



ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-20

The admission arrangements for the academic year 2019-20 for Bridgewater High School are as follows. Bridgewater High School is a member of The Challenge Academy Trust which is the admitting authority. However admissions to Bridgewater High School for all pupils into who wish to apply to join us in Year 7 – Year 11 are administered on the school’s behalf and coordinated through Warrington Borough Council Admissions Team. From 2019-20, Bridgewater High School will no longer operate a Sixth Form College and therefore there will be no admissions into Years 12 and 13 from September 2019.

1.0 ADMISSION INTO YEAR 7

Our Published Admission Number is 300 pupils. There have been no changes from the previous year to the PAN or the oversubscription criteria

The school has agreed to follow the Council’s scheme for all admissions to the school for academic year 2019-20. For access to these schemes, please refer to the Council’s website accessible on the link below. The Council will administer all admissions into Year 7 on the school’s behalf.

The determined admission arrangements for the academic year 2019-20 for Bridgewater High School are as follows:

1.1 OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

Oversubscription criteria are used to establish an order of priority for allocation purposes when the number of applications for places at a school is greater that the number of places available.

Children who have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) will be admitted to the school named in the EHCP over and above the published oversubscription criteria.

The oversubscription criteria for Bridgewater High School will be published in the parents’ guide as follows:

1. Children in care and children formerly in care.*
2. Siblings (pupils with elder brothers or sisters already attending the preferred school and expected to continue at the school in the following school year. This includes full, half or step brothers and sisters and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit).





3. Pupils for whom advice from a medical practitioner or psychologist has been provided by the parents at the time of application in support of admission to the school which, in the School's view and taking advice from Warrington Borough Council, justifies admission to Bridgewater High School. The School, if it is considered appropriate, will seek the views of the School Medical Officer or Educational Psychologist in the event of parents requesting admission on medical or psychological grounds.
4. Pupils living nearest to the school defined as a direct distance from the child's permanent place of residence to the school, measured using a Geographical Information Address Point system based on the Local Land and Property Gazetteer. This measures straight line distances from the address point of the permanent place of residence to the address point of the school, (in miles).

Where a school reaches its published admission number from pupils within one of the categories listed above those pupils to be admitted from within that category will be those whose permanent place of residence is closest to the school as defined in oversubscription criterion four.

* Children in Care and children formerly in Care is defined as looked after children and previously looked after children who have ceased to be in Care because they have been adopted or have become subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

1.2 APPEALS TIMETABLE

After the publication of the new appeals code, it is now a statutory requirement for all admission authorities to set a timetable in relation to the appeals process. Furthermore, this timetable must be published on the website by 28 February each year. The appeals timetable for all admission authorities within Warrington is set out on the Council's website.

2.0 IN-YEAR APPLICATIONS AND TRANSFERS

Bridgewater High School follows Warrington Borough Council's arrangements for in-year transfers and subscribes to the Fair Access protocol. Warrington Borough Council's Admissions Team administers the in-year application process on the school's behalf. Parents who wish to apply for an in-year transfer should apply to Admissions Team using the application form on the council website.

The school maintains a waiting list for in-year applications which is kept in accordance with the oversubscription criteria for applications made to the Admissions Team where the school year being applied for is full. For Years 8-11 the school maintains the waiting list from September – July each year. For admissions into Year 7, the Local Authority administers the process as in section 1.0 and maintains the waiting list until December of





Year 7. The school only takes responsibility for the Year 7 waiting list from the December of Year 7.

3.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information may be found on the Warrington Borough Council website which may be accessed from the link below.

http://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/200310/school_admissions

