

Middle, High & Secondary Admissions Handbook 2015/2016



**Closing Date
for Admissions
31 October 2014**

NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council

TIMETABLE OF DATES

8 September 2014: E-admissions portal opens.

Information, Handbooks and application forms available at:
www.northumberland.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

Paper forms available on request from: School Admissions Team, Wellbeing and Community Health Services Group, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 2EF.

31 October 2014: Closing Date for Applications: E-admission portal closes

27 February 2015: Parents notified of the outcome of their applications for school places

16 March 2015: Last date for offers to be accepted by parents.

DEADLINE FOR
APPLICATIONS

31 OCTOBER 2014

OFFERS DAY

27 FEBRUARY 2015



Dear Parent / Carer

Your first application for a school place for your child is exciting but can also be confusing and worrying. The same can be said if your child is changing between schools at the end of a phase. Do we know everything there is to know? Have we made the right choice?

The Council has written this Handbook as a guide and aid for these important decisions.

The Handbook contains an explanation of the way schools in Northumberland are organised, the Schools' Admission policies and how to apply for your preferred school(s).

We include other information which will also be of use. The different school partnerships are explained as well as more general information.

More detailed information can be obtained from individual schools where they will explain the opportunities they can give. It is advisable to contact the individual schools you are interested in before submitting your application. I am sure they would welcome your interest.

A good education gives every young person the foundation for achieving to the best of their potential. The County Council wants to see every child given the best possible chance by providing the very best opportunities in education across Northumberland.

Schools are part of their communities and we encourage parents, and carers to be involved by becoming a Governor of the school, supporting the Headteacher and the staff team or by joining in with school activities.

All Northumberland Schools are inspected by Ofsted, the body that ensures that schools are educating and looking after children correctly. The reports are published and include their findings on how the school has performed in Teaching and Learning and its culture. It may be helpful to access the reports for the school's you are interested in either by contacting the school or via the website: www.ofsted.gov.uk.

Further useful information including an online version of this Handbook can be found on the Council's website: www.northumberland.gov.uk/admissions.

It is hoped that this Handbook provides all the information you need and has been designed to take you through the process without problems. If you have any queries or need further help to fill in the application forms then please contact the School Admissions Team on 01670 624889.

Children are our future and we want their years at school to be enjoyable. We want them to be happy in an environment they feel safe in. We want them to grasp every opportunity and be able to make their own choices.

We can achieve this with your support. I hope you find this guide helpful in making the right choices for your children.

Best wishes,

Cllr. Robert Arckless
Policy Board Member for Children's Services.

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DATA PROTECTION

In order to provide an effective education system that can respond to the needs of all children, systems are used that improve and standardise communication between schools and the County Council. Much of this data is held on computer systems and is subject to the Data Protection Act. The Data Protection Act says that information must only be used for the purpose for which it is collected. In the case of each child, the information will only be used by teachers to help the child's progress, by the DfE and educational professionals. Parents may request to know what information is being held in relation to their child by writing to the headteacher of the child's present school. Further information regarding Data Protection can be obtained from the Northumberland County Council (NCC) website: www.northumberland.gov.uk. A link to this information is under **About the Council** then **Contact Us** then **Information Governance (to the right of the page)**.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Deciding Your Child's School

One of the most important decisions you will make about your child's education will be deciding which school you would like your child to attend. Making that choice can involve a great deal of research and planning. The most important thing you can do before expressing your preferences is to find out as much information as possible about the school(s) you are interested in.

You do not have a right to choose which school your child will go to, you only have a right to express a preference. Our ability to meet your preference will depend on the demand for places at an individual school, and the number of places available.

Visit the School

One of the best ways to assess a school is by visiting it in person. You should make an appointment with the Headteacher if you wish to visit a school.

Consider the location of the school. When your child is older, will they be able to get to school alone?

A visit to a school does not indicate that you have been offered a place, nor does it give priority for places. Parents should not assume that a visit to a school constitutes any obligation on the part of the school or Local Authority.

Obtain the school prospectus

Schools are required to publish an online prospectus. The prospectus can tell you more about a particular school than the Admissions Handbook. The Local Authority does not keep copies of individual school prospectuses; they can only be obtained from schools or school websites.

Check the performance tables

Every year the Department for Education (DfE) publishes Schools and Colleges Achievement and Attainment tables (formerly performance tables) for First and Primary, Middle, High and Secondary Schools. You can obtain a copy of a schools performance tables by contacting the DfE on 0800 242322 or on the DfE website at: www.DfE.gov.uk/performance.

Research Ofsted reports

It may be helpful to read Ofsted reports which are produced by the Government's School Inspectors. A report is available for every school and you can obtain copies from the school. They can also be found on the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports.

Admission Numbers

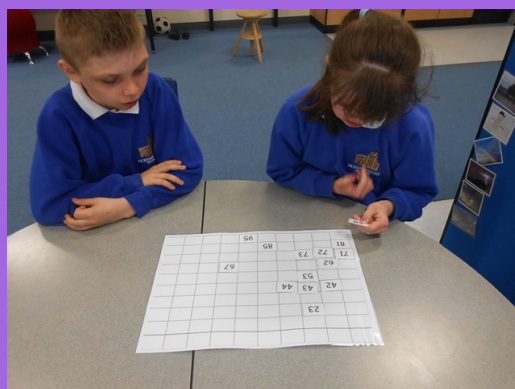
All schools have a Published Admission Number (PAN) based on the size of the school building and their capacity to accommodate pupils. Once an admission number has been set, the admissions authority must respect that number. Pupils should not be admitted above the Published Admissions Numbers unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Oversubscriptions

Some schools regularly have more applications than there are places to offer. Check the oversubscription table on page 65 in order to assess your likelihood of success in securing a place at your preferred school for your child.

