits

Any evidence you provide must show that the parent or main carer lives at this address. We may seek evidence by other means if the parent/carer is unable to provide sufficient proof of their residence.

We assume that you will always provide us with the correct factual information when you apply for a school place. You should be aware that any school place that has been offered on the basis of false information may be withdrawn and the place may be offered to another child.

If a successful applicant moves home between the date of allocation and the beginning of term in September 2027, the offer of the place will be reviewed. As a result of this review the offer may be withdrawn if an unsuccessful application is, as a result of the move, promoted to a higher priority on the Schools admissions criteria.

For all leasing agreements a minimum of 24 months leasing agreement is required with legally supporting documentation and also documentation pertaining to the disposal of the previous home.

Any applicant who moves address must provide evidence and legal documentation to the effect they have purchased and exchanged contracts on a property and documentation relating to proof of disposal of the previous home.

Tie Break Arrangements
In the event that following the over subscription criteria points 1 – 4 above, where two or more applicants are otherwise unable to be separated for a place at the school, this will be decided through a random draw conducted and scrutinised by person's independent from the School and from the Children, Families and Wellbeing Directorate.

Final Tie Break Arrangements
Each random allocation event only holds for the allocation of the currently available school place. On any waiting list the remaining applicants remain equally ranked and any further place is offered as the result of a further random exercise.

Fred Longworth High School

Printshop Lane, Tyldesley, M29 8JN

Head Teacher: Mr P Davies
Admission Authority: Academy Trust
Admission number: 255

Telephone: 01942 883796
Website: Fred Longworth High School (flhs.org.uk)
Email: enquiries@flhs.wigan.sch.uk

Oversubscription criteria
This is an extract from the schools Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

Where the school receives more applications than places available, the following admission criteria will be applied once places have been allocated to pupils who have an Education Health Care Plan which names the school:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. Previously looked after 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). Applications for previously looked after children must be supported with appropriate evidence i.e. a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order.

2. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school at the time of admission.

3. Children with a parent/carer employed by the school.

   Children of staff at the school – Priority will be given to children of staff employed by the school in either or both of the following circumstances:
   a) Where a member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application of admission to the school is made, and/or;
   b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

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 children who live nearer to Bedford High School than Fred Longworth High School, and children living in the 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. (see map below)

5. Children who live in Atherton and Tyldesley who attend one of the following associated primary schools:
   Tyldesley Primary School, Garrett Hall, St John's Mosley Common, St George's Central Tyldesley, St Stephen's Astley, Chowbent, Hindsford CE, St Philip's Atherton and Parklee.

6. Children living in the remainder of Tyldesley and the remainder of Atherton.

7. Other children living nearest to the school.

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

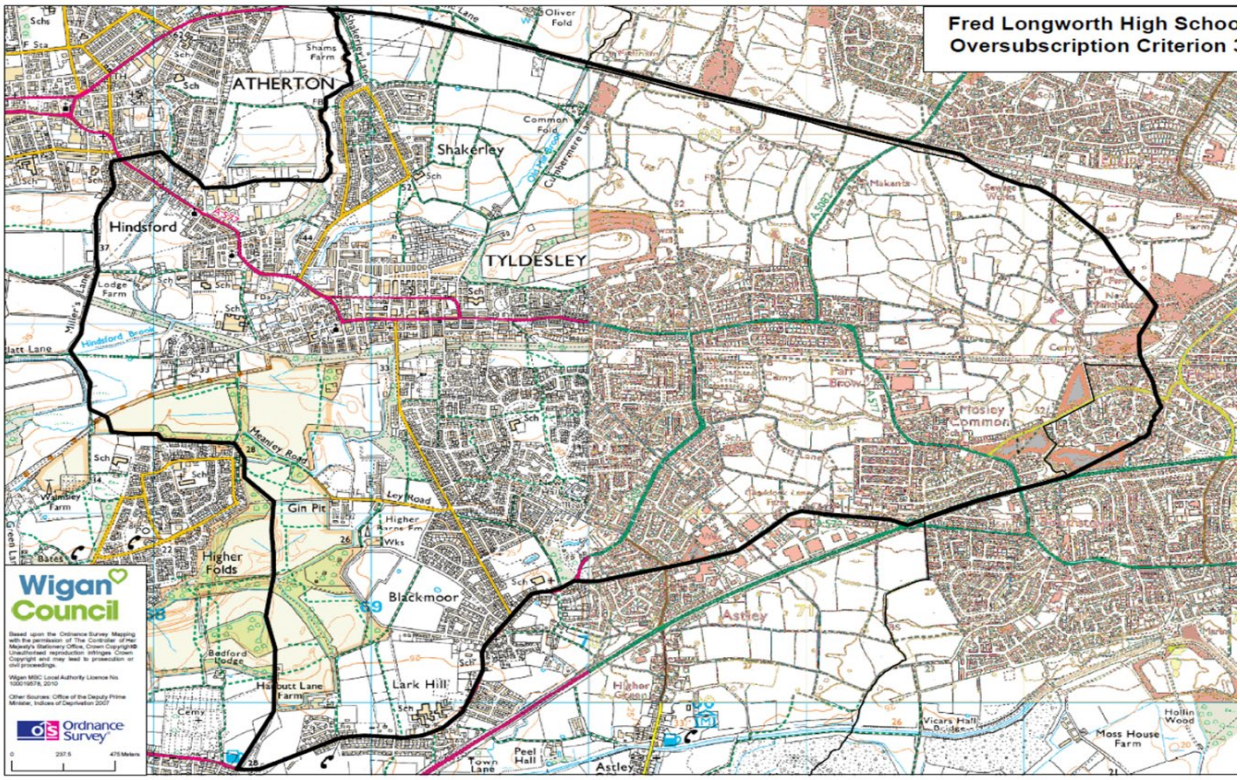
to the school. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the front entrance to the child's home address to the Squire's Lane entrance gate at the rear of the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey.

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 too.

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 randomly to pick who will be offered a place.

