



Admissions Policy Statement

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Summary

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Admissions Policy

Waterton Academy Trust is the admission authority for the following schools:

- Walton Primary Academy (Wakefield)
- Normanton Common Primary Academy (Wakefield)
- Normanton Junior Academy (Wakefield)
- Lee Brigg Infant and Nursery School (Wakefield)
- Crofton Infants' School (Wakefield)
- Sharlston Community School (Wakefield)
- South Kirkby Academy (Wakefield)
- Wrenthorpe Academy (Wakefield)
- Cherry Tree Academy (Wakefield)
- Ackworth Mill Dam School (Wakefield)
- West End Academy (Wakefield)
- King's Meadow Academy (Wakefield)
- Churchfield Primary School (Barnsley)
- Waterton Newstead Academy (Barnsley)

The trust is required by its funding agreement to comply with the School Admissions Code and the law relating to admissions, though the Secretary of State, has the power to vary this requirement where there is demonstrable need. The purpose of the School Admissions Code is to ensure that all school places are allocated and offered in an open and fair way. The School Admissions Code has the force of law and includes a requirement to comply with associated regulations and legislation attached within it.

Objections to the admission arrangements of academies can be made to the Schools Adjudicator whose decisions are binding and enforceable. For further details, please see the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-admissions-arrangements>

The trust is responsible for arranging/providing for appeals against refusal of a place at a school. The trust has agreed that it will follow the Admissions policies for the relevant local authorities in managing its admission arrangements to ensure that the allocation of school places remains fair, clear and objective. This should enable parents and carers to understand easily how places for each school will be allocated.


The admission numbers for each school in the Trust are published online by Wakefield Metropolitan District Council and Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

The Wakefield Metropolitan District Council Admissions Policy and Published Admission Numbers for each of our Wakefield based schools can be found on the following link:

<http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/schools/admissions/policies>

The Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council Admissions Policy and Published Admission Numbers for each of our Barnsley based schools can be found on the following link:

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/schools-and-learning/school-admissions-and-transfers/school-admission-arrangements/>

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