USEFUL INFORMATION

SECTION 2



TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Headteachers have the discretion to grant leave, but they will only do this in exceptional circumstances. If a headteacher grants a leave request, it will be for them to determine the length of time that the child can be away from school. Leave is unlikely to be granted for the purposes of a family holiday.

It is an offence to take your child on holiday during term time without consent from the school. Parents will be fined.

School Holiday Dates

School holiday dates for 2015/2016 are on the Northumberland County Council website you can access the dates by following the link below:

www.northumberland.gov.uk/schooldates

Teacher Training Days

As well as the School Holiday list schools are closed for a total of 5 Teacher Training Days per academic year. Your child's school will provide parents with details of their teacher training days. Details of the Teacher Training Days can also be found by following the link below on the Northumberland County Council website or by telephoning the School Admissions Team on 01670 623565.

Teacher Training Days are **subject to change** and are updated on a regular basis, the most up to date version can be accessed on the Northumberland County Council Website by following the link below:

www.northumberland.gov.uk/schooldates

CONTACT DETAILS

You can contact the Northumberland County Council's Admissions Team on 01670 624889 or obtain general information from:

www.northumberland.gov.uk/admissions

School Admissions – (Primary/First)

Application for First and Primary School places (September and Immediate transfer).

www.northumberland.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

School Admissions - (Middle and High/Secondary)

Application for Middle and High/Secondary School places (September and immediate transfers)

www.northumberland.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Neighbouring Local Authorities:

Newcastle City Council

Civic Centre
Barras Bridge
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8PU

Tel: (0191) 2787878
Email: admissions.information@newcastle.gov.uk
Web: www.newcastle.gov.uk

North Tyneside Council

Education Offices
Quadrant
The Silverlink North
Cobalt Business Park
North Tyneside NE27 0BY

Tel: (0191) 6438724
Email: school.admissions@northtyneside.gov.uk
Web: www.northtyneside.gov.uk

South Tyneside Council

Town Hall
Westoe Road
South Shields
Tyne and Wear NE33 2RL

Tel: (0191) 424 7706
Email: school.admissions@southtyneside.gov.uk
Web: www.s-tyneside-mbc.gov.uk

Durham County Council

County Hall
Durham
DH1 5UJ

Tel: 03000 265 896 / 892
Email: secondaryadmissions@durham.gov.uk
Web: www.durham.gov.uk

Gateshead Council

Civic Centre
Regent Street
Gateshead NE8 1HH

Tel: 0191 433 2757 / 2756 / 2775
Email: enquiries@gateshead.gov.uk
Web: www.gateshead.gov.uk

Cumbria County Council School Admissions and Appeals

Lower East Wing
Parkhouse Building
Baron Way
Carlisle CA6 4SJ

Tel: (01228) 221582
E-mail: school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk
Web: <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk>

Other organisations:

Department for Education (DfE)

Sanctuary Buildings
Great Smith Street
London
SW1P 3BT

Tel: 0370 0002288
Email: info@DfE.gsi.gov.uk
Fax: 01928 794248

Web: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education

Every year, Performance Tables are published by the Department for Education (DfE). To obtain a copy of these tables you can either ring the following number 0800 242322 or visit the website at www.DfE.gov.uk and view them online.

Ofsted

Office for Standards in Education (England)

Piccadilly Gate
Store Street
Manchester
M1 2WD

Tel: 0300 1231231 0300 1234434
Email: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk
Web: www.ofsted.gov.uk

You may also be interested to know that the Government's School Inspectors produce a report for every school and copies of those reports are available from the school or via the Ofsted website: www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports

Office of the Schools Adjudicator

Mowden Hall
Staindrop Road
Darlington DL3 9BG

Tel 01325 735303
Fax 01325 391313
Email osa.team@osa.gsi.gov.uk
Web www.education.gov.uk/schoolsadjudicator

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2015/16

SECTION 3



Admission Arrangements for 2015/2016

The Admission Arrangements are governed by the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for schools in Northumberland.

Full copies of the Co-ordinated Admissions Schemes can be found on the Northumberland County Council website at: **www.northumberland.gov.uk/admissions**.

If you live in Northumberland and wish to apply for a school inside or outside of the County, you must complete the Northumberland Common Application Form. We will write to you on **27 February 2015** to let you know whether your application has been successful.

If you live outside of Northumberland and wish to apply for a Northumberland School, you must complete a Common Application Form from your home local authority. Your home local authority will let you know whether your application has been successful by the 1 March 2015.

The questions and answers in this section are designed to explain the process you must go through to apply for a place in a Northumberland school and to provide further information to enable you to express the best preferences possible for your child's education.

How are schools organised in Northumberland?

Most school partnerships in Northumberland are organised as First, Middle and High Schools. Whilst other partnerships are organised as Primary and Secondary.