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.

Fred Longworth High School – Criterion 4



Golborne High School

Lowton Road, Golborne, WA3 3EL

Head Teacher: Mrs A Stott
Admission Authority: Governing Body
Admission number: 230

Telephone: 01942 726842
Website: Golborne High School
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Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the schools Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

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 an Educational Health Care Plan which names the school:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. Children who appear to the Governing Body of the school 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 residence order or special guardianship order). Applications for previously looked after children must be supported with appropriate evidence i.e. a copy of the adoption order.

Note: A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that the child has been adopted from state care.

2. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the 2026-27 school year.

3. Children who attend one of the following associated primary schools: Golborne All Saints, Golborne Community Primary, Golborne St. Thomas's, Lowton J&I, Lowton St. Catherine's, Lowton St. Luke's, Lowton St. Mary's, Lowton West Primary within the WA3 1, WA3 2, and WA3 3 postcode areas.

4. Other children living in Golborne and Lowton within the WA3 1, WA3 2, and WA3 3 postcode areas.

5. Children living in Abram within the area defined in blue on the attached map.

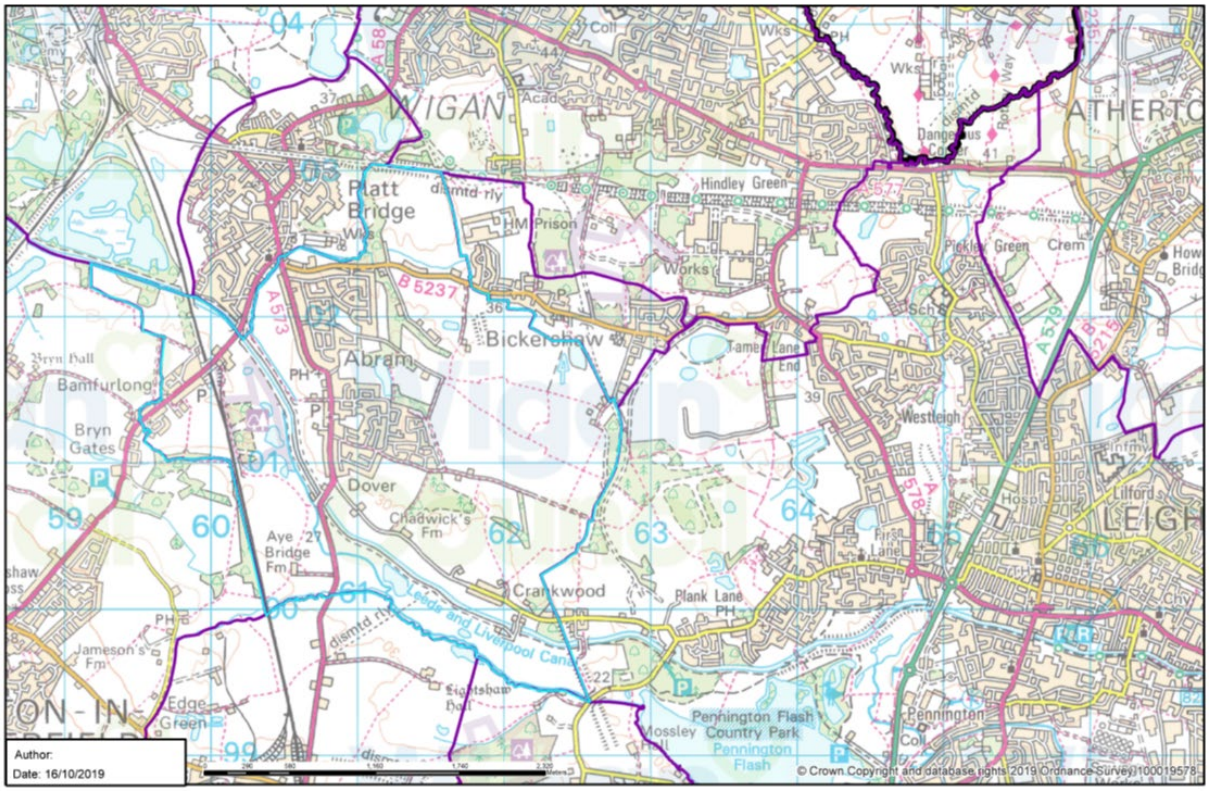
6. Other children living nearest to the school.

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. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey.

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, a system to randomly pick who will be offered a place will be used. The governing body will use the same system used by the local authority for community and controlled schools. A copy of the policy is available on request from the local authority.

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 triplet too.

Golborne High School – Criterion 5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Hawkley Hall High School

Carr Lane, Wigan, WN3 5NY

Head Teacher: Mr P McKendrick
Admission Authority: Academy Trust
Admission number: 216

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Website: hhhs.net
Email: admin@hhhs.net

Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the schools Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

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 an Education Health Care Plan which names the school:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children and children who appear to the Admission Authority of the school 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 become subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). Applications for previously looked after children must be supported with appropriate evidence, i.e. a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order.

Note: A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is the benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that the child has been adopted from state care.

2. Children whose older brother or sister attends the school and will still be there at the time of admission.

3. Children living in the postcodes WN3-5** and WN3-6**.

4. Other children living nearest to the school.

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. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey.

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.

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 too.
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.

Lowton Church of England High School

Newton Road, Lowton, WA3 1DU

Head Teacher: Mrs J Galbraith
Admission Authority: Governing Body
Admission number: 170

Telephone: 01942 767040
Website: Lowton Church of England High School
Email: enquiries@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk

Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the schools Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

Where the school receives more applications than the number of places available (after the admission of any pupils with an EHCP naming the school), the following admission oversubscription criteria will be applied in the order of priority shown, in order to determine the allocation of the remaining place.

The criteria should be read together with the notes (notes available on the schools website).

1. Looked after children, previously looked after children and children who appear to have been in state care outside of England.

2. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school at the time of admission.

