



## ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

The admission arrangements for the academic year 2024-25 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 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.

### 1.0 ADMISSION INTO YEAR 7

Our Published Admission Number is 360 pupils. There are no changes to the oversubscription criteria.

The school has agreed to follow the Council's scheme for all admissions to the school for academic year 2024-25. 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 2024-25 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 than the number of places available.

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

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

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children including those previously in state care outside of England\*
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 stepbrothers 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). As Bridgewater

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.

\*A child in care is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their Social Services functions under section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making the application to the school.

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted, (or became subject to child arrangements order or special guardianship order).

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.

## 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](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/200310/school_admissions)