First Schools are for children aged 4 to 9 (Reception and years 1 to 4)

Middle Schools are for pupils aged 9 to 13 (years 5 to 8)

High Schools are for pupils aged 13 to 18 (years 9 to 13)

Primary schools are for pupils aged 4 to 11 (Reception and Years 1 –6)

Secondary schools are for pupils aged 11 to 18 (Years 7—13)

Please see Section 6 for information about school organisation.

There are also two all age Academies in Northumberland; the Bede Academy in Blyth and The Northumberland Church of England Academy in Hirst, Lynemouth and Newbiggin. Both Academies take children aged 3 – 18. Parents of pupils who enter either of the academies at aged 4 will not need to make any further applications for school places unless they wish to transfer out of an academy. Bede Academy also has an entry point at age 11 (Year 7).

All Northumberland High and Secondary Schools have sixth form provision for pupils who wish to continue studying beyond the age of 16. Whilst most pupils who have Special Educational Needs or Education Health and Care Plan (EHC) are taught within the First, Middle, High and Secondary School system, some attend Special Schools or units. There are 8 Special Schools in Northumberland (see page 63).

What are school partnerships?

Each school partnership is made up of one High or Secondary School, its feeder Middle Schools and their feeder First or Primary Schools. The teachers in each partnership work closely together and share information about pupils' progress and needs, and plan joint activities.

What is meant by the school's catchment area?

The catchment area is the defined geographical area from which a school will expect to take in children. All Northumberland schools have a catchment area. You should check whether you live in the catchment area for your preferred school before applying. The School Admissions Team can advise you on the appropriate catchment area school for your postcode. Some schools have catchment areas on their websites, however these can sometimes be incorrect and the definitive catchment area maps can only be accessed via the County Council.

Catchment maps are now also available online and can be accessed through the Northumberland County Council Website at: (<http://map.northumberland.gov.uk/schools/>)

Where can I find out about the schools in my area?

Within this handbook there are the addresses and telephone numbers of all schools in Northumberland. You can see all the schools together with the schools they feed into in Section 6. You can also see which First Schools feed into which Middle Schools.

Section 6 also provides the following information about each school:

The Admission Authority for the school.
The Published Admission Number (PAN) for the school.
Schools to which children are expected to transfer to or from.
The number of pupils admitted in the previous September.

How do I apply for a school place for my child?

You must apply to the Local Authority area you live in. Each local authority has its own Common Application Form which you will need to complete even if you are applying for a school outside your Local Authority area.

If you wish you can apply for a school place online at:

https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/ccsenterprise_admissionsonline_live/

Parents are asked to complete an application form setting out the schools they would prefer their child to attend. You need to set out the reasons for your preferences, using the criteria for prioritising applications: **(stating a preference is not making a choice, places are allocated according to equal preference)**.

The criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools are set out in Section 4 of this handbook. The criteria for each Church Aided School, Foundation School, Trust School and Academy are set out in Section 5 of this handbook.

If you are applying to a Church Aided School or an Academy you may be asked to complete a supplementary form asking for additional information relevant to your application for that school. This form can only be obtained from the school you wish to attend. You should check with the school to see if a supplementary form is needed.

Parents applying for more than one school are also asked to rank these in order of preference. Not all school preferences can be met because there may be more applications than places available at schools.

The full admissions policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools can be also be found on the Northumberland County Council website at www.northumberland.gov.uk/admissions.

Admissions criteria for Voluntary Aided, Foundation and Trust Schools and Academies can be found in Section 5 of this handbook. Full copies of the admission arrangements for these schools can also be obtained from the school.

Why are Looked After Children given high priority?

The Government directs Local Authorities to give priority to children who are or who have ever been in the care of a Local Authority. There is also an expectation that when a child in care has to move within the school year, he or she is placed in a new school within 20 days of moving. If your child falls into this priority group you should ensure that the school admissions team is aware of this.

What happens if my child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs?

When a school is named on a child's Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health and Care Plan, a place must be given to this child before any other places are allocated. However, this can only happen if it is known before the allocation process begins.

However, if your child has a Statement or EHC and you are unsuccessful in gaining a place at your preferred school, you may appeal to the SEN Tribunal. Parents of children with a Statement or EHC cannot appeal to the Admissions Appeal Panel.

How are admissions to schools decided?

All applications are matched to an oversubscription criterion within the relevant admissions policy. Most Northumberland schools are County Council maintained schools but voluntary aided schools, trust schools, free schools and academies set their own admission arrangements with their own oversubscription criteria. Within each criterion every applicant is ranked according to home to school distance. Using each criterion sequentially places are offered until the year group is full.

You should not make three preferences for the **same** school. There is a high risk that you will be unable to obtain a place in a school near to your home, or in the case of out of county families you could be offered no school place at all.

You cannot assume that you will be offered your first preference school; in a few cases parents may find that none of their preferences can be offered.

Which address will be used in determining my child's priority for admission?

The address of the parent with whom the child normally lives will be used in the allocation process. It is not possible to use an alternative address such as the address of the grandparents or a child minder.

In some cases, for example where shared parental living arrangements are in place, a child's address may be difficult to determine. In these circumstances the address used for child benefit purposes will normally be used, i.e. the address of the parent claiming the benefit.

Unfortunately, a small number of parents each year try to secure a place for their child by either providing false information or withholding relevant information on residency or planned residency.

