



# **Admissions Policy**

**For**

**GMLT Schools**

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### Introduction

The admission arrangements for voluntary aided schools, foundation schools, free schools and academies are set by their Governing Body, who are, the Admission Authority for their establishment.

They are responsible for drafting, consulting on and determining their admission arrangements. Copies of admissions arrangements for these types of schools/academies in Manchester can be found on the school/academy website and the LA's website. They are also available on request from the relevant school/academy and the LA.

These admission arrangements apply to applicants seeking a place in year 7 at Parrs Wood High School. Applications for admission to the sixth form will be dealt with by the school, not by the LA. Applicants should apply direct to the school for a sixth form place.

The Greater Manchester Learning Trust has however determined that all schools within the trust will follow current Manchester City Council admission arrangements.

### Application Procedures

All parent/carers are required to apply to their home LA regardless of where the school/academy they are applying is situated. Manchester residents will apply to Manchester LA. The LA will liaise with other Admissions Authorities in Manchester and other LAs where required. Manchester LA will inform parent/carers in writing of the outcome of their application.

Applications should be made online at [www.manchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/admissions) alternatively, paper forms are available and can be requested by phone on 0161 245 7166. They should be returned to:

The Admissions Service  
Manchester City Council,  
P.O. Box 532,  
Town Hall,  
Manchester,  
M60 2LA

Or [school.admissions@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@manchester.gov.uk)

### Published Admission Numbers (PAN)

A Published Admission Number (PAN) is the number of places a school/academy has in the year of entry. Places will normally only be offered up to the published admission number. A child cannot be refused admission to the normal year of entry on the grounds of prejudice to the

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provision of efficient education and efficient use of resources unless the published admission number has been reached.

Outside of the year of entry it is expected that the PAN will continue to be applied. However, if circumstances at the school/academy have changed since the year of entry, a place may be refused even if the admission number has not been reached.

The published admissions number for Parris Wood High School for entry in the 2017/18 academic year is 330.

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

The oversubscription criteria will be applied to all applicants where there are more applicants than places available. All applicants will be placed in a priority order determined by the oversubscription criteria. Places will be offered to the applicants with the highest priority until all places at the school have been offered. There are different oversubscription criteria for entry into:

- year 7 in September (Secondary admissions Round),
- year 7 to year 11 during the academic year (In Year Admissions).

### **Secondary Admissions Round – Oversubscription Criteria**

All children whose statement of special educational needs or Education, Health and Care plan names the school must be admitted.

**Category 1** - children who are looked after by a local authority and children who were previously looked after by a local authority. Previously looked after children are 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);

**Category 2** - children with exceptional medical/social needs;

**Category 3** - children with a sibling at the school;

**Category 4** – children attending GMLT Primary schools.

**Category 5** – All other Children

Within each category, applicants will be prioritised according to the distance between the child's permanent address and the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the child's permanent home address to the centre point of the school as defined by Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG), and using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.

Proximity to school is used as a tie-breaker, those living closest being given priority. On the rare occasion where the offer of places to applicants with equidistant addresses would lead to oversubscription, the decision of who will be offered the place will be made by random selection.

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For parents who have shared responsibility for a child, the place of residency will be determined as the address where the child lives for the majority of the week. Where this cannot be easily determined full details must be provided in writing at the time of application to enable the Local Authority to determine which address will be used for the purpose of admission. Should the Local Authority be unable to reach a decision based on the information received, the address provided for claiming Child Benefit and where appropriate, Child Tax Credits will be used. In such circumstances, documentary evidence must be provided.

### **Notes:**

#### Category 2 – Exceptional medical/social needs

- A panel of Local Authority officers will consider Category 2 applications on behalf of the Director of Children's Services.
- If a parent has chosen Parrs Wood high school because the child has exceptional social or medical circumstances or the parent is disabled, this should be indicated with the reasons for choosing the school. Parents must also provide a letter from a doctor or social worker as supporting evidence. The LA will then send a category 2 application form allowing the parent to state in full the exceptional social/medical reasons why the child should attend this school.
- If supporting evidence is not supplied with a category 2 application the application will be refused.

