



North
Chadderton
School and
Sixth Form
Centre

Admissions Policy

North Chadderton School and Sixth Form Centre is a Foundation School for students aged 11 – 18 years and its status requires the Governors to be responsible for all admissions.

The number of places available for admission into Year 7 for September 2010 will be 270. Admission arrangements must follow the procedures appropriate to the Local Authority who co-ordinate all admissions across the Borough and applications must be on the appropriate form.

The Governors are unable to refuse admission to a child with a statement of special needs that names North Chadderton School and Sixth Form Centre in the statement. (Section 324 Education Act 1996 and paragraph 1.50 School Admission Code)

The Governors control admissions and where the school is over-subscribed admissions will take place in the following order:

Criterion 1

1. Children who are in public care.
2. Those children who are considered to have an exceptional medical or social reason as to why they should attend a particular school (parents will be required to submit evidence to support their application under this criterion).

Criterion 2

Children living within the prescribed geographical priority area who have a sibling attending the school in Year 7 to 13 when the child is admitted.

Criterion 3

Children living within the prescribed geographical priority area who do not have a sibling at the school.

Criterion 4

Children who live outside the geographical priority area with a sibling who will be attending the school in Year groups 7-13 when the child is admitted,

Criterion 5

Children who live outside the geographical priority area who do not have a sibling in the school

TIE BREAK CRITERION

It is possible that at some stage of applying the above criteria, a school becomes oversubscribed with requests for places. In these cases, parents who live closest to the school will be offered the remaining places. These distances will be calculated using the two data points of home post code and school post code using a straight line measurement.

EXCEPTIONAL MEDICAL OR SOCIAL REASONS

If parents are claiming that there are exceptional medical or social reasons why their child should be prioritized above other applicants, they must give reasons for this claim which must be supported evidence from a registered professional, such as a doctor or social worker. The evidence must demonstrate the reasons why the school in question is the most suitable school, why an alternative school would not meet the child's needs and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school. That evidence will be assessed by the Governors' Admissions Committee. The School Admission Code 2007 states that admission authorities must not give higher priority to children under this criterion if the required documents have not been produced.

SIBLING LINK

The Governors accept that in some family units (1 or 2 parents/carers and children), the children may not be natural brothers and/or sisters. Other children from the same family unit, living at the same address, can be considered as a sibling link under this criterion. Checks will be made with the relevant schools that siblings do live at the same address.

PERMANENT ADDRESS

The only address the Governors can consider is the permanent home address of the child. The permanent home address is considered to be the address of the adult/s with whom the child is permanently resident. Where a child stays with another parent for part of the week, further enquiries may be made in order to determine where the child is predominantly resident.

CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENTS

If a childminder, grandparents, or other family member cares for the child on a daily basis at another address, the Governors cannot consider this address for the purpose of the school admission process.

INTENTION TO MOVE HOUSE

An intention to change address cannot be considered by the Governors until such a move has actually taken place and proof is available that the new address is the permanent residence. Proof of change of address will be accepted up until the latest reasonable date prior to the final allocation of school places.

FRAUDULENT INFORMATION

The Governors will take strong action and the place offered may be withdrawn if a false address is given or one where the child is not actually living when s/he is not at school.

PROXIMITY TO SCHOOL

When measuring the distance between the home address and the school requested, the Governors will measure the distance between the two data points of home post code and the Upper school post code using a straight line measurement.

FEEDER PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The Governors do not operate a feeder school policy.

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS

The School has a Sixth Form capacity of 300
Admission to the Sixth Form is open to all students for whom the school can provide an appropriate course. Please see the Sixth Form Details Booklet for the detailed requirements for admission.

CHANGES TO THE ADMISSION CRITERIA

This policy to be reviewed annually.

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