3. Children of teaching and support staff working at the school from the date of their Admission.
   a. Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or,
   b. Where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

4. Any other children

Tie Breaker

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, priority for admission will be given to children who live nearest to the school, as measured by Wigan Local Authority. Details of the Local Authority's measuring system are on the Local Authority's website. 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 the address where the child sleeps the majority of the school nights (Sunday to Thursday) during the week in term time. Where there is dispute or equal nights are slept, parent will be asked to provide proof of the address registered with the child's GP.

We may ask to see additional forms of evidence of your home address (photocopies are acceptable). This may include:

- proof of where you are registered for council tax
- your television licence
- wage or salary slip
- proof of your child tax credits

Any evidence you provide must show that the parent or main carer lives at this address. We may seek evidence by other means if the parent or carer is unable to provide sufficient proof of their residence.

Outwood Academy, Hindley

Mornington Road, Hindley, WN2 4LG

Principal: Ms J Norman
Admission Authority: Academy Trust
Admission number: 180

Telephone: 01942 767704
Website: Outwood Academy Hindley
Email: enquiries@hindley.outwood.com

Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the schools Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

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 an Educational Health Care Plan which names the school or education, health and care plan.

1. Looked after children, previously looked after children and children who appear to the Academy Trust to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because they were 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). Applications for previously looked after children must be supported with appropriate evidence i.e. a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that the child has been adopted from state care.

2. Children with brothers and/or sisters who will be attending the school at the time of admission.

3. Other children living in Hindley, Hindley Green, Platt Bridge, Abram and Bickershaw with WN2 2, WN2 3, WN2 4 and WN2 5 postcodes (this does not include children living in other areas that share these postcodes).

4. Other children living nearest to the school.

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. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey.

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, a system to randomly pick who will be offered a place will be used. The governing body will use the system used by the local authority for community and controlled schools. A copy of the policy is available on request from the local authority.

Shevington High School

Shevington Lane, Shevington, Wigan, WN6 8AB

Head Teacher: Mr J Bennett
Admission Authority: Local Authority
Admission number: 178

Telephone: 01257 400990
Website: Shevington | High School (shevingtonhigh.org.uk)
Email: enquiries@shevington.org.uk

Oversubscription criteria

A full copy of the Community Schools Admission Arrangements can be viewed at Determination of admission arrangements (wigan.gov.uk).

Where the school receives more applications than places available the following oversubscription criteria will be applied once places have first been allocated to pupils who have an education health and care plan which names the school:

1. Looked after children, previously looked after children and children who appear to the Local Authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because they were 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). Applications for previously looked after children must be supported with appropriate evidence i.e. a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that the child has been adopted from state care.

2. Children whose older brother or sister attends the school and will still be there at the time of admission.

3. Priority will be given to children of all staff in either of the following

circumstances:
(a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made; or
(b) where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

4. Children living in Shevington.

5. Children living in Standish Lower Ground, Appley Bridge and Orrell (follow this link for map).

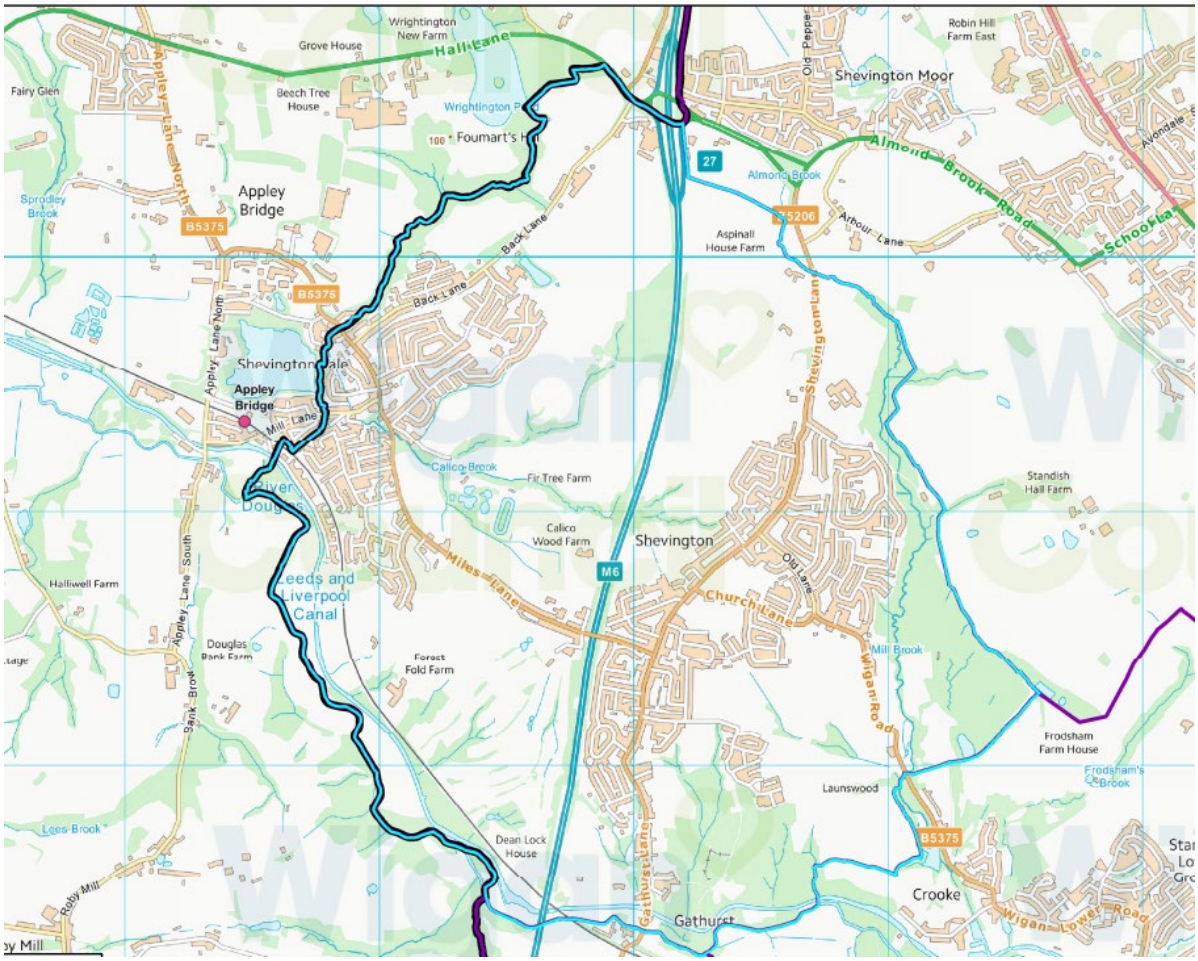
6. Children living nearest to the school.