#### Category 3 - Sibling

- A sibling is defined as a brother or sister attending Parrs Wood high school when the applicant will take up the place and living at the same address. This includes adopted siblings, stepsiblings and foster children;
- Sibling criteria, as specified above will be applied with the exception of siblings who are attending the 6<sup>th</sup> form of Parrs Wood high school.

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### **In Year Admissions – Oversubscription Criteria**

All children whose statement of special educational needs or Education, Health and Care plan names the school must be admitted.

**Category 1** - children who are looked after by a local authority and children who were previously looked after by a local authority. Previously looked after children are 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);

**Category 2** - children with exceptional medical/social needs;

**Category 3** - children with a sibling at the school

**Category 4** – children who have moved into Manchester and are without an offer of a school place;

**Category 5** – all other children

Within each category, applicants will be prioritised according to the distance between the child's permanent address and the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the child's permanent home address to the centre point of the school as defined by Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG), and using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.

Proximity to school is used as a tie-breaker, those living closest being given priority. On the rare occasion where the offer of places to applicants with equi-distant addresses would lead to oversubscription, the decision of who will be offered the place will be made by random selection.

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- Sibling criteria, as specified above may be applied whether the sibling is older or younger than the applicant with the exception of siblings who are attending the 6<sup>th</sup> form of Parrs Wood high school.

### Category 4 – New to Manchester

- A child is considered new to Manchester when they:
  - a) Move into the city from abroad and make an application within the same academic year;
  - b) Move into the city from another LA and make an application within the same academic year and it is unreasonable to expect them to attend their previous school.
- A child who is new to Manchester will be prioritised for their preferred schools. These applicants have not had the opportunity to apply during the normal admission round when they may have had a reasonable chance of being offered a preferred school.
- All preferences will be considered equally and if more than one preference can be offered the highest ranked preference will be offered. If no preference can be offered an alternative offer of the closest Manchester school or academy with vacancies will be made. Once a preference or an alternative offer is made, the applicant will no longer be considered in this category.

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### **Waiting Lists**

Waiting lists will be held in criteria order according to the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists will not be operated on a “first come, first served” basis. The amount of time an applicant is on a waiting list will not affect their position on it.

For the Secondary Admissions Round a waiting list will be held up to the end of the autumn term. At this point applicants will be required to re apply for the school should they wish to stay on the waiting list.

For In Year applications, waiting lists will be held for the term in which the application was made. At the end of the term all applicants will be removed from all waiting lists. The only exception to this will be if the applicant has not been offered a place. In this circumstance the applicant will be kept on the waiting list for the next term. Details of the waiting list process will be on the application forms and on the offer letters sent to applicants.

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### **Late Applications**

Waiting lists will be held in criteria order using the oversubscription criteria in the school/academy's admission arrangements. Waiting lists are not operated on a "first come, first served" basis. The amount of time an applicant is on a waiting list will not affect their position on it.

The following excerpt for the Admissions Scheme 2017/18 describes how late applications will be dealt with.

#### **14.0 Secondary Admission Round - Late Applications**

- 14.1** The closing date for applications will be 31 October 2016. Any SAFs received after the closing date will be processed as late applications. This means an offer of a school/academy place will be made after all on time applicants have been processed. Late applications for Manchester school/academies may result in parents/carers not being offered a place at their preferred school/academy.
- 14.2** The LA will only process applications received after the deadline date as on time applications if there is a good reason for late submission. Such applications are valid late applications. A valid late application will include situations where children move into Manchester after the closing date, before offers of places are made. Late applications with reasons for late submission will only be considered up to the 11 November 2016. This is the date when application information is exchanged with other LA's.
- 14.3** Where possible late applicants will be sent an offer letter on 01 March 2017.
- 14.4** Applications received after the 01 March 2017 will be notified of the outcome of their application as soon as possible.