In the case of oversubscribed schools all successful applicants will be asked to produce proof of residency.

If a place is obtained on the basis of false information, such as an incorrect address, it will be withdrawn.

What are the arrangements for forces families moving into Northumberland?

The School Admissions Code allows admission authorities to make special arrangements for returning families as long as they are posted to Northumberland and the posting is supported by an official letter that declares a relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address.

Where a forces family is moving into Northumberland of their own volition the normal admission arrangements apply.

If I don't name my catchment school, will a place be kept for my child anyway?

If your catchment school is oversubscribed, places will be allocated to those who have applied for it. If you do not name the catchment area school on your application form, we cannot guarantee a place will be available should you be unsuccessful in obtaining a place at the other schools for which you have expressed a preference. In addition you will also lose any possible entitlement to transport as set out in the County Council Home to School Transport Policy (this can be found by following the link on the School Admissions page). We advise that your catchment school is always included as one of your preferences.

What is meant by greater catchment area?

The greater catchment area for a school is the wider catchment area of the high or secondary school. For example you may not live in the catchment area of the middle school you prefer but if you live in the catchment area of the high school it feeds into you are in greater catchment.

Where do I get an application form for admission to a Middle, High or Secondary School from?

Parents of children currently in Northumberland First, Primary and Middle Schools will receive letters in September 2014 informing them of their child's Unique Identification Number (UID) which can be used to apply for a school place online.

Preference forms for all children are also available from schools, School Admissions in County Hall, Morpeth or the County Council's website (www.northumberland.gov.uk/admissions).

You should only complete a Northumberland Common Application Form if you live in Northumberland.

Telephone enquiries should be made on 01670 624889.

You can apply online (**between 8 September 2014 and midnight on 31 October 2014**) at:

https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/ccsenterprise_admissionsonline_live/

Where do I send my application?

Paper forms can be sent to your child's current school or posted to:

The School Admissions Team, Wellbeing and Community Health Services Group, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF.

IMPORTANT

If you live in another Local Authority area you should return your form to your Home Local Authority.

What if I want my child to go to a school outside Northumberland?

You must complete a Northumberland Common Application Form naming your out of county school and return it to the School Admissions Team, Wellbeing and Community Health Services Group, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF. We will then co-ordinate your application with the appropriate authority and let you know if they are able to offer your child a place.

I live outside Northumberland but my child already attends a Northumberland school – which form should I complete, where do I send it and who will tell me if the application has been successful?

You should complete a form for the Local Authority area you live in. You should return your form to your Home Authority as directed on your Local Authority's application form.

Your Local Authority will then give us a list of all children in their area applying for Northumberland schools. Your child's application will be on this list along with any others. We will let your Home Local Authority know whether we can offer your child a place. Your Home Local Authority will write to you on Offers Day to let you know if your application has been successful.

What is the closing date for applications?

The closing date for application is, **31 October 2014**.

What if my application is late?

Applications which are either submitted late or are changed after the closing date of 31 October 2014 will only be considered in very exceptional circumstances; for example a family moving into an area (see below).

If your application is returned after the closing date, we cannot guarantee that you will be informed of the outcome by the above dates, but we will endeavour to let you know as soon as it is possible, and certainly before the end of April 2015.

What do I do if I feel I have exceptional grounds for a late application or change of preference?

If you feel that there are exceptional reasons for this, please contact the School Admissions Team on 01670 624889.

What do I do if I move house after I have submitted my application?

You will need to provide proof of purchase or residency before your child's record can be changed.

If my application is considered as a late application, what will happen?

If your application is late and is not considered as exceptional, and one or more of the schools you express a preference for is oversubscribed from applications received on time, you will not be offered a place. This will be the case even if you live in the catchment area for the school.

When will decisions be made?

You will be notified of the offer of a school place on **27 February 2015** either by email, if you applied online, or by letter. Online applicants will also receive a letter.

Please do not contact the School Admissions team before 27 February 2015 regarding your allocation as they will be unable to give you an answer.

If I apply for more than one school, will I be offered a place at each one?

You can apply for up to 3 schools, but we will only offer a place at one of these schools. When it is possible to offer a place at more than one school, we will offer the school you have ranked highest. This is why we ask that you place the school you would most want your child to attend as number one.

What if my application is for another year group?

Applications to other year groups in all other Middle, High and Secondary schools will be dealt with after 17 April 2015.

Northumberland County Council will process applications for residents in local authorities that have a transfer age of 11+ at the same time as it does its 9+ transfer group.

My child has been offered a place at a school. What happens next?

If you are happy to accept a place at the school offered to you, simply return the tear-off slip on your offer letter to the school. The school will then contact you to let you know details of any planned visits and/or parents information meetings. The first day of the new school year for Northumberland will be **2 September 2015**.

What can I do if my child does not get a place at the school I would like him/her to attend, can I appeal?

Parents have the right to appeal. Admission appeals are heard by an independent panel, which will decide whether the effect of admitting additional pupils to a full year group is outweighed by the effect on the individual child of not being admitted into the school.

An Appeal Panel cannot change the admissions policy or the over subscription criteria nor can it consider questions over the way in which the County Council organises its schools or the way the school organises its classes.

The Panel is convened at the request of parents to consider the merits of their individual cases and its decision is binding on the school and the Admission Authority.

