

Liverpool Archdiocese School Admissions – Common Policy

Proposed Amendments for September 2022 (subject to consultation)

For Primary and Secondary Schools			
<u>Area of Policy</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Oversubscription criterion 1	Looked after children and previously looked after children. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted	Looked after children and previously looked after children.	Following a complaint by Wigan Council about the admissions policy wording of 24 Catholic schools in the borough, the OSA upheld the Council’s objection to the inclusion of children who appear to have been in state care outside of England. Pending proposed alterations to the Admissions Code to include such children formally in admissions policies, it is therefore proposed to remove such references from our common policy.
Notes	(Note B) A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that the child has been adopted from state care.	Remove this section of Note B.	The text is no longer relevant to the oversubscription criteria with the proposed change to criterion 1.

Notes	No existing text.	<p>Note D: “Children of other Christian denominations” means: children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledging God’s revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God’s will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above. All members of Churches Together in England and of CYTÛN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis. Other faiths are defined as organisations whose values are based on faith and/or beliefs, which have a mission based on social values of a particular faith.</p> <p>Other faiths are defined as organisations whose values are based on faith and/or beliefs, which have a mission based on social values of a particular faith</p>	To better define children of other Christian denominations and other faiths
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Notes	Home Address is considered to be the address where the child normally lives. Where care is split and a child moves between two addresses, the household in receipt of the child benefit would normally be the address used but the admission body reserve the right to request other proofs as fit the individual circumstance. Applicants should not state a childminder's or other relative's address.	Home address is considered to be the address where the child normally lives. Applicants should not state a childminder's or other relative's address. It may be necessary to carry out checks to confirm addresses given are genuine and parents may therefore be asked to provide documentary evidence of their child's home address.	To help to provide a more accurate indication of a child's actual address.
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For Primary Schools			
Area of Policy	Existing	Proposed Amendment	Reason
Notes	<p>If a parent wishes their child to be educated out of their normal age group (e.g. if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health or is a summer born child) they must discuss this with the school before applying for a place. The decision rests with the school as admission authority as per para 2.17 of the Admissions Code.</p> <p>If there is more than one application for an available place reference will be made to the oversubscription criteria.</p>	<p>If a parent wishes their child to be educated out of their normal age group they must discuss this with the Headteacher before applying for a place. The decision rests with the school as admission authority as per para 2.17 of the Admissions Code.</p> <p>If there is more than one application for an available place reference will be made to the oversubscription criteria.</p>	To make clearer the process for seeking a place outside the normal age group
Notes	If a child is a "summer born child", parents can request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred to later in the school year. However, an application must be made for a place for the relevant September intake and the child has to start school before the end of that school year.	Parents of children who are offered a place at the school before they are of compulsory school age can defer their child's entry until later in the school year or until their child reaches compulsory school age in that school year.	To make clearer the arrangements about the admission of children below compulsory school age

	<p>Parents of children who are offered a place at the school before they are of compulsory school age can defer their child's entry until later in the school year or until their child reaches compulsory school age in that school year.</p> <p>Where entry is deferred, the school will hold the place for that child and not offer it to another child during the remainder of the school year.</p> <p>Parents cannot defer entry beyond the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted.</p> <p>Parents can also request that their child attends part-time until their child reaches compulsory school age.</p> <p>Parents of a summer born child, born between April and August, may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday. The expectation would be that parents have decided that their child miss the reception year and would be applying for a year 1 place, depending upon availability.</p> <p>A request for a full year deferral with a start in Reception would be considered to be an application to admit outside the normal age range.</p>	<p>Parents can make a request to the Headteacher that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred to later in the school year. However, an application must be made for a place for the relevant September intake and the child has to start school before the end of that school year.</p> <p>Where entry is deferred, the school will hold the place for that child and not offer it to another child during the remainder of the school year.</p> <p>Parents cannot defer entry beyond the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted.</p> <p>Parents can also request to the Headteacher that their child attends part-time until their child reaches compulsory school age.</p> <p>Parents of a summer born child, born between April and August, may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday.</p> <p>A request to the Headteacher for a full year deferral with a start in Reception would be considered to be an application to admit outside the normal age range.</p>	
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For Secondary Schools			
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Notes	If a parent wishes their child to be educated out of their normal school year (kept back a year), they must discuss this with the school before applying. However, the decision on this rests with the school (para 2.17 of the Admissions Code).	<p>If a parent wishes their child to be educated out of their normal age group they must discuss this with the Headteacher before applying for a place. The decision rests with the school as admission authority as per para 2.17 of the Admissions Code.</p> <p>If there is more than one application for an available place reference will be made to the oversubscription criteria.</p>	To make clearer the process for seeking a place outside the normal age group