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. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey.

If we offer the last place available at the school to one of twins (or triplets, and soon), our policy is to admit the other twin or triplets too.

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.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Mill Lane
Calico Brook
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Standish Hall Farm
River Douglas
Calico Wood Farm
Shevington
Miles Lane
M6
Old Lane
Church Lane
Halliwell Farm
Leeds and Liverpool Canal
Appley Lane South
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Forest Fold Farm
Mill Brook
Wigan Road
Frodsham Farm House
Frodsham's Brook
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Lees Brook
Dean Lock House
Gathurst Lane
Gathurst
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Wigan Lower Road

St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Rookey Avenue, Ashton-In-Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 9PF

Head Teacher: Mr M Dumican
Admission Authority: Governing Body
Admission number: 240

Telephone: 01942 728651
Website: St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School
Email: enquiries@arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk

Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the school's Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

Where there are more applications than the number of places available, the following set of oversubscription criteria will be applied:

Children with an Education Health Care Plan that names the school will be offered place without using the admission criteria and will count as part of the school's published admission number.

Within each of the criteria below 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.

(ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.

2. Baptised Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith; St Wilfrid's, Ashton-in-Makerfield; Our Lady Immaculate, Bryn; The Blessed English Martyrs', Haydock; St Benedict's, Hindley; St John Rigby (the part formerly referred to as Sacred Heart, Hindley Green); Holy Family, Platt Bridge and St Aidan's, Winstanley; or former parish of Sacred Heart, Hindley Green Catholic School.

3. Other Catholic children.

4. Children attending one of the following Catholic Partner Primary Schools in the parishes named in criterion 2 above:
   English Martyrs', Haydock, St Aidan's, Holy Family, Platt Bridge, St Benedict's, St Oswald's, Sacred Heart Hindley Green, St Wilfrid's.

5. Member of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome

6. Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.

7. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.

8. Any other children.

Tie Breaker
Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using Wigan Council's Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out. This should then be formally minuted by the Admissions Committee for future reference.

St John Fisher Catholic High School

Baytree Road, Springfield, Wigan, WN6 7RN

Head Teacher: Mrs A Rigby
Admission Authority: Governing Body
Admission number: 200

Telephone: 01942 510715
Website: St John Fisher Catholic High School
Email: enquiries@sjf.wigan.sch.uk

Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the school's Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

Where there are more applications than the number of places available, the following set of oversubscription criteria will be applied:

Children with an Education Health Care Plan that names the school will be offered place without using the admission criteria and will count as part of the school's published admission number.

Within each of the criteria below 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.

(ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.

2. Baptised Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St Mary's, St Williams (including the parts of the parish formerly referred to as St John's and St Patrick's), St Edwards (including the part of the parish formerly referred to as Sacred Heart) and St Jude's, or former parishes of St John's & St Patrick's and Sacred Heart.

3. Other Catholic children.

4. Children attending one of the following Catholic Partner Primary Schools in the parishes or former parishes named in criterion 2 above: Sacred Heart Wigan, St Mary & St John's, St Cuthbert's, St Patrick's, St Jude's, St William's.

5. Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.

6. Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.

7. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.

8. Any other children.

Tie Breaker

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school, determined by the shortest distance. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using Wigan Council's Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out. This should then be formally minuted by the Admissions Committee for future reference.

St Mary's Catholic High School

Manchester Road, Astley, Tyldesley, M29 7EE

Head Teacher: Mrs D Brahms
Admission Authority: Governing Body
Admission number: 260

Telephone: 01942 884144
Website: St Mary's Catholic High School.
Email: enquiries@smchs.org.uk

Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the school's Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

Where there are more applications than the number of places available, the following set of oversubscription criteria will be applied:

Children with an Education Health Care Plan that names the school will be offered place without using the admission criteria and will count as part of the school's published admission number.

Within each of the criteria below 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.

(ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment (not including the Sixth Form).

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.

2. Catholic children resident in the parishes of St Edmund Arrowsmith, St John Rigby and St Margaret Clitherow or former parishes of Ambrose Barlow, St Joseph, Sacred Heart Atherton, Sacred Heart Leigh, Holy Family, Twelve Apostles, Our Lady of the Rosary, St Richard's and St Gabriel's.

3. Other Catholic children.

4. Children attending one of the following Catholic partner primary schools in the parishes or former parishes named in criterion 2 above. Holy Family, Boothstown; Sacred Heart, Atherton; Sacred Heart, Leigh; St Ambrose Barlow; St Gabriel's; St Joseph's; St Richard's; Twelve Apostles.
5. Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
6. Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
7. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
8. Any other children.

Tie Breaker

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school, determined by the shortest distance. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using Wigan Council's Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out. This should then be formally minuted by the Admissions Committee for future reference.

St Peter's Catholic High School

Howards Lane, Orrell, WN5 8NU

Head Teacher: Mr A McGlown
Admission Authority: Governing Body
Admission number: 205

Telephone: 01942 747693
Website: St Peter's Catholic High School
Email: enquiries@admin.saintpetershigh.wigan.sch.uk

Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the school's Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

Where there are more applications than the number of places available, the following set of oversubscription criteria will be applied:

Children with an Education Health Care Plan that names the school will be offered place without using the admission criteria and will count as part of the school's published admission number.

