

LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY ADMISSIONS POLICY 2013/14

APPLICATIONS

Applications for places at the Academy will be made in accordance with Lancashire's co-ordinated secondary school admissions scheme, details of which will be included in the authority's booklet 'Secondary School Admissions in Lancashire – Information for Parents 2013/14 and distributed in September 2012.

For September 2013 admissions, The Governing Body of the Academy have revised the Geographical Priority Area (GPA). The area will take in the Parish of Farington (most of) and the Bamber Bridge and Walton le Dale areas to the west of the M6 motorway and south of the A675 (Higher Walton Road), an area from which the Academy has historically admitted pupils.

A map will be available in school to illustrate the GPA.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION

Where the Academy is oversubscribed with equal preference applications, the following criteria will be applied in priority order;

1. Children in public care at the time when preferences are expressed and who are expected to be still in public care at the time of their admission to school.
2. Children for whom the Academy accepts that there are exceptional medical, social or welfare reasons which are directly relevant to the Academy. Documented social, medical or psychological evidence must be provided in support of the application from an appropriate independent registered professional which sets out why the Academy is the only school that can meet the child's needs or circumstances.
3. Children with older brothers or sisters (including adopted siblings, 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.
4. Children living within the Academy's geographical priority area (GPA).
5. Children living outside the Academy's geographical priority area.
6. 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.