

Admission Arrangements for the Academic Year 2012/2013

1. Introduction

Hope Academy is an academy for pupils of all faiths and none, sponsored by the Catholic Church, the Church of England and Liverpool Hope University. It will be a joint (11-18) Catholic/Church of England Academy with a specialism in the Environment and Sustainability. The admission number for the Academy will be 270 pupils.

The Academy has agreed to follow the coordinated admission arrangements determined by St Helens Local Authority

2. Admission Arrangements for Year 7 in September 2012

To apply for a place in Year 7 applicants have to complete the Common Application/Preference Form issued by the St Helens Local Authority.

If the academy receives fewer applicants for places than it has places available all applicants will be admitted.

Following negotiation with the Local Authority children with a statement of special educational need which names the Academy will be admitted.

If the school receives more applications for places than there are places available the following criteria will be used to decide which children are admitted.

3. Admission Criteria

If the Academy is over subscribed places will be allocated in the following order:

- (a) Children in the Care of the local Authority
- (b) Children in receipt of 'Enhanced Action Plus' funding for whom the LA has indicated that the Academy is the most appropriate educational establishment because of their special education needs
- (c) After the application of criteria a and b and admission of pupils with statements of Special Education Needs, the remaining places will then be allocated on the following basis.



Catholic Places

50% of the remaining places, in order of priority to:-

(i) *Baptised Catholic children living in the designated Catholic Parishes of:

- St David, Newton-le-Willows
- St Mary & St John, Newton-le-Willows
- St Patrick, Newton-le-Willows
- All Saints, Golborne
- St Catherine of Siena, Lowton
- St Lewis, Croft
- St Paul of the Cross, Burtonwood*.

(ii) *Baptised Catholic children living in parishes other than the designated parishes but attending one of the associate Primary schools of the designated Catholic Parishes:

- St Mary's Catholic Junior School (Newton)
- All Saints Catholic Primary (Golborne)
- St Catherine's Catholic Primary (Lowton)
- St Lewis' Catholic Primary
- St Paul of the Cross RC Primary**.

**For a child to be considered as a Catholic, evidence of a Catholic baptism (ie Baptismal Certificate) or reception into the Church will be required, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Advice on this matter. A copy of this Advice may be obtained at the school.*

***Pupils attending St Paul of the Cross Primary School and living in the Kingswood area of West Warrington or in the 'Spa Towns' area bounded by Burtonwood Road, Burma Road and Whittle Avenue (formerly in St Joseph's Parish) have admission to St Gregory's High School, Warrington (Warrington LA).*

Community Places

50% of the remaining places in order of priority to:

(i) Children who attend the associated Church of England and Community schools

- Lyme Community Primary
- Newton-le-Willows Primary
- St Peter's Church of England Primary
- The District Church of England Primary
- Wargrave Church of England Primary).

If either Catholic or Community applicants are undersubscribed in criterion (c) any remaining places will be allocated to the other sector before the application of criteria (d) to (g)



After the application of criterion (c) any remaining places will be allocated in order of priority to:

(d) Non Catholic children attending one of the associate Primary Schools of the designated catholic parishes:

- St Mary's Catholic Junior School (Newton)
- All Saints Catholic Primary (Golborne)
- St Catherine's Catholic Primary (Lowton)
- St Lewis' Catholic Primary
- St Paul of the Cross RC Primary**.

(e) Children who have a brother or sister at the Academy at the time of likely admission. The brother or sister must have entered the Academy in years 7 to 11. Brothers or sisters includes stepchildren, half brothers or sisters, foster or adopted children who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit.

(f) Children whose parents regularly worship in a recognised faith community. Regular attendance shall be defined as at least once a month for at

least 6 months before application. This would need to be supported by a reference/letter from a leader of that faith community and submitted by the parent with their application form.

(g) Children whose parents express a preference for a place at the Academy.

Oversubscription Tie Break

In the event of any oversubscription in the number of applications made under any of the categories above, places will be offered first to children whose family home is nearest the school. The measurement shall be done in a straight line using a Geographical Information System (GIS) as determined by the Governing Body and measured by the Local Authority. 'Home' shall be defined as the address of the primary carer of the child, who is in receipt of child benefit.