Within each of the criteria below 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.

(ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.

2. Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of Our Lady of the Annunciation & St Bernadette; St James', Orrell; St Joseph's, Wrightington; St Mary's, Birchley; St Teresa's, Upholland and St Edward's (the part of the parish formerly referred to as St Cuthbert's).

3. Other Catholic children.

4. Children attending one of the following Catholic Partner Primary Schools in the parishes or former parishes named in criterion 2 above: St Bernadette's; St Joseph's, Wrightington (Lancashire LA); St Cuthbert's; St Mary's, Birchley (St Helens LA); St James' St Teresa's, Upholland Lancashire (LA); St Marie's.

5. Members of an Eastern Christian Church not in full communion with Rome.

6. Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.

7. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.

8. Any other children.

Tie Breaker

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school, determined by the shortest distance. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using Wigan Council's Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out. This should then be formally minuted by the Admissions Committee for future reference.

Standish Community High School

Kenyon Road, Standish, Wigan, WN6 0NX

Head Teacher: Mrs L Barker
Admission Authority: Academy Trust
Admission number: 260

Telephone: 01257 422265

Website: Standish Community High School
Email: contactus@standishchs.wigan.sch.uk

Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the school's Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

Where the school receives more applications than places available the following oversubscription criteria will be applied once places have first been allocated to pupils who have an education health and care plan which names the school:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
   A "looked after child" is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions at the time of making an application to a school. Previously looked after children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subjected to child arrangements order or special guardianship order).
   A child is regarded as being in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that the child has been adopted from state care.

2. Children whose brother or sister attends the school and will still be there at the time of admission.

3. Children of staff.

Where the member of staff has been employed at a school within the Standish Community High School for two or more years at the time at which the admissions application for the school is made, and/or where a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrated skill shortage. Parents and carers must state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.

4. Other children living in Standish including Shevington Moor as demarcated by Area A on the attached map.
   For clarity this includes postcode area WN6-0**, WN1-2 to the north of and including Mere Oaks and Brockwood View, Wigan Road, Standish up to the boundary with Lancashire.

5. Other children living in Aspull, including New Springs and Haigh demarcated as Area B on the attached map.
   For clarity this is an area defined by postcodes WN2-1**.

6. Other children living in the wards of Wigan Central and Wigan West and residual area of Aspull, New Springs and Whelley shown as Area C on the attached map.
   For clarity this includes postcode areas WN6-7** and WN6-8** within Wigan West; and WN1-1**, WN1-2** and WN1-3** within Wigan Central; and WN1**2 within Aspull/New Springs/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.

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. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on Ordnance Survey mapping.

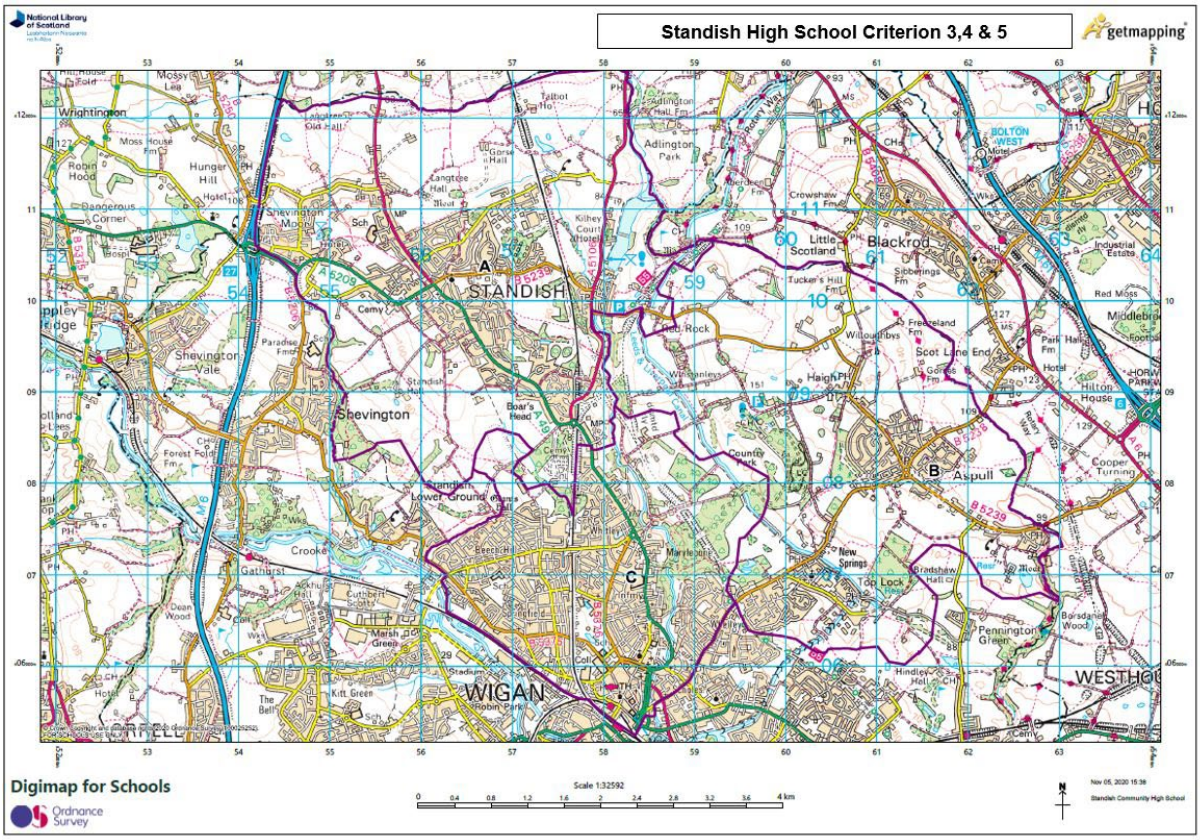
Occasionally, the distance from home to school is the same for more than one child (for example, if more than one child lives in the same block of flats). In these cases, we will use a system to randomly pick who will be

offered a place. If random allocation is required, this will supervised by the Local Authority, independent to the school or Trust.

