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DETERMINED CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2026/27

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Admissions Application 2026/2027

LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY DETERMINED CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS - 2026/2027 Published Admission Number (PAN) 155 students.

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

1. Looked after children or a child who was previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order, or special guardianship order or those children who appear to the school to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted; 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 of staff who are employed by Lostock Hall Academy on either a full or part time basis when:
 - a) the member of staff has been employed by Lostock Hall Academy for 2 years or more
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. 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.
5. Higher priority will be given to the children living within the District Council wards of Coupe Green and Gregson Lane that lie within the geographical priority area (super GPA) up to a maximum of 15 students.
6. Children living within the Academy's geographical priority area (GPA) (see note (i) below).
7. Children living outside the Academy's geographical priority area (see note (i) below).
8. 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 (i) below).
9. If the Trustees are unable to distinguish between applicants using the published criteria places will be offered via a random draw.

Notes

(i) 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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 to 31 December before being abolished.

(iv) In-year Admissions

In-year admission is the process of applying for a school place during the school year. Any applications for the intake made after the start of the autumn term will be treated as an in-year application. The in-year admission process is managed by the school. Parents are required to complete the in-year application form, which is available upon request.

Where a place cannot be secured, parents will be offered a legal right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. Lancashire County Council administers the appeals process on behalf of the school. Parents can complete the school's appeal form that is available on request from the academy. All enquiries should be directed to:

admin@lostockhallacademy.org

(v) 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 Lydiate Lane. Follow Lydiate 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 pupils from non-low-income families (Note A) Lancashire County Council (LCC) has a statutory duty to meet the cost of travel for those pupils 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 pupils 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.

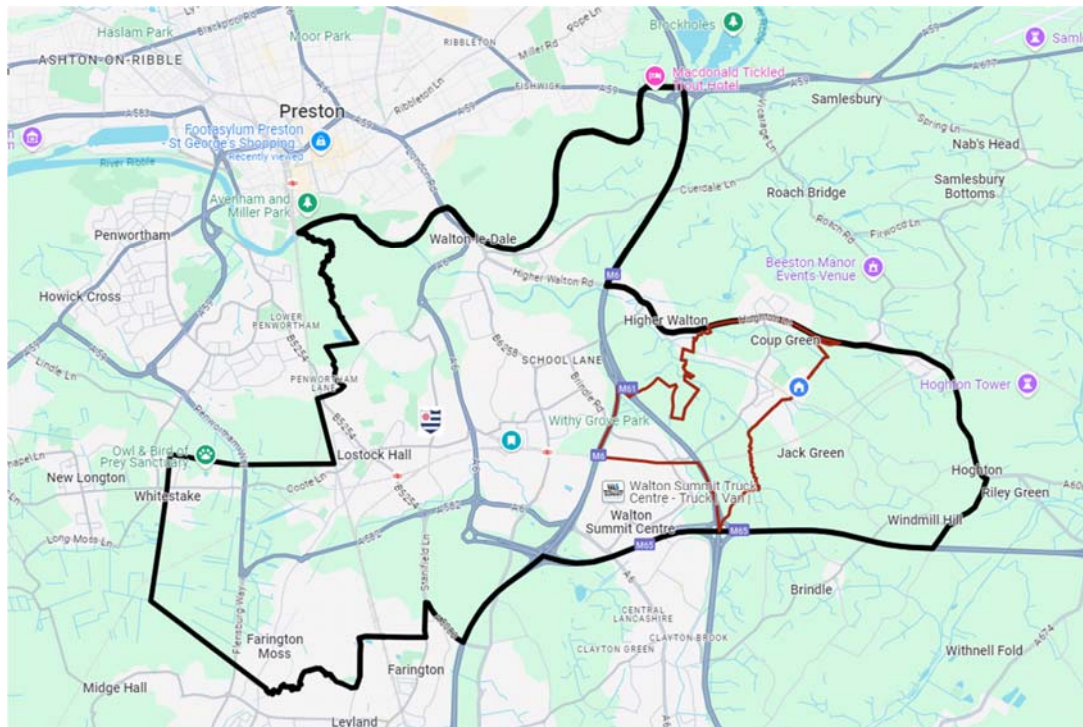
Note A - Low-income families are deemed to be those families receiving the maximum amount of working tax credit or the children are eligible for free school meals.

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 2026 start is **31st October 2025** and offers will be made on **1st March 2026**.

Appendix 1 Lostock Hall Academy GPA



- Area within - GPA
- Area within - Super GPA