



APPENDIX A1

**ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR
ASHTON ON MERSEY SCHOOL 2023-2024: 11-16 YEARS**

STATUTORY POLICY

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Admissions Arrangements

- The Dean Trust is the admission authority for Ashton on Mersey School
- Ashton on Mersey School is responsible for its own Admissions Policy although the coordination of admissions arrangements into Year 7 is undertaken by Trafford Local Authority
- Parents seeking a place for their child in Year 7 in September 2023 must include Ashton on Mersey School as one of the ranked order of preference choices on their Local Authority's Common Application Form
- The number of Ashton on Mersey School places available for admission into Year 7 in September 2023 is 254. Parents will be notified of places offered by the Local Authority on Wednesday 1 March 2023
- Offers of a place at Ashton on Mersey School are made without reference to ability or aptitude
- Where the Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) of a child names Ashton on Mersey School, they will normally be admitted and the number of available places will reduce accordingly

Over Subscription Criteria

Where the number of applicants for admission exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine how places are awarded:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children, as defined by the School Admissions Code 2021.



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2. Children with a sibling already attending Ashton on Mersey School and who will still be attending at the time of admission. (See note a).
3. Children of staff who have been employed at Ashton on Mersey School for two years at the time of application, or have been recruited to fill a post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage.
4. Distance from the child's home to school measured in a straight line. Those living nearest to the school have priority. (See note b)

Notes

- a) The sibling must be on the school roll at the time of allocation and expected to still be on roll at the time of admission. 'Sibling' includes half and step brothers and sisters as well as fostered and adopted children who are considered as being part of the same family unit on the basis of a care or residency arrangement. In all cases, the 'sibling' must be considered as being resident at the same address on a full-time basis (the admission authority reserves the right to request evidence to confirm residency).
- b) Proof of address will be required. The criteria used to determine admission refer in every case to the child's home address, this means the address where the child normally and permanently lives on a full-time basis, not the address of a child minder, grandparent or any other relative. If parents are separated and child care arrangements are shared between two addresses the average of the distances of the two addresses from the school will be used to determine priority for admission. This will be measured using property co-ordinates provided through a combination of the Trafford Local Land and Property Gazetteer (BS7666), other LA data and Royal Mail Postal Address Information.

Waiting Lists

Unsuccessful applicants for entry into Year 7 may ask to be placed on a waiting list and considered for any places that may arise in the future. These places will be awarded in accordance with the over subscription criteria listed above. These waiting lists will be maintained to the end of the academic year 2023-24.

Tie-Break Arrangements

If there are more applicants than places available within criterion 1, 2 or 3, then criterion 4 will be used as a tie-break. In rare cases where the geographic tie-break does not assist because more than one applicant lives at the same distance e.g. in a block of flats or the same distance in a different radial direction from school, random selection will be used to determine the allocation of places. This process will be independently verified.

In the case of a tie-break situation occurring between applications made for siblings who are twins or of multiple births or siblings within the same family unit as described above, an additional place may be allocated.

Each random selection event only holds for the allocation of the currently available school place.



Appeals

You have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel against any decision made by Ashton on Mersey School. Information on how to do this can be found on the Ashton on Mersey School admissions webpage. <https://www.aomschool.co.uk/admissions-and-appeals/>

Out of Age Group Applications

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. If you wish to apply for a place outside of your child's normal age group you must contact Ashton on Mersey School in writing for the attention of the Admissions Committee. You must set out the reasons why you are making such an application and enclose any evidence on which you seek to rely, for example information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely.

The Admissions Committee will consider the evidence and application carefully and will take account of the parents' views, the views any medical expert, and the views of the Headteacher of Ashton on Mersey School. Any decision will be made in the best interests of the child and the decision will be set out in writing with clear reasons.

In-Year Admission into Years 7 – 11

This applies to applicants applying for places outside the normal admissions round. Ashton on Mersey School is responsible for the coordination of their own in-year admissions applications. An in-year application form and supporting guidance notes are available on the school's admissions webpage <https://www.aomschool.co.uk/admissions-and-appeals/>

Manchester United Scholarships

Ashton on Mersey School has a formal partnership with Manchester United Football Club to provide education for academy players from Year 9 – 11. Admission of Manchester United FC students are managed separately and the number of places allocated under the normal admissions arrangements are not affected by this partnership.

Withdrawing an offer

The admission authority reserves the right to withdraw the offer of any place if it is established that the offer was obtained through a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application.