



ADMISSIONS' CRITERIA

If the school is named in a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plan the Governors will honour their duty to admit the child to the school.

In the event of The County High School, Leftwich being over-subscribed the Governors of the school, in prioritising applications, will use criteria in the following order:-

1. Children in Local Authority Care – as defined in section 22 of the Children Act 1989. Change of status from that of Child in Local Authority Care as a consequence of adoption, residence order or special guardianship order will not impair an application on behalf of that child.
2. Students with elder brothers or sisters, step-brothers or step-sisters, half-brothers or half-sisters, adopted brothers or adopted sisters living together at the same address, already attending the preferred school (with the exception of Year 11) and expected to continue at the school in the following school year (i.e. at the time of admission). The address used for admission purposes will be that at which the child wakes up on a majority of school days (Monday to Friday).
3. Children resident within the designated catchment zone. The catchment zone is the area determined by the boundary lines designated historically. Children will be classed within this category if they and their parents/carers are resident within the area served by the school on the close date for applications.
4. Children who are not resident within the designated catchment zone but attend a school designated as a partner/feeder school as out-of-zone students.

Designated partner schools:-

- Antrobus St. Mark's Primary
- Witton Church Walk Primary
- Comberbach Primary
- Charles Darwin Primary
- Davenham Primary
- Gt. Budworth Primary
- Kingsmead Primary
- Leftwich Primary
- Moulton Primary

All schools will be treated equally.

5. Children for whom there are particular medical or social reasons which, in the Governors' view, justify admission to The County High School, Leftwich. Supporting evidence from a registered professional, such as a medical practitioner, psychologist or social worker, must be provided which sets out the particular reasons why The County High School, Leftwich is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child has to attend another school. A panel of Governors will consider the information presented and will determine whether the evidence is sufficiently compelling to apply this criterion to the application. The Governors, if it is considered appropriate, will seek the views of the Doctor or Educational Psychologist in the event of parents requesting admission on medical or psychological grounds. This criterion cannot be considered if the required documents have not been received. Few applications fall within this category.

6. All other students based on distance criteria whereby preference will be given to students living nearest the school. Distances are measured using Ordnance Survey mapping in conjunction with Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) to identify each property and each school. A straight line measurement in miles is taken from the place of residence to the preferred school to calculate the distance. Proof of address and residency may be required and the Governors retain the right to withdraw any place offered on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application.

When a child lives at more than one address e.g. spends part of each week at different addresses, full details of the arrangements must be included on the application form (or by providing supporting evidence) to enable the Governors to decide which address (or, exceptionally, addresses) to use for admission purposes. Typically, the address used for admission purposes will be that at which the child wakes up on a majority of school days (Monday to Friday).

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category '6' to decide who has the highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the school is the same. This process will be independently verified.

Where The County High School, Leftwich cannot accommodate all pupils qualifying under one of the criteria stated above, the next criteria will also be applied to determine priority for admission.

All applicants with each criteria will be put into a distance order with priority given to those that live nearest to the school.

In relation to children of multiple births, exceptionally it may be necessary to offer places over the published admission number. The County High School, Leftwich will ensure that, as far as possible, children from multiple births can attend the same school.

Late applications for places will be considered after all applications received on time unless a valid reason for a late application is provided. 'Late' = after 31st October.

Repeat applications will not be considered within the same school year, unless the parents' or the school's circumstances have changed significantly since the original application was made.

Students whose applications for year 7 are unsuccessful will be placed on a 'waiting list' for the first term of the academic year. Places on the 'waiting list' will be in order of the criteria previously described. If any further places become available, they will be allocated according to the oversubscription criteria set out in these arrangements.

Following changes in admissions' legislation, applications for school places received after the first day of the school year into the relevant age group must be made directly to the school on the application form provided by the school.

SCHEDULE FOR ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 7

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| October | Preference forms are to be submitted to the authority by the 31 st October. |
| November | The authority sends preference forms to school and the Governors' Admission Panel applies the agreed criteria. |
| March | The authority advises parents whether their application has been successful and informs unsuccessful applicants of their right to appeal on March 1 st . Unsuccessful applicants will have 20 school days, from the date of refusal, to lodge a written appeal. Appeals will be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals. |

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