If we offer the last place available at the school to one of twins (or triplets, and so on), our policy is the admit the other twin or triplets too.

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.

Standish High School – Criterion 4, 5 & 6



The Byrchall High School

Warrington Road, Ashton-In-Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 9PQ

Head Teacher: Mr P Paul
Admission Authority: Academy Trust
Admission number: 240
Telephone: 01942 728221

Website: Home | Byrchall High School
Email: enquiries@admin.byrchall.wigan.sch.uk

Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the schools Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

Where the school receives more application than places available, the following admission criteria will be applied once place have been first allocated to pupils who have a state of special educational needs or education health and care plan which names the school:

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. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

2. Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school at the time of admission.

3. Other children living in the Makerfield area including Ashton-in-Makerfield, Abram, Bryn Gates, Downall Green, Garswood, Golborne, Haydock, Hindley, Ince-in-Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows, North Ashton, Platt Bridge, Wargrave and Winstanley (see attached map).

4. Other children living nearest to the school.

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. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey.

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, a system to randomly pick who will be offered a place will be used. The governing body will use the system used by the local authority for community and controlled schools. A copy of the policy is available on request from the local authority.

Map of Makerfield area (criterion 3)

Makerfield

The historic Makerfield area of South Lancashire extends from Liverpool in the West to Chorley in the North and East to Eccles.

The Deanery Church of England High School

Frog Lane, Wigan, WN1 1HQ

Head Teacher: Mr M Wood
Admission Authority: Governing Body
Admission number: 250

Telephone: 01942 768801
Website: Homepage - The Deanery
Email: enquiries@deanery.wigan.sch.uk

Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the schools Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

Where the school receives more applications than places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied once places have first been allocated to pupils who have an Education Health and Care plan which names the school.

a) Children in Public Care and previously looked after children. This includes any 'looked after child', 'previously looked after child' or any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 'looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a Local Authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their social services functions. This criteria also includes looked after children and all previously looked after 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.

b) Children of staff at the school who are employed on a permanent contract and have a) been employed fortwo or more years or b) been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there was a demonstrable skill shortage, at the time of application.

c) Children who will have a sibling at The Deanery Church of England High School at the time of application, including the Sixth Form.

d) Children who are regular worshippers at a Christian church, as long as this is confirmed by the church leader (such as the vicar, priest, minister, faith leader) using the Supplementary Information Form.

e) Children who express a preference for a place at the school on their Local Authority form.

Tie Breaker
Within each group above, children who live nearer the school will be offered a place first. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to the school's Pupil Entrance, using a Geographical Information System.

Occasionally the distance from home to school is the same for more than one child (e.g. If two children live in the same block of flats). In these cases, the Local Authority will prioritise these children on a random basis.

When parents apply for a place, they must give the correct permanent address. This is where the child and parent, or person with care of the child, or the person with parental responsibility, normally live. If the child's 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 define this as the address where the child sleeps the majority of school nights (Sunday to Thursday) during the week in term time. Where there is dispute or equal nights are slept, parent will be asked to provide proof of the address registered with the child's GP.

We may carry out checks to confirm that addresses are genuine. We may ask to see two forms of evidence of
a child's permanent address at the closing date for applications such as:

- where the registration for council tax is held, and/or
- a utility bill which can be gas, electricity or water

Any evidence provided must establish that the parent or main carer lived at this address at the closing date for applications. If there is a temporary change of address, for example, if someone has gone to live with a relative etc., this address cannot be used. When considering a child's application, we use the permanent home address we have on file at the closing date for applications.

The Westleigh School

Westleigh Lane, Leigh, WN7 5NL

Executive Head Teacher:
Mr C Bramwell
Admission Authority: Academy Trust
Admission number: 180

Telephone: 01942 202580
Website: The Westleigh School
Email:
enquiries@westleigh.set.org

Oversubscription criteria

This is an extract from the schools Admission Arrangements. Please visit the school's website for a copy of the full arrangements including definitions and interpretations.

Where the school receives more applications than places available, the following.
oversubscription criteria will be applied once places have first been allocated to pupils who have an education health and care plan, which names the school:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. 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). This criteria also includes looked after children and all previously looked after 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. Applications for previously looked after children must be supported with appropriate evidence i.e. a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

