



Admission Arrangements

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Admissions Application 2024/2025

LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY DETERMINED CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS - 2024/2025 Published Admission Number (PAN) 155 students

The criteria to be used to allocate places when the Academy is oversubscribed are:

1. Children in public care at the time when preferences are expressed and who are still in public care at the time of their admission to school, and those who have been previously looked after (see note (i) below); then
2. Children for whom the Trustees accept, based on the written opinion of professional experts that there are exceptional medical, social or welfare reasons associated with the child or family that are directly relevant to Lostock Hall Academy; then
3. Children with older brothers or sisters (including adopted and fostered siblings, step siblings and those living as siblings in the same family unit) attending the Academy at the date of the younger child's admission.
4. Children living within the Academy's geographical priority area (GPA) (see note (ii) below).
5. Children living outside the Academy's geographical priority area (see note (ii) below).
6. If there are more children in any of the individual categories than there are places remaining, then those children who live nearest to the school by a straight line (radial) measure will have priority. The distance is measured using a geographical information system and the measurement is taken from the centre point of the Academy to the centre point of the home (see note (ii) below).

Notes

(i) Priority

The highest priority will be given to looked after children(1) and children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted(2) or became subject to a residence order(3) or special guardianship order(4). Further references to previously looked after children in the School Admissions Code means children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.

1 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 Under the terms of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. See section 46 (adoption orders).

3 Under the terms of the Children Act 1989. See section 8 which defines a 'residence order' as an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live.

4 See section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

(ii) Residence

A child's permanent address is the one where they normally live, sleep and go to school from. Where a child lives with one parent for part of the week and another for the rest of the week only one address will be accepted for a school admission application. This will normally be the one where the child wakes up for the majority of school days (Monday to Friday). Proof of residence may be requested at any time throughout the admissions process, including after admission.

(iii) Late Applications

Applications for school places that are received late will not necessarily be dealt with at the same time as those received by the set deadline. The reasons for the late application may be requested and where these are not exceptional the relevant admission criteria will be initially applied to all others received on time. The late application will be dealt with after this process has been completed.

(iv) Waiting List

Our Waiting List is compiled in accordance with our Admissions Criteria. Parents of children who are not admitted can request to have their names placed on the waiting list. This waiting list will operate for the whole of the autumn term before being abolished.

(v) In-year Admissions

Children will not normally be able to start school other than at the beginning of the term unless they have been offered a place from the Waiting List into Year 7, moved into the area or there are exceptional circumstances. All enquiries should be directed to admin@lostockhallacademy.org

(vi) Appeals Process

The Academy will follow Lancashire County Council's School Admission Appeals Code and the Admission Code, ensuring compliance with legislation and statutory guidance.

GEOGRAPHICAL PRIORITY AREA (See Appendix 1)

Starting at the point where the M6 motorway crosses the Preston boundary (River Ribble) follow the M6 motorway south to the A675. Follow the A675 east to the B5256 (Sandy Lane). Follow Sandy Lane then Marsh Lane until it crosses the M65 motorway. Follow the M65 motorway heading west to where it crosses the M6 motorway (junction 29). Follow the M6 motorway south until it crosses Lydiat Lane. Follow Lydiat Lane, Stanifield Lane, Centurion Way and Wheelton Lane as far as the Farington parish boundary. Follow the Farington parish boundary in a clockwise direction as far as the West Coast Main Line (railway line). Follow the railway line until it crosses Bee Lane. Follow Bee Lane then The Cawsey as far as the Penwortham parish boundary. Follow the Penwortham parish boundary north until it reaches the River Ribble then follow the River back to the start point.

TRANSPORT

For students from non-low income families (5) Lancashire County Council (LCC) has a statutory duty to meet the cost of travel for those students who reside three miles or more (measured by the shortest walking route) from the school and where an admission to a closer school is not

available. For students from low income families travel costs will additionally be paid by LCC if our school is one of the three nearest schools to your home and the distance is between two and six miles. If you are in doubt over the distance between your home and the school or your entitlement to travelling expenses, please check with the Area Education Office. This allowance is the sole responsibility of Lancashire County Council and may be subject to change by them. In respect of home to school journeys, the school is not liable to make any payments for travelling expenses or to provide transport.

- 5 Low income families are deemed to be those families receiving the maximum amount of working tax credit or if the children are eligible for free school meals.

Admissions Information

For admissions information please refer to www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools and search for School Admissions.

Please note that the closing date for applications to LCC School Admissions for a September 2024 start is **31st October 2023** and offers will be made on **1st March 2024**.

Appendix 1

