

09505 Parklands Academy Admissions Policy 2023-2024

Parklands Academy

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11-16 Mixed Comprehensive

Head: Mrs C Batson
Numbers on Roll January 2021: 1105
Admission Number: 220

Preferences for Sept 2022	
1st	258
2nd	357
3rd	295
Total	910

SUMMARY OF POLICY *This is an Academy – please contact the school for full admission details.*

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

1. Children looked after and those who have been previously looked after including those from overseas, then
2. Children for whom the Governors accept that there are exceptional medical, social or welfare reasons which are directly relevant to the school concerned (professional supporting evidence from e.g. a doctor; psychologist; social worker etc is essential and such evidence must set out why the school is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school) then
3. Children of staff who are employed by Parklands Academy on either a full or part time basis, then
 - (a) Where the member of staff has been employed by Parklands Academy on either a full or part time basis then
 - (b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
4. Children who will have a sibling in attendance at Parklands Academy at the time of admission, then
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 - (a) Higher priority will be given to the children living in the civil parishes of Withnell, Wheelton, Abbey Village, Brinscall and Heapey, then
 - (b) Other children living within the school's geographical priority area, then
6. Children living outside the school's geographical area

The distance criterion which will be used as the tie breaker if there is oversubscription within any of the admission criteria is a straight line (radial) measure. If Governors are unable to distinguish between applicants using the published criteria (e.g. twins or same block of flats) places will be offered via a random draw. The distance measure is a straight line (radial) measure, centre of building to centre of building.

GEOGRAPHICAL PRIORITY AREA

Parishes of Charnock Richard, Euxton , Buckshaw Village, Astley Village, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley, Withnell, Wheelton, Heapey, Abbey Village, Anglezarke, Brinscall, Heath Charnock.

TRANSPORT Please also see section 4 of the main booklet.

Parents in any doubt over the distance between home and school for the provision of transport are asked to check with their local Area Education Office. This may be particularly relevant if you live close to a county border.

Notes

- (i) The medical, social and welfare criterion will consider issues relevant to the child and/or the family. This category may include children without an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) who have special needs.
- (ii) All children whose statement of special educational needs (SEN) names the School must be admitted.
- (iii) Brothers and sisters includes step children, half brothers and sisters, fostered and adopted children living with the same family at the same address (consideration may be given to applying this criterion to full brothers and sisters who reside at different addresses) and on roll at the school in the September of admission of the sibling.
- (iv) The distance criterion which will be used as the tie breaker if there is oversubscription within any of the admission criteria is a straight line (radial) measure, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. If Governors are unable to distinguish between applicants using the published criteria (e.g. twins or same block of flats) places will be offered via a random draw. The distance measure is a straight line (radial) measure centre of building to centre of building.
- (v) A child's permanent address is the one where he/she normally lives and sleeps and goes to school from. Proof of residence may be requested at any time throughout the admission process, (including after a child has accessed a school place).
- (vi) Our Waiting List is compiled in accordance with our Admissions Criteria and is kept until 31 December of the relevant year. Parents of children who are not admitted can request to have their names placed on the waiting list. Late applications for the school will be slotted into the order according to the extent to which they meet the criteria.
- (vii) Children will not normally be able to start school other than at the beginning of the term unless they have moved into the area or there are exceptional circumstances.
- (viii) Applications for school places which are received late will not necessarily be dealt with at the same time as those received by the set deadline. The reasons for a 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.
- (ix) 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.
- (x) The highest priority must be given to looked after children and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). Further references to previously looked after children in the Code means children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.