



## OMEGA MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

### Admissions Statement

The Omega-Multi-Academy Trust is the admission authority for five schools: Great Sankey High School and Barrowhall College; Burtonwood Community Primary School; Chapelford Village Primary School; Park Road Community Primary School; and Westbrook Old Hall Primary School. All places are allocated in accordance with the Trust's determined admissions arrangements, the Admissions Code of Practice 2014 and in conjunction with Warrington Borough Council as the Local Authority.

	Address	Telephone	Academy Website address
GSHS	Barrow Hall Lane, Great Sankey, WA5 3AA	01925 724118	<a href="http://www.greatsankey.org">www.greatsankey.org</a>
BPS	Green Lane, Burtonwood, WA5 4AQ	01925 224072	<a href="http://www.burtonwoodcp.co.uk">www.burtonwoodcp.co.uk</a>
CVPS	Santa Rosa Boulevard, Chapelford, WA5 3AL	01925 712554	<a href="http://www.chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk">www.chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk</a>
PRCPS	Wroxham Road, Great Sankey, WA5 3EF	01925 723550	<a href="http://www.parkroad.warrington.sch.uk">www.parkroad.warrington.sch.uk</a>
WOHPS	Old Hall Road, Great Sankey, WA5 9QA	01925 415544	<a href="http://www.westbrookoldhall.co.uk">www.westbrookoldhall.co.uk</a>

Each academy has one intake in the September annually: into Reception Class (prior to their fifth birthday); into Year 7 (aged 11); and into Year 12 (aged 16). The academic year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August and children are admitted in the September. The Trust's admission limits or Published Admission Numbers (PANs) are as follows:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
GSHS	375	375	375	375
BPS	30	30	30	30
CVPS	90	90	90	90
PRCPS	30	30	30	30
WOHPS	60	60	60	60

Following application, confirmation of a place for the start of the academic year is received by parents/guardians in April from the Local Authority. The individual academies will then contact parents directly in the Summer Term, inviting them to a welcome meeting and providing information on the transition process.

We hold annual Open Days and Evenings in the Autumn Term specifically for parents of school children due to be admitted in the next academic year and these are published on the home page of each academy's website. Parents are also invited to contact the





academies to arrange visits during the school day whilst academies are in session and should contact the individual academy's school office directly.

Our academies aim to serve the local community and as such, accept mid-year transfers for families moving into our local area or for pupils needing a fresh start for a range of reasons. Where academies are full or over-subscribed, then there are separate Admission Appeals Procedures to follow.

For further information on the admission process and key dates for intake to Reception, Year 7 and Year 12 in September or in-year transfers please visit the individual academy's website. The local authority is responsible for co-ordinating all admissions to local schools, including academies and the relevant admission forms and information is available at:

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions>

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions>

Alternatively, please contact:

School Admissions, Contact Warrington, 26/30 Horsemarket Street, Warrington, WA1 1XL

Telephone: 01925 446226

Email: [schooladmissions@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@warrington.gov.uk)

More information about in-year admissions (transferring your child from one school to another) is available at:

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/year-transfers>

Once you have spoken with the school admissions team, the Headteacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team at our school will be happy to arrange a visit for you and your child.



## ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR GREAT SANKEY HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 - 24

### 1. Age of Admission

- 1.1 Pupils transfer to secondary school aged 11. Parents/carers can apply for a Year 7 place for September 2023 in secondary education by completing the Local Authority's on-line application form. This can be found at [www.warrington.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/admissions)

The on-line application form is available from September 2022 and the closing date is midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The on-line facility will not be available after this date so any parent/carer who applies late will have to contact the Admissions Team. Late applications will be processed after all those received on time, unless the child has changed address or recently been taken into care.

- 1.2 Before completing an application form, it is strongly advised that you contact the school or visit one of their open days to inform yourself about the academy and Trust. You may also read the parent information booklet which sets out the useful information about all primary schools in Warrington and important information about the admissions process. To access the parent's information booklet and online application form, please refer to:

[https://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/201094/school\\_admissions/1945/secondary\\_school\\_admissions](https://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/201094/school_admissions/1945/secondary_school_admissions)

### 2. Parental Preferences

- 2.1 Parents/carers have the right to state a preference for schools. Parents are invited to express up to three preferences and are given the opportunity to state their reasons for these preferences. The Local Authority runs an equal preference scheme.
- 2.2 When preferences cannot be met and a place cannot be offered at any of the parent/carer's preferred schools, the applicant will be offered a place at the nearest school to the home address which has a place available. When this is a faith school or an academy, any offer of a place would be made in agreement with, and on behalf of the governing body or academy trust, as the admitting authority for the school.

### 3. Published Admission Numbers (PAN)

- 3.1 The published admission number (PAN) is the number of places available in each year group at a school. Each school PAN is largely based on the assessed capacity of the school. From September 2018, the Published Admission Number for Great Sankey High School has been 375.



From September 2023 the PAN for each year group is as follows:

Year 7	375
Year 8	375
Year 9	375
Year 10	375
Year 11	375

Admissions to Great Sankey High School for Y6 pupils who wish to apply to join us in 2023-24 are managed through Warrington Borough Council.

