



Hope Academy

A joint Catholic & Church of England Academy

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2012/2013

Mission Statement:

“A community of learners of all ages from the local area committed to mutual service where all can flourish, be their best and work for the common good to the glory of God and his creation.”

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Admission Arrangements for the Academic Year 2012/13

1. Introduction

Hope Academy is an academy for pupils of all faiths and none, sponsored by the Catholic Church, the Church of England and 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	Community Places
50% of the remaining places, in order of priority to:- (i) *Baptised Catholic children living in the designated Catholic Parishes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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**	50% of the remaining places in order of priority to: (i) Children who attend the associated Church of England and Community schools <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

**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).*

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 then 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.

4. Waiting List

The Academy will operate its waiting list in accordance with the LA's secondary co-ordinated admissions scheme.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out in paragraph 3a – g above. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children

on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria and not on the date on which applications were received.

5. Admission Appeals

If it is not possible to offer a child a place in the Academy parents have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal panel. Appeal hearings will be organised by the Catholic Archdiocese.

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6. Definitions for Admission

The following are definitions are used in the admission arrangements.

Home Address

This is defined as the permanent home address of the parent or legal guardian. If parents or legal guardians live at different addresses and both have parental responsibility the address on the family allowance book will be used to determine the child's permanent address. Where required parents/legal guardians will also be required to provide proof in the form of a recent council tax bill, a utility bill, a tenancy agreement or exchange of contracts on a new home to prove that they live at the address.

7. In Year Applications for the Academic Year 2012/2013

In year applications are applications for parents to transfer their child between secondary schools.

Subject to any provisions in the St Helens Local Authority's co-ordinated admission arrangements relating to applications submitted for years other than the normal year of entry, the Academy will consider all such applications and if the year group applied for has a place available, admit the child unless one of the permitted reliefs apply. If more applications are received than there are places available, the oversubscription criteria in paragraph 3a-g above shall apply. Parents whose application is turned down are entitled to appeal.

To apply for a place applicants have to complete the common application/preference form issued by the St Helens Local Authority.

8. Sixth Form Admission Arrangements

The Academy will make separate arrangements for entry to courses in the sixth form, based on GCSE grades or other measures or prior attainment, which will be published annually.

Applicants from outside the Academy will be accepted if a place is available and the applicant meets the same criteria as those applying internally. The Academy will be able to take up to 150 pupils in Year 12.

If more external applicants who meet the criteria apply than there are places available, places will be allocated on the basis of the application of the oversubscription criteria set out above in paragraph 3 a-g. Students refused admission to the sixth form have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. Information about the appeal process can be obtained from the Academy.