2. Children whose older brother or sister attends the school and will still be there at the time of admission.

3. Children living in Leigh within the WN7 5 postcode area, or Atherton within the M46 postcode area (map available).

4. Other children living in Leigh within the WN7 1, WN7 2, WN7 3 and WN7 4 postcode areas (map available).

5. Other children living nearest to the school.

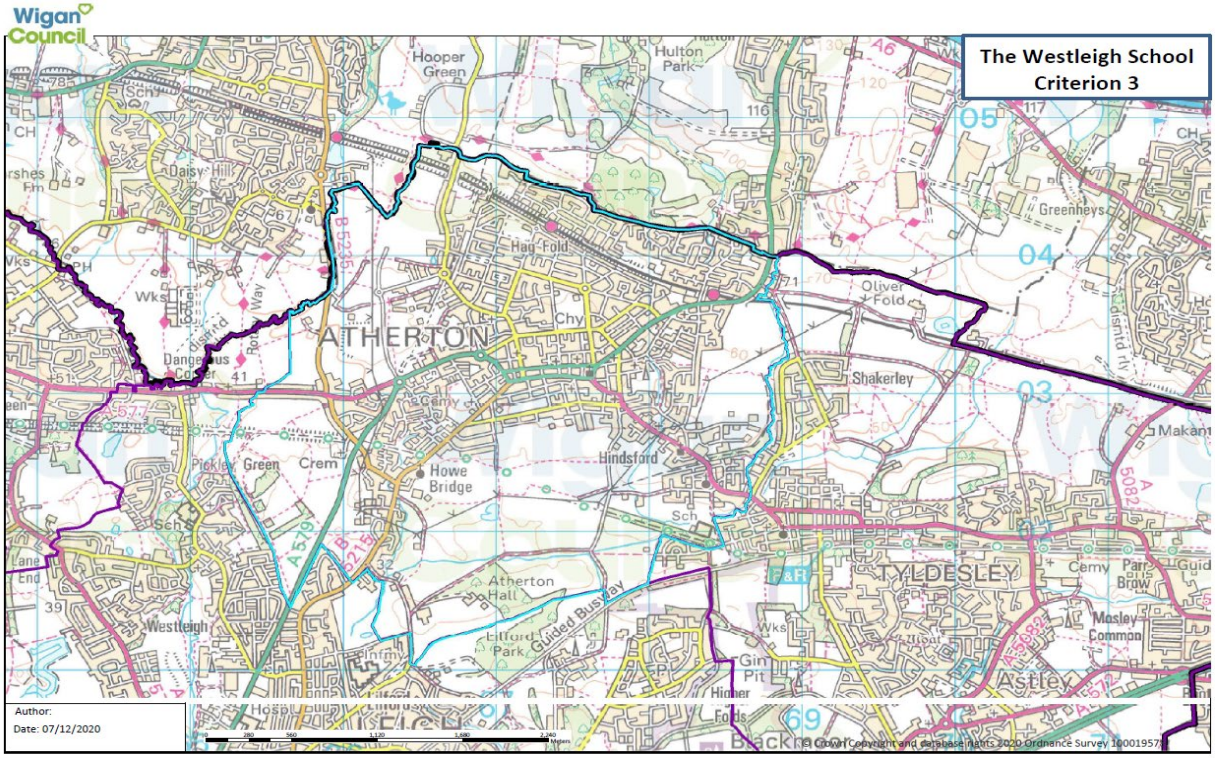
Tie Breaker
Where there are more children in one particular criterion than the number of places available, places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS), which is based on ordnance survey.

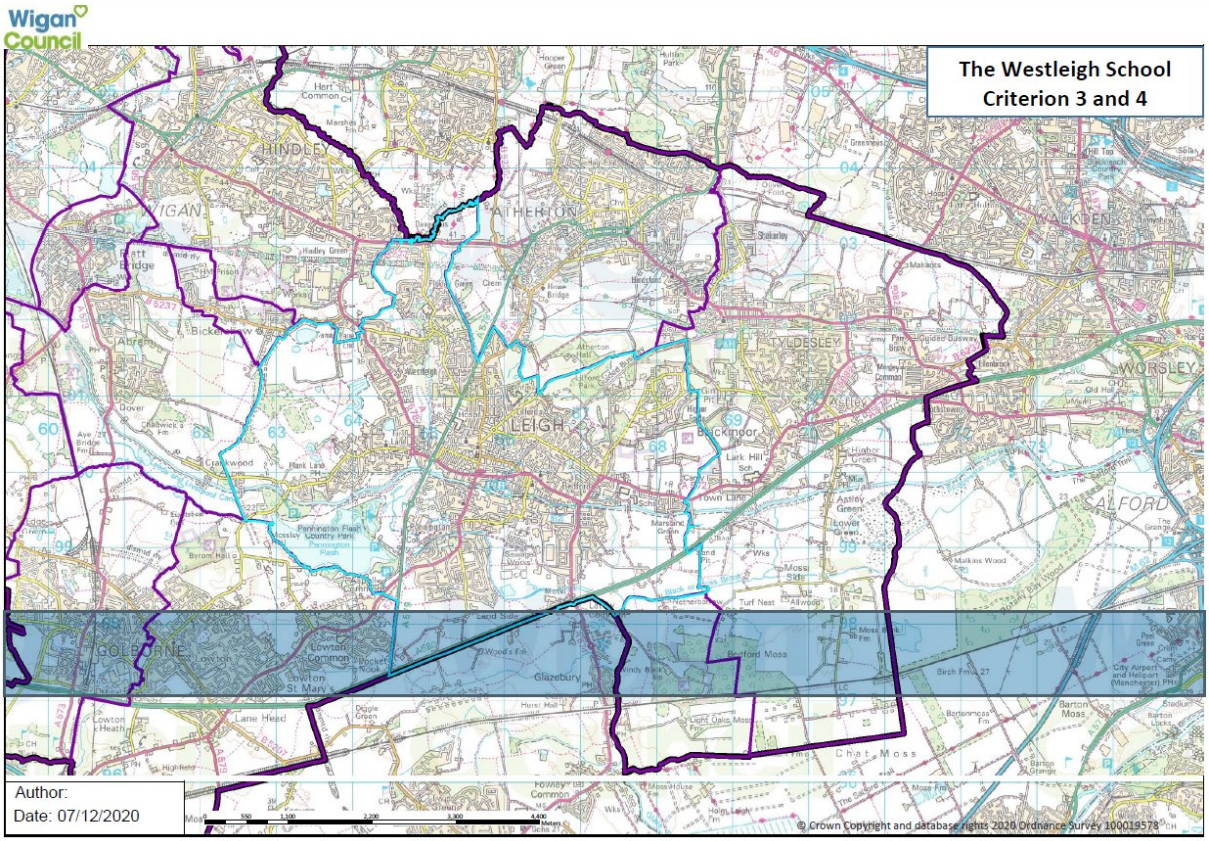
If we offer the last place available at the school to one of twins (or triplets, and so on), our policy is to admit the other twin or triplets too.

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.

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.

The Westleigh School – Criterion 3 and 4 maps





Useful Information

Free school meals and Pupil Premium

For queries regarding free school meals and pupil premium, please contact your child's current school or the school your child has been offered a place at.

Bus services

School bus services are managed by Transport for Greater Manchester. Children aged 11 to 16 need an IGO pass to pay the concessionary fare on buses in Greater Manchester.