If your child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health and Care Plan and you are unsuccessful in gaining a place at your preferred school, it is the SEN Tribunal that hears the appeal. Parents of children with a Statement or Plan cannot appeal to the Admissions Appeal Panel.

Full details of appeal arrangements will be sent to parents whose applications are unsuccessful. Following an unsuccessful appeal the County Council will only consider a re-application for the same school during the same academic year when it is clear there has been a significant change in the circumstances of the case. Appeals must be lodged within 20 school days of receipt of the refusal letter; failure to do this may result in your appeal not being heard.

Voluntary Aided Schools, Foundation Schools, Trust Schools and Academies organise their own appeals. Parents should contact the school for information on how to appeal for a place in those schools.

Can my child's name go on a reserve list?

In those cases when an application for a place has been refused, the child's name will be placed on a reserve list. **Reserve lists will only be kept until 31 December 2015.** If a place becomes available it will be allocated using the oversubscription criteria. It is possible for your place on a reserve list to change when new requests for places are received.

What if I am moving home in-year?

Parents sometimes move house during their child's career at school. When distance permits, parents often wish their child to continue in their present school in the interests of educational continuity. When the move means that the parents are no longer living within the designated catchment, the child may continue at the school. However, when the return travelling time is greater than the recommended 90 minutes a day for pupils of First School age, 90 minutes a day for pupils of Middle School age or 150 minutes a day for pupils of High School age, parents are strongly urged to consider moving their child to a school nearer to their new home. This is because long travelling times can have a detrimental effect on a child's education and limits their ability to take part in after school activities.

Additionally, any entitlement to home to school transport to the child's present school will discontinue if:

- The school is no longer the designated catchment area school for the new home address,
- or
- The school is not the nearest school for attending on denominational grounds,
- or
- The travelling times are greater than those set out above.

Transport could prove costly to parents if their child remains at their present school.

Do I need to think about school transport?

School transport is explained in the Northumberland County Council Home to School Transport Policy. Generally speaking transport will only be provided to your catchment school or the school nearest to your home address and in accordance with statutory legislation.

Children from low income families have separate eligibility criteria which are set out in the school transport policy. However, please note that being eligible for free home to school transport to a school does not guarantee a place - transport arrangements are only decided once a place at a school has been allocated.

All applications for free transport will be made using the latest Home to School Transport Policy in the context of the school system in the area at that time. This means that it is possible that younger siblings may not be eligible for transport costs in the same way as the older brothers or sisters. You are advised to check eligibility for transport before you apply if you are requesting a place at a school other than the catchment school

If you think this may apply to you please contact the School Admissions Team for further advice.

School Admissions Team, Wellbeing and Community Health Services Group, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF. You can also contact the School Admissions Team by either telephone 01670 624889 or by e-mail: schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk.

If my child has a brother or sister in the school, will he or she be allocated a place at that school?

Not necessarily. Attendance at a school by an older brother or sister is only one of the factors taken into account when allocating places at schools that are oversubscribed. Parents need to consider that they may find themselves in the position of siblings attending different schools.

What if my child is unable to attend school?

There may be occasions when children are temporarily unable to attend school e.g. because of long-term illness or permanent exclusion. At such times the Local Authorities Education Other Than At School (EOTAS) Service will liaise with schools and other involved agencies in order to make alternative educational arrangements.

What if I want to educate my child other than at school?

Some parents may choose to educate their children other than at school. Often this means educating a child at home. The County Council has a legal duty to ensure that children who are not educated at school receive a suitable education. The County Council's Education Other Than At School Advisory Team fulfils this role. The team will also offer guidance to parents who are undertaking to educate their child other than at school. For a copy of the County Council's guidelines on Education Other Than At School, please contact the EOTAS Service. Telephone: 01670 624184

Can my child go into Year 12 or Year 13 (the Sixth Form) at another High and Secondary School?

Your child can apply for a place in the sixth form of another high and secondary school. Applications should be made directly to the school. The school will let you know what the entry requirements are for your child's chosen programme of study.

For schools where external pupils are admitted to Year 12, High and Secondary Schools must publish an admissions policy. This policy should state the number of students that will be admitted to school for the first time. It should also give the oversubscription criteria. Entry criteria for pupils transferring from Year 11 should be the same as for external applicants and entry should not depend on attendance, behaviour records, or perceptions of attitude or motivation.

No parents or students should be interviewed as part of the application or admissions process and it should be made clear to parents and students that any meeting such as information evenings form no part of the admissions process.

Any applicant who is refused entry into a Sixth Form has the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and the decision of that panel is binding on both the Admission Authority and the school.

What if I have a complaint about a school?

Each school has a complaints procedure, details of which can be requested from the Headteacher. The County Council also has a complaints procedure, details of which can be obtained by calling Wellbeing and Community Health Services Group on (01670) 623978.

Where do I send my application?

If you are a Northumberland resident you can either hand the application form in at any First or Primary School or post it to:

The School Admissions Team, Wellbeing and Community Health Services Group, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF.

Things to watch for

Dates Do not miss the closing date for the common application form. Also check dates for supplementary forms.

Priority categories If you think your child fits a particular priority category you must mention this on the form for it to be considered. Check what evidence you need to provide.

Address What proof of address will be needed? If parents live apart and a child spends part of the week with each, whose address can be used?

Siblings Check who counts as a brother or sister particularly if stepfamilies are involved.

