

Secondary School Admissions

For September 2023



Please find details below of the number of places offered at schools in Blackburn with Darwen that were 'oversubscribed'. A school is defined as being oversubscribed if at least one on-time applicant was refused a place and the applicant did not receive an offer from any higher preference school.

Darwen Vale High School

Published admission number – 240

By the closing date for receipt of applications 527 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children who have an Education Health and Care Plan/Statement for Special Educational Need naming the school.	5
1	Looked after Children and previously looked after children.	6
2	Children of staff at the academy who occupy, or have been recruited to, a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage.	0
3	Children who, at the time of admission, have a sibling who attends the academy.	59
4	Children of staff in the school who have been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time the application is submitted.	10
5	Children who live closest the school (distance measurement).	170*

*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 1.890 miles from the school.

Pleckgate High School

Published admission number – 270

By the closing date for receipt of applications 592 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children who have an Education Health and Care Plan/Statement for Special Educational Need naming the school.	5
a	Looked after Children and previously looked after children.	0
b	Children with an older sibling.	101
c	Children with proven and exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the School.	0
d	Children who live nearest the school (geographical proximity).	164*

*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 1.217 miles from the school.

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School

Published admission number (PAN) – 140

By the closing date for receipt of applications 607 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

Children resident in the borough of Blackburn with Darwen	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Band 5
Year 6 transfers.	3	5	9	11	4
Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming this school.					
'Looked after' children and children who were previously 'looked after'.					
Children of a member of staff.	1				
Other Children.	14	16	12	10	20
Total	18	21	21	21	24

Children resident out of the borough of Blackburn with Darwen	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Band 5
Year 6 transfers.	3	1	2	3	1
Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming this school.					
'Looked after' children and children who were previously 'looked after'.					
Children of a member of staff.					
Other Children.	7	6	5	4	3
Total	10	7	7	7	4

St Bede's RC High School

Published admission number – 210

By the closing date for receipt of applications 527 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children who have an Education Health and Care Plan/Statement for Special Educational Need naming St Bede's.	6
1	Looked after Children and previously looked after children.	9
2	Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of application and admission.	61
3	Baptised Catholic children from Partner Primary Schools - St. Paul's Feniscowles, St. Peter's Mill Hill, St. Edward's Darwen, St. Joseph's Darwen and Feniscowles Primary School.	84
4	Other Baptised Catholic children.	42
5	Non Catholic Children who have a sibling in the school at the time of application and admission.	8*
6	Children with a parent or carer who has been employed at St Bede's for a minimum of two years prior to the closing date for applications.	0
7	Non Catholic children from the Partner Primary Schools - St. Paul's Feniscowles, St. Peter's Mill Hill, St. Edward's Darwen, St. Joseph's Darwen and Feniscowles Primary School.	0
8	Other children.	0

*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 0.712 miles from the school.

Published admission number – 250

By the closing date for receipt of applications 832 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria (in criteria 2 to 13, first priority within each criteria is given to brothers and sisters of pupils who are on the Academy roll):

	Criteria	Number of places offered
SEN	Children with a final Statement of Special Educational Need or an Education Health and Care Plan naming St Wilfrid's Church of England Academy.	5
1a	Children in public care or adopted children who were previously in public care	9
1b	Children with special medical or social circumstances	0
2	Parents with not less than weekly worship attendance over a period of two years leading up to 1 September in the year of application, in the Church of England or at churches in membership of Churches Together in England, the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance.	5 with siblings 16 with no sibling
3	Parents with not less than fortnightly worship attendance over two years leading up to 1 September in the year of application, in the Church of England or at churches in membership of Churches Together in England, the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance.	3 with siblings 9 with no sibling
4	Parents with not less than monthly worship attendance over two years leading up to 1 September in the year of application, in the Church of England or at churches in membership of Churches Together in England, the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance.	3 with siblings 7 with no sibling
5	Parents with not less than weekly worship attendance over a period of one year leading up to 1 September in the year of application, in the Church of England or at churches in membership of Churches Together in England, the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance.	1 with siblings 16 with no sibling
6	Parents with not less than fortnightly worship attendance over one year leading up to 1 September in the year of application, in the Church of England or at churches in membership of Churches Together in England, the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance.	1 with siblings 2 with no sibling
7	Parents with not less than monthly worship attendance over one year leading up to 1 September in the year of application, in the Church of England or at churches in membership of Churches Together in England, the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance.	2 with siblings 1 with no sibling
8	Children with a parent who is an occasional worshipper at the Church of England or at churches in membership of in membership of Churches Together in England, the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance. Occasional worshipping is defined as a minimum of six times for a period of at least one year leading up to 1 September in the year of application.	5 with siblings 8 with no sibling
9	Children who are occasional worshippers at the Church of England or at churches in membership of in membership of Churches Together in England, the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance. Occasional worshipping is defined as a minimum of six times for a period of at least one year leading up to 1 September in the year of application.	8 with siblings 9 with no sibling
10	Children with a parent employed by the Academy.	1 with siblings 0 with no sibling
11	Children who have attended The Redeemer Church of England Primary School, Blackburn, Mellor St Mary's Church of England Primary School, St Aidan's Church of England Primary School, St Francis Church of England Primary School, St Gabriel's Church of England Primary School, St Paul's Church of England Primary School Huddlesden, St Oswald's Church of England Primary School, Knuzden and Belthorn Academy, for the whole of year 5 in the school year before the closing date for applications.	25 with siblings 44 with no sibling

12	Children with a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who are in membership of the UK Interfaith Network (www.interfaith.org.uk); in addition to Christians, it includes Buddhists, Baha'is, Hindus, Jains, Jews, Muslims, Sikhs, Zoroastrianesps. The parent must meet the normal religious obligations of the faith. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or worship leader.	20 with siblings 44 with no sibling
13	Other children on the basis of distance from the front door of their home to the Academy.	6 with siblings* 0 with no sibling

*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 0.376 miles from the school.

Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School

Published admission number – 124

By the closing date for receipt of applications 397 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

Criteria		Number of places offered
PRIORITY GROUP A		
	Children with an education, health and care plan, naming the school.	4
1	Looked after Muslim children or a Muslim child who was previously looked after.	0
2	Children whose parent is a member of, or a woman who receives the membership benefits of, Masjid-e-Tauheedul Islam.	26
3	Children whose parent is a member of, or a woman who receives the membership benefits of, Masjid al Hidayah, Masjid-e-Irfan and Masjid-e-Anisul Islam.	32*
4	Children of Muslim staff employed at TIBHS.	0
5	Muslim children with a sibling attending TIBHS in Years 7-11.	0
6	Muslim children with proven, exceptionally strong special, medical or social circumstances.	0
7	Muslim children attending The Olive School, Blackburn.	0
8	All other Muslim children who live nearest from home to school.	0
*The distance from home to school of the last child offered a place under criteria 3 in Priority Group A was 1.440 miles.		
PRIORITY GROUP B		
	Children with an education, health and care plan, naming the school.	3
1	Looked after children or a child who was previously looked after.	1
2	Children of staff employed at TIBHS.	7
3	Children with a sibling attending TIBHS in Years 7-11.	34
4	Children with proven, exceptionally strong special, medical or social circumstances.	5
5	Children attending The Olive School, Blackburn.	12**
6	All other children who live nearest from home to school.	0
** The distance from home to school of the last child offered a place under criteria 5 in Priority Group B was 1.828 miles.		

Tauheedul Islam Girls' High School

Published admission number – 124

By the closing date for receipt of applications 377 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with an education, health and care plan, naming the school.	6
1	Looked after children or a child who was previously looked after.	5
2	Children whose parent is a member of, or a woman who receives the membership benefits of, Masjid e Tauheedul Islam.	40
3	Children whose parent is a member of, or a woman who receives the membership benefits of, Masjid al Hidayah, Masjid-e-Irfan and Masjid-e-Anisul Islam.	43
4	Children of staff employed at TIGHS or TIGHS Sixth Form College for 2 or more years.	0
5	Children with proven, exceptionally strong special, medical or social circumstances.	7
6	Children with a sibling attending TIGHS in Years 7-11.	22
7	Children attending The Olive School, Blackburn.	1*
8	Other children who live nearest from home to TIGHS.	0

*The distance from home to school of the last child offered a place under Criteria 7 was 0.874 miles.

Schools that were not oversubscribed

The following schools offered admission to all on-time first, second and third preferences if a higher preference could not be offered:

School	Number of preferences received by the closing date for receipt of applications	Number of places offered
Blackburn Central High School	358	210
Darwen Aldridge Community Academy	331	221
Our Lady and St John Catholic College	274	150
Witton Park Academy	569	270

Waiting Lists

If your child has been refused a place at a Blackburn with Darwen school, their name will be placed on the waiting list for the school. If places become available, they will be offered from the waiting list in priority order. Waiting lists remain open until the end of the Autumn Term in December 2023.

Appeals

If your child has not been successful in gaining admission to their preferred school you will have the right of appeal against the decision to an independent appeal panel. You can appeal for more than one school.

It is expected that the first round of appeals for Blackburn with Darwen secondary schools will be held in May/June 2023. In order for your appeal to be heard in the first round, you should submit your appeal paperwork no later than 31 March 2023.

For information why your child was refused a place and to obtain an appeal form please contact:

- **Blackburn Central High School**
Email admissions@blackburn.gov.uk
- **Darwen Aldridge Community Academy**
Email admissions@blackburn.gov.uk
- **Darwen Vale High School**
Email admissions@blackburn.gov.uk

- **Our Lady & St John Catholic College**
Email GGoldstein@olsj.blackburn.sch.uk.
- **Pleckgate High School**
Email admissions@blackburn.gov.uk
- **Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School**
Email admissions@qegsblackburn.com
- **St Bede's RC High School**
Email JTurner2@stbedesblackburn.com or call (01254) 202519 and ask for Jane Turner.
- **St Wilfrid's Church of England Academy**
Email knightingale@saintwilfrids.com or call (01254) 604001 and ask for Mrs Nightingale.
- **Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School**
Email admisison@staracademies.org or call 03313139137
- **Tauheedul Islam Girls' High School**
Email admisison@staracademies.org or call 03313139137
- **Witton Park Academy**
Email admissions@blackburn.gov.uk
- **Schools located in the area administered by Bolton Council**
Visit the website www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions, email admissions@bolton.gov.uk or call (01204) 333333
- **Schools located in the area administered by Lancashire County Council**
Visit the website www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools for full details, appeals forms and information.

Advice is also available from Coram Children's Legal Centre

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