

## **Varied Over-subscription Criteria for New Charter Academy**

The full admission arrangements can also be found at;  
[www.greatacademieseducationtrust.org.uk/admissions](http://www.greatacademieseducationtrust.org.uk/admissions) or  
[www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/admissions](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/admissions)

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admissions number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below.

Children with statements of special educational needs where the Academy is named in the statement will be allocated places before the following criteria are applied.

- a) Looked after Children or children who have previously been looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order.<sup>1</sup>
- b) Children and families with exceptional medical or social needs.<sup>2</sup>
- c) Sibling - this will apply where there are brothers or sisters attending the school at the time of admission.<sup>3</sup>
- d) Children attending named partner\* primary schools (please see list below) and students educated at home at the time of application, as identified by Tameside MBC.

Distance will be used as a tie-breaker where oversubscription occurs within any of criteria (a) to (d). Preference will be given to students living nearest to the school.<sup>4</sup>

- e) All other applications on distance. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applications where this distance would be the last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be implemented between the applications where the distance is the same. The random lottery will be carried out in a public place and supervised by someone independent of the Academy. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

### **Note 1**

Looked after children or children who have previously been looked after but immediately after being looked after become the subject of an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. (See section 1.7 of the Code)

### **Note 2**

Written evidence must be provided from a doctor or other agency that he/she has exceptional needs which means that admission to a particular school is essential, for example, reference will normally be made to the Community Health Physician, Social Services, or the Educational Psychologist, as appropriate. A panel of governors from the Academy will make a decision as to whether to admit a child under this criteria using the evidence provided. All information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence.

**Note 3**

Sibling includes; natural sisters/brothers; half-sisters/ brothers; step sisters/brothers; adopted sisters/

brothers; sisters/ brothers of fostered children, and in each case living at the same address. This allows for the admittance of children whose siblings will still be attending the preferred school.

Where the last place to be allocated would mean that a sibling group i.e. twins, triplets or other multiple birth sibling groups would be split, the sibling group will be given priority over other children.

**Note 4**

Preference will be given to students living nearest to the school. The address from which distances are measured will be the permanent principal residential address, at the time of application, of the parent (as defined in the introduction to the TMBC Moving On booklet, "We're Here to Help"). The Academy will not take into account an intention to move to another address without a solicitor's letter confirming an exchange of contract for purchase of a property, or a long-term agreement for renting a residential property.

When a child lives with parents who share responsibility, each for part of a week, the home address, for the purpose of distance measurements and travel considerations, will be that from which the child travels to school for the majority of school days during a normal school week.

Distance will be measured as a straight line from the child's home address to the main gate to the school site which houses Year 7 students, using the LA's school admissions data mapping software, which uses a Geographical Information System based on Ordnance Survey.

**Partner\* Primary Schools**

Arlies

Ashton West End

Broadoak

Canon Burrows C of E

Canon Johnson C of E

Holden Clough

Holy Trinity C of E

Hurst Knoll

Inspire Academy

Parochial C of E

Rosehill Methodist

Silver Springs Academy

St James' C of E Ashton

St Peter's C of E

The Heys

Waterloo

\*Also called "feeder" schools.