Medical or social need Do you need a letter from a doctor, psychologist or social worker?

Supplementary forms Some schools, particularly faith schools, have a supplementary form. This is an extra form for further information about things like church attendance. Check where and when you need to send this and what evidence you need to provide.

IMPORTANT

If you live in another Local Authority area you should apply through your Home Local Authority.

Admissions Policy for Northumberland County Council's Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

SECTION 4



Northumberland County Council Admissions Policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - 2015/16

Transfer Admissions - First to Middle; Middle to High; Primary to Secondary schools

1. The County Council's admission arrangements reflect the requirements of the School Admissions Code which can be found on the DfE website.
- 1.1 The County Council is obliged to admit all applicants to a particular school provided these do not exceed the school's Published Admission Number (PAN).
- 1.2 The Published Admission Number of each school for entry in September 2015 is published in the Admissions Handbook.

This publication will be available from September 2014 and can be provided by the School Admissions team on request. Full admission arrangements can be found on the Northumberland County Council website.

- 1.3 In accordance with the School Admission Code, children with a Statement of Special Educational need or an Education Health and Care Plan (EHC) where the school is named in the Statement or EHC Plan will be given priority of admission.

In addition, those children who are deemed to be 'looked after' or who have previously been 'looked after' will be given priority of admission.

The priority order for considering the remaining applications is as follows:

1. Pupils living within the catchment area of the school and those on whose behalf firm evidence is presented that they will be living in the catchment area by the appropriate admission date.
2. Pupils on whose behalf evidence of exceptional medical or exceptional social need is presented. For example, where one or both parents or the child have a disability that may make travel to a school that is further away difficult. Evidence must be supported in a written statement by a professionally involved third party, such as a doctor or a social worker.

NOTE: *Supporting evidence should set out the particular reasons why the school in question is the most suitable school and **must** be submitted at the time of application. **You will not be allocated a place under this criterion if you omit to send to the School Organisation Manager a written statement from a professional third party with your application.***

3. Pupils resident in the greater catchment area of the school partnership who have siblings already in the school who are expected to be on roll at the school at the time of admission. Evidence must be presented to confirm that the child will be living in the greater catchment area by the appropriate admission date.
4. Pupils living within the greater catchment area of the school partnership and those on whose behalf firm evidence is presented that they will be living in the greater catchment area by the appropriate admission date.
5. Pupils who have an older sibling who already attends the school including sixth form and who is expected to be on roll at the school at the time of admission.

For the purpose of admissions siblings are deemed to be brothers and sisters, step brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters and other children who reside permanently in the household and are treated as siblings.

6. Requests on behalf of pupils which are based on the need to maintain continuity of educational provision within the feeder pattern of Northumberland's schools.

Important: This criterion does not apply to those pupils who have entered a school in the final year before transfer.

7. Pupils on whose behalf preferences are expressed on grounds other than those outlined above.
 - 1.4 Parents will be asked to provide evidence of residency if the requested school is oversubscribed. In instances where it is demonstrated that a place at a preferred school has been obtained on the basis of a false statement of address, the County Council reserves the right to discount the clause covering attendance at a feeder school when considering an application for a place on transfer to the next stage of schooling.
 - 1.5 Where there are more applications than places available children from multiple births will be given priority within each of the above criterion. If a further tie break is necessary distance between home and the school will be used to prioritise applications (see below).
 - 1.6 Should it prove necessary, because places are limited, to distinguish between pupils in any given category priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school, measured in a direct line ('as the crow flies') from the front door of the home to main gate of the school. The distance checker is contained within the EMS school admissions software using GIS data. Distance checking is an integral function within the school admissions software ensuring consistency in measurement.
 - 1.7 Applications on behalf of children who are resident in other Local Authority areas will be considered in the same way as applications from Northumberland residents.
 - 1.8 Children with disabilities will be treated no less favourably than other applicants for admission. Schools are under a duty to make reasonable adjustments to ensure that pupils with disabilities are not placed at a substantial disadvantage, and no child will be refused a place on the grounds of disability. A pupil has a disability if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.
 - 1.9 The County Council reserves the right to vary these criteria within the relevant year to take account of revisions to legislation or its interpretation by the courts.
 - 1.10 In cases when an application for a place has been unsuccessful, the child's name will be placed on a reserve list for the school in question under the appropriate Co-ordinated Scheme. Under the Co-ordinated Scheme, reserve lists will be maintained until the end of the first term of the school year to which they relate. No further arrangements will be made to maintain reserve lists after 31 December 2015.
 - 1.11 Those parents whose application to a school has been unsuccessful will be notified of their right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998, gives this right to all parents whose application for a school has been unsuccessful. The decision of an Appeal Panel is binding on both the Admission Authority and the school. The School Admissions Appeals Code can be found on the DfE website at: www.DfE.gov.uk.

2 Co-ordinated Arrangements

- 2.1 **The following arrangements come under the auspices of the relevant Co-ordination Scheme and are common to all admission authorities in Northumberland as well as other Local Authorities. Details of the full co-ordinated scheme can be found on the Northumberland County Council website.**
- 2.2 The last date for receipt of requests for places for September 2015 will be determined by the relevant Co-ordinated Scheme.

Application forms submitted after the closing dates will result in late offers being made.