There are no partnering arrangements for primary schools to community secondary schools with the exception of:

- Hollins Green CE Primary School to Culcheth High School
- Burtonwood Community Primary School to Great Sankey High School

#### **4. Oversubscription Criteria**

- 4.1 Oversubscription criteria are used to establish an order of priority for allocating places when the number of applications for places exceeds the number of places available.
- 4.2 Children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan will be admitted to the school named in the plan over and above the oversubscription criteria.
- 4.3 The oversubscription criteria for Omega's Great Sankey High School are set out below:
1. Looked after children and previously looked after children including those previously in state care outside of England\*
  2. Siblings (pupils with elder brothers or sisters already attending the preferred school and expected to continue at the school in the following school year. This includes full, half or step brothers and sisters and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit)
  3. Children for whom it is essential to be admitted to Great Sankey High School Academy because of special circumstances to do with significant medical needs. The recommendation must be received in writing from a consultant at an NHS hospital or equivalent. This criterion relates to the child's medical needs and does not include any other member of the child's family. The supporting evidence should set out the particular reasons Great Sankey High School is the most suitable school and difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.
  4. Pupils attending Burtonwood Community Primary School.



5. Pupils living nearest to the school defined as a direct distance from the child's permanent place of residence to the school, measured using a Geographical Information Address Point system based on the Local Land and Property Gazetteer. This measures straight line (direct) distances from the address point of the permanent place of residence to the address point of the school in miles.

*\*A child in care 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 under section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making the application to the school.*

*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).*

*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.*

Where a school reaches its published admission number from pupils within one of the categories listed above those pupils to be admitted from within that category will be those whose permanent place of residence is closest to the school as defined in oversubscription criterion five.

## **5. Tie Breaker**

- 5.1 A tie breaker must be applied to decide which applicant will be offered the last place at a school when two or more applicants cannot otherwise be separated.
- 5.2 In the event of the direct distances (in miles) being the same for two or more applicants and the last place to be allocated would be to one of these applicants, the measurements would be taken again in kilometres and the place will be offered to the applicant living nearest to the school in kilometres.
- 5.3 In the event that the distances measured in kilometres are the same, a random allocation will be applied.

## **6. Shared Parental Responsibility**

- 6.1 For the purposes of the school's admission arrangements, where parents/carers have 50/50 shared responsibility for their child, the address given on the application should be the address of the parent/carer who is in receipt of the child benefit and/or child tax credit. Proof may be required.
- 6.2 If the care is not split 50/50, the address used for allocation purposes will be the address where the child sleeps on most nights of the week.



## **7. National Offer Day**

- 7.1 The local authority will send out offer emails and letters on behalf of the school's academy trust.
- 7.2 All offers of Year 7 places must be offered on the same National Offer Day which is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.
- 7.3 If you opt to be informed by post, letters will be sent out by second class post on 1 March 2023, so parents/carers should allow time for postage.
- 7.4 If you have opted to receive the offer information via email the information will be sent to the email address (which you provided on the online application form) from 10:00 am on 1 March 2023.

## **8. Right of Appeal**

- 8.1 Under the terms of the 1998 Education Act, parents/carers have the statutory right of appeal against the decision of an admission authority to refuse a place for their child at any school. Such appeals are made to an independent appeals panel via the local authority which maintains the preferred school.

## **9. Appeals Timetable**

- 9.1 The appeals timetable for all admission authorities within Warrington is set out on the Council's website.

## **10. Waiting Lists**

- 10.1 In accordance with The Education and Inspection Act 2006, waiting lists for first admission to primary and secondary schools are held by the local authority for the whole of the Autumn Term of the academic year of admission. Waiting lists must be held strictly in oversubscription criteria order.

## **11. Fair Access Protocol**

- 11.1 Each local authority must have a fair access protocol agreed with the majority of schools in its area to ensure that unplaced children, who apply outside the normal admissions round, are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible. The local authority must also ensure that no school, including those with unfilled places, is asked to take a disproportionate number of children who have been excluded from other schools, or who have challenging behaviour. The Fair Access Protocol may be viewed on the Council's website.

## **12. In-Year Admissions**

- 12.1 In-year admissions are those requesting a transfer from one school to another outside of the normal admissions round, for example when a family moves house part way through a school year.



- 12.2 Applications for in-year admissions are administered by the local authority. Generally, a child will be admitted to another school if there is a place available with the exception of those children whose circumstances meet the requirements of the Fair Access Protocol (as above).
- 13. Barrow Hall College: Sixth Form Admissions**
- 13.1 Anyone considering applying for a place in our school-based Sixth Form, known as Barrow Hall College, should obtain a copy of the College Prospectus. Applications can be made online through the Barrow Hall College website.
- 13.2 Admission criteria are published annually. Each applicant has an individual guidance interview to make informed decisions about suitable courses before a place is offered.
- 13.3 There is a separate Barrow Hall College admissions policy, which can be found [here](#).