

# **DETERMINED ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2024/25**

## Introduction

The Learning Community Trust has determined the admissions to all its academies for applications for places for the academic year 2025-26.

The Trust has grown significantly over recent years to include mainstream primary and secondary academies, alongside specialist provisions:

<b>Primary academies</b>	<b>Secondary academies</b>	<b>Specialist academies</b>
Allscott Meads Primary Crudgington Primary Hadley Learning Community - Primary Lantern Academy Wrekin View Primary	Burton Borough School Charlton School Ercall Wood Academy Hadley Learning Community - Secondary Telford Priory School	Kickstart Academy (PRU)* Queensway School* Severndale Specialist Academy*  * Separate admissions criteria

Details of the catchment areas for each of our primary and secondary academies can be found on Telford & Wrekin Council's website - [https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school\\_admissions/284/school\\_catchment\\_area\\_maps](https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions/284/school_catchment_area_maps)

If there are more applications received than places for our academies, then the following oversubscription criteria apply, which are slightly different for each academy:

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## **Definitions used in the criteria:**

Distance: if there are insufficient places for all children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and the academy as measured by straight line distance with those children closest to the academy having priority. Distances are measured using Telford & Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.

Siblings: a sibling connection is defined as a brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother or half-sister living at the same address as part of the same family unit and of compulsory schooling age (ie 5-16 years). Adopted siblings are also included. Older siblings must be attending the academy on the date the younger sibling is due to start. However, cousins or other relatives who take up residence in a home in order to establish an 'in-catchment' address will not be given priority under the sibling criterion.

Looked after and previously looked after children: A looked after child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those who have been in a state of care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A looked after child 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 (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

## **Appeals**

The appeals process for parents/carers who have not been offered a place at one of our academies is through the Admissions Team at Telford & Wrekin Council, who manage the appeals process on behalf of the Learning Community Trust.

Parents/carers who have not been offered a place will receive correspondence from the Admissions Team explaining the process and timescales for appeals. Our Headteachers/Principals are part of the process – they attend and present to the Appeals Panel for the relevant academy.

[https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school\\_admissions/12/appeal\\_against\\_a\\_school\\_decision](https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions/12/appeal_against_a_school_decision)

## ALLSCOTT MEADS PRIMARY

Children with an Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

- 1 Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after.

And then

- 2 Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.

If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:

- a) Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;

And then

- b) Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;
- c) Children in receipt of Early Years Premium or Pupil Premium at the point of submitting the application request;
- d) Other children living in the school's attendance area.

- 3 Children of staff at the academy

- a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or
- b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

- 4 Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2 a) – c).

If there are insufficient places for children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and the academy, as measured by straight line distance with those children closest to the academy having priority. Distances are measured using Telford & Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.

## CRUDGINGTON PRIMARY

Children with an Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

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- 1 Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after.

And then

- 2 Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.

If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:

- a) Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;

And then

- b) Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;

- c) Children in receipt of Early Years Premium or Pupil Premium at the point of submitting the application request;

- d) Other children living in the school's attendance area.

- 3 Children of staff at the academy

- a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or

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## HADLEY LEARNING COMMUNITY – PRIMARY PHASE

Children with an Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

- 1 Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after.

And then

- 2 Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.

If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:

- a) Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;

And then

- b) Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;

- c) Children in receipt of Early Years Premium or Pupil Premium at the point of submitting the application request;

- d) Other children living in the school's attendance area.

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- a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or

- b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

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Part of Hadley Learning Community's attendance area is shared with Teagues Bridge Primary School. If one of these is oversubscribed with in-area applications, the places will be allocated up to the admission number in accordance with the priority order. Any parents/carers living in the shared area who cannot be offered a place at their preferred school will then be considered for a place at the other school in the shared area, if that is one of their preferences.

Once all applications from within the shared area to both schools have been considered, any remaining places at either school will be allocated to out-of-area applicants in accordance with the priority order.

## LANTERN (PRIMARY) ACADEMY

Children with an Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

- 1 Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after.

And then

- 2 Those children who have exceptional health and/or social reasons where there is written evidence from a medical practitioner or social worker that admission to the academy is essential for their wellbeing (applications will be subject to verification);

And then

- 3 Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;
- 4 Children with known special medical or social needs (non-EHCP), supported by written evidence at the time of application from a relevant professional (such as a doctor, social worker or educational psychologist);
- 5 Locality to the academy, according to distance, with those living closer to the academy receiving higher priority.

Proof of residence will be required by the coordinated scheme. The offer of a place may be withdrawn if proof of residency is not met. Where a child lives part of the week with one parent and part of the week with another member of the family, the 'home address' will be considered to be the residence where the child spends at least three nights of the week each week.

Proximity of a child's home to the academy using a straight-line distances from the Yates Way entrance will be used as a tie-breaker for any oversubscribed criterion, with priority given to those living closer to the academy. Flats in the same block will be treated equally. If, after applying the tie-breaker, there are more applications than places available, a further tie-breaker of random allocation will be used for applications from the same block of flats.

## WREKIN VIEW PRIMARY

Children with an Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

- 1 Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after.

And then

- 2 Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.

If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:

- a) Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;

And then

- b) Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;

- c) Children in receipt of Early Years Premium or Pupil Premium at the point of submitting the application request;

- d) Other children living in the school's attendance area.

- 3 Children of staff at the academy

- a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or

- b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

- 4 Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2 a) – c).

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And then

- 2 Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.

If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:

- a) Children living in a rural community entitled to transport provided by the local authority specifically for the academy. These are namely the villages of Roden, Poynton, High Ercall, Walton, Cotwall, Osbaston, Ellerdine, Ellerdine Heath, Eyton-upon-the-Weald Moors, Cold Hatton Heath, Waters Upton, Great Bolas, Bolas Heath, Shirlowe, Rodington Heath, Rodington, Rodway, Crudgington, Longdon-on-Tern, Kynnersley, Preston-upon-the-Weald Moors, Wrockwardine, Walcot and Allscott Heath, encompassing parts of the civil parishes of Bolas Magna and Ercall Magna.

And then

- b) Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;
- c) Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;
- d) Other children living in the school's attendance area.

- 3 Children of staff at the academy

- a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or
- b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

- 4 Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2 b) – c).

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If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:

- a) Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;

And then

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- c) Other children living in the school's attendance area

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Part Ercall Wood Academy's attendance area is shared with Telford Langley School. If one of these is oversubscribed with in-area applications, the places will be allocated up to the admission number in accordance with the priority order. Any parents/carers living in the shared area who cannot be offered a place at their preferred school will then be considered for a place at the other school in the shared area, if that is one of their preferences.

Once all applications from within the shared area to both schools have been considered, any remaining places at either school will be allocated to out-of-area applicants in accordance with the priority order.

## HADLEY LEARNING COMMUNITY – SECONDARY PHASE

Children with an Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

- 1 Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after.

And then

- 2 Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.

If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:

- a) Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;

And then

- b) Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;

- c) Those children who attended the primary phase within the Learning Community for at least one academic year prior to the end of Year 6

- c) Other children living in the school's attendance area.

- 3 Children of staff at the academy

- a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or

- b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

- 4 Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2 a) – c).

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