3 Publication of the Local Authorities Admissions Handbook (2015/16)

The Admissions Handbook for September 2015 entry will be available from the beginning of September 2014.

4 Admissions timetable

8 September 2014: E-admissions portal opens.

8 September 2014: Common Application forms together with Admissions Information and School Prospectuses are made available to parents.

31 October 2014: Closing Date for Applications: E-admission portal closes.

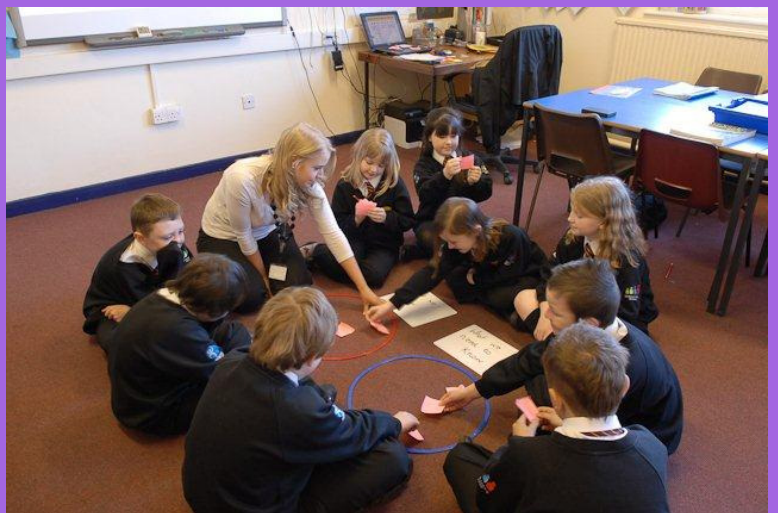
26 January 2015: Last date of notifying the County Council of changes of applications eg change of address.

27 February 2015: Parents notified of the outcome of their applications for school places

16 March 2015: Last date for offers to be accepted by parents.

Admission Policies for Voluntary Aided and Foundation Schools, Trust Schools and Academies

SECTION 5



Types of school

The admissions authority is the official body which decides the rules on how children will get a place at the school and who is offered a place. Different types of school have different admission authorities. **The headteacher is not part of the admissions authority and plays no part in deciding admissions to the school.**

Type of School	Admissions Authority
Community	Local Authority
Voluntary Controlled	Local Authority
Voluntary Aided	Governors
Foundation/Trust	Governors
Academies	Academy Trust

The admission policy for each school is important. You should check the admissions criteria for each school that you are considering for your child to see what level of priority you have. If a school has been consistently oversubscribed and you have a low priority you should think seriously about the likelihood of your child being allocated a place there.

Please note that these are not the full policies for schools. For the complete school policy contact the school you are electing as your preference.

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The following Academies have decided to use the Northumberland County Council Admissions arrangements (Page 25) for the September 2015 intake:

Berwick Academy, Cramlington Learning Village, Meadowdale Academy, The Blyth Academy, Haltwhistle Community Campus Upper School, Haltwhistle Community Campus Lower School.

However, each academy will make the decision about which children to admit in accordance with these arrangements.

Some of the above schools require an additional form giving further details eg religion, which will enable them to correctly apply their criteria. You should contact your chosen school to ask whether an additional form is required.

It is the parents responsibility to provide the evidence requested to the school by the closing date of 31 October 2014.

NOTE: Statement of Special Educational Needs also refers to the Education Health Plan

The school is open to receive applications for admissions from the parents of all children. We must give priority to children who are or have ever been in the care of the local authority (looked after children) and those with a statement of special educational needs, which names the school.

In the event of the number of applications exceeding the number of places available, priority will be given to applications in the order of priority indicated below.

Over-subscription Criteria

1. Children who reside within the catchment area of the school and those on whose behalf firm evidence is provided that they will be resident in the LA defined catchment area by the appropriate admission date.
2. Children with a sibling at the school at the time when they would be admitted to the school.
3. Children of parent/s worshipping regularly and frequently within the Church of England or another Christian Church who wish their child to attend this school because of its Christian foundation. (Regularly and frequently is defined as attendance at least once per month over the last twelve months. It is sufficient for just one parent/carer to attend).
4. Children who have special medical needs or other special circumstances, (supported by medical/professional opinion).
5. Other children.

Tie Breaker

Where there are places available for some but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance will be measured in a straight line (i.e. as the crow flies) from the front door of the child's home address to the main entrance of the next nearest available school, with preference given to those whose home address is furthest from an alternative school. Where it is necessary to further differentiate between applicants living the same distance from the school priority will be decided by random allocation.

Waiting List

The school office will maintain a waiting list of applicants until 31 December each year. In the event of a place becoming available in the appropriate class during this time and there being more applicants on the waiting list than places available, the selection criteria and tie breaker indicated above will apply.

ST. BENEDICT'S R. C. MIDDLE SCHOOL

Oversubscription Criteria

Children who have a statement of Special Educational Need which names our school will be admitted to the school.

Where there are insufficient places available to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given to applications in the following order:

(First priority in each category will be given to children who will have older siblings attending the school in September 2015.)