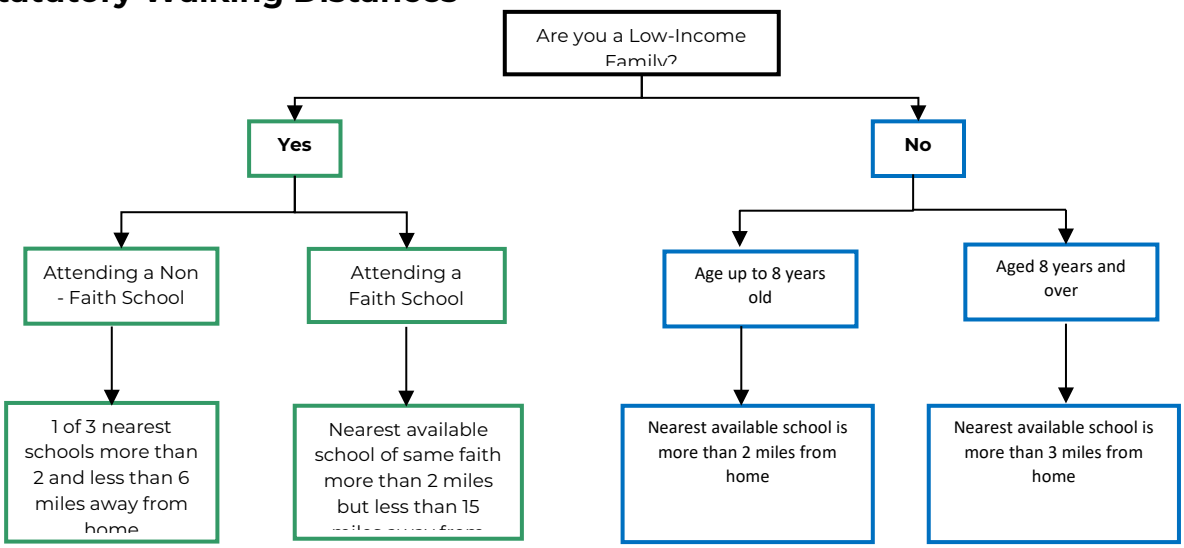
You can get details of school routes and other bus services in any of the following ways.

- By visiting our website, which has links to other sites, including transport.
- By phoning Transport for Greater Manchester on 0161 244 1000.
- By visiting Transport for Greater Manchester's website.

Help with travel costs

Statutory walking distances are used to decide if a child is eligible for free travel to school. Parents should consider their preferences for a school as admission to a school does not guarantee that a pupil will be given free travel even if the pupil lives more than the statutory walking distance from the school. If a parent selects a school which is not the nearest to the home, free travel will not be given.

Statutory Walking Distances



How we will measure the distances

In all cases, the measurement used will be the shortest walking distance from home to school calculated using a route mapping tool.
The measurement of the walking distance is not necessarily the shortest distance by road. It is measured by the shortest route along which a child, accompanied as necessary, may walk with reasonable safety. As such, the route measured may include, bridleways and other pathways, as well as recognised roads.

Walking distances are calculated differently to distances for school admissions purposes.

You can apply online using the 'Travel Pass Enquiry'.

Further information can be found in the Home to School Transport Policy for 5 to 16 Years which can be found using the link Home to School Transport Policy (wigan.gov.uk)

If you have any questions, would like more information on how the distance is calculated or want to check if we would offer help before you

apply for a particular school, please contact us by email at itu@wigan.gov.uk.

Sustainable school travel
Wigan's Transport Strategy recognises the benefits for the environment, as well as to children's health and well-being in encouraging walking and cycling. It also aims to tackle the issue of local congestion around schools and make education easier for children and young people to get access to.

Useful Contacts

Special Educational Needs and Disability Team (SEND)
Telephone: 01942 486136
Email: SENDSAdmin@wigan.gov.uk
Website: SEND Local Offer (wigan.gov.uk)

Wigan SENDIASS
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Website: Wigan SENDIASS

Home to School Travel
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Email: itu@wigan.gov.uk
Website: Home to School Travel (wigan.gov.uk)

School Organisation Team
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Liverpool Catholic Archdiocese
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Website: Liverpool Archdiocese
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Bolton Council
Telephone: 01204 333333
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Website: Admissions to schools – Bolton Council

Lancashire County Council (South Area Education Office)
Preston, South Ribble, Chorley and West Lancashire
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Email: SouthAdmissions@lancashire.gov.uk
Website: School admissions - Lancashire County Council

Salford City Council
Telephone: 0161 793 2500
Email: school.admissions@salford.gov.uk
Website: Schools admissions·Salford City Council

St Helens Council
Telephone: 01744 671030
Email: schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk
Website: School admissions - St Helens Borough Council

Trafford Council
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Email: school.admissions@trafford.gov.uk
Website: School admissions (trafford.gov.uk)

Warrington Council
Telephone: 01925 446226
Email: schooladmissions@warrington.gov.uk
Website: Schools | warrington.gov.uk

Community Special Schools

Hope School
Kelvin Grove, Marus Bridge, Wigan, WN3 6SP
Headteacher: Mrs S Lucas
Age range: 2-19
Telephone: 01942 824150
Email: enquires@admin.hope.wigan.sch.uk
Website: Hope School and College – Special Educational Needs specialist school in Wigan

Landgate School
Landgate Lane, Ashton-In-Makerfield, Bryn, Wigan, WN4 0EP
Headteacher: Mrs K Claxton
Age range: 4-19

Telephone: 01942 776688
Email: enquiries@admin.landgate.wigan.sch.uk
Website: landgateschool.co.uk

Newbridge Learning Community
Moss Lane, Platt Bridge, Wigan, WN2 3TL
Headteacher: Mrs E Kucharski
Age range: 11-16
Telephone: 01942 369770
Email: enquiries@admin.newbridge.wigan.sch.uk
Website: Home | Newbridge Learning Community

Oakfield High School and College
Long Lane, Hindley Green, Wigan, WN2 4XA
Headteacher: Mr L Hunt
Age range: 11-19
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