1. Looked after Catholic Children in the care of a local authority or children that were looked after by the local authority and immediately after that became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
2. Catholic children resident in one of the partner parishes who attend a Catholic first school;
3. Catholic children resident in one of the partner parishes who do not attend a Catholic first school;
4. Other Catholic children who attend a Catholic first school;
5. Other Catholic children who do not attend a Catholic first school;
6. Looked after Children in the care of a local authority or children that were looked after by the local authority and immediately after that became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
7. Children who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian Churches as recognised by Churches Together in England and attend a Catholic first school;
8. Children of other faith traditions who attend a Catholic first school;
9. Other children who attend a Catholic first school;
10. Other children who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian Churches as recognised by Churches Together in England;
11. Other children of other Faith traditions;
12. Other children.

If applicants are seeking admission under criteria 7, 8 10 or 11 above, they must provide a letter of support to confirm their church membership from their minister, faith leader, or suitable equivalent.

Tie-breaker

Where there are places available for some, but not all applicants within a particular criterion, priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school, measured in a direct line ('as the crow flies') from the front door of the child's home to the main gate of the school. Northumberland County Council's distance checker is contained within the EMS school admissions software using GIS data. Distance checking is an integral function within the school admissions software ensuring consistency in measurement.

Waiting Lists

If your child has been refused admission, a waiting list is available where priority will be given according to the above criteria based on the information provided at the time of the application. The waiting list will be maintained for the full academic year. If you wish your child to remain on the waiting list after that time, please advise the school accordingly.

Richard Coates Church of England Middle School

Children who have a statement of Special Educational Need which names Richard Coates CE Middle School will be admitted as a priority group within the School Admissions Code. Where there are insufficient places available to meet parental preference the following criteria will be applied:

Over-subscription Criteria

Over-subscription Criteria

1. Looked after children, including children who have previously been in the care of the local authority, and those with a statement of Special Educational Needs
2. Children who live in the catchment areas of the school
3. Children who have an older brother or sister attending the school at the time they would be admitted.
4. Children who attend the feeder first schools of Belsay, Heddon on the Wall, Ponteland and Whalton.
5. Children who live, or attend a school, in the greater catchment area of Ponteland High School, ie Darras Hall and Stamfordham
6. Children whose parents are committed members of the Church of England, or any other Christian church, and who regularly and frequently attend. (Regularly and frequently is defined as attendance at least once per month over the last twelve months. It is sufficient for just one parent/carer to attend).
7. Children of parents who wish their child to attend this school because of its Christian foundation.
8. Children who have special medical needs or other special circumstances, (supported by medical/professional opinion).
9. Other children.

Tie break

Where there are places for some but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from home to school will be the deciding factor. Preference will be given to those whose home address is nearest to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line, by the shortest walking route, from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school (using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system).

Waiting list

The school office will maintain a waiting list of applicants until 31st December each year. In the event of a place becoming available in the appropriate year group during this time and there being more applicants on the waiting list than places available, the selection criteria and tie breaker indicated above will apply.

ST MARY'S C OF E VA MIDDLE SCHOOL BELFORD

The school is open to receive applications for admissions from the parents of all children. We must give priority to children who are currently, or have ever been in the care of the local authority, looked after children and those with a Statement of Educational Needs which names the school.

In the event of the number of applications exceeding the number of places available priority will be given to applications in the order of priority indicated below.

Over-subscription Criteria

1. Children with a brother or sister at the school at the time when they would be admitted to the school.
2. Children of parents worshipping regularly and frequently at the Parish Church of St Mary's, Belford and St Hilda's Lucker.
3. Children who live in the Parishes of St Mary's Belford and St Hilda's, Lucker.
4. Children of parents worshipping frequently in another Christian Church who wish their child to attend this school because of its Christian foundation.
5. Children who have special medical needs or other special circumstances, (supported by medical/professional opinion).
6. Other children.

Tie Breaker

Where there are places available for some but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from home to school will be the deciding factor, with preference given to those whose home address is nearest to the school, when measured as the crow flies from the front door of the house to the front door of the school.

Waiting List

The school office will maintain a waiting list of applicants until 31 December 2015. In the event of a place becoming available in the appropriate class during this time and there being more applicants on the waiting list than places available, the selection criteria and tie breaker indicated above will apply.

Oversubscription Criteria

Children who have a statement of **Special Educational Need** which names our school will be admitted to the school.

If the school is oversubscribed, priority for admissions will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:

(First priority in categories 2 and 3 will be given to children who will have older siblings attending the school in September 2015)

1. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
2. Catholic children whose home address is within the parish(es) served by the school.
3. Catholic children whose home address is outside of the parish(es) served by the school.
4. Children who will have an older sibling attending the school in September 2015.
5. Children, who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian churches as recognised by Churches Together in England (see note 4).
6. Children of other faith traditions.
7. Other children.

Tie-breaker

Should it prove necessary, because places are limited, to distinguish between pupils in any given category priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school, measured in a direct line ('as the crow flies') from the front door of the home to the main gate of the school. The distance checker is contained within the EMS school admissions software using GIS data. Distance checking is an integral function within the school admissions software ensuring consistency in measurement.

Waiting Lists

If your child has been refused admission, you can request that your child's name be placed on the school's waiting list. If places become available, we will consider all relevant applications based on the waiting list which will be maintained until 31 December 2015.

Oversubscription Criteria

Children who have a statement of **Special Educational Need** which names our school will be admitted to the school.

Where there are insufficient places available to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given to applications in the following order:

(First priority in each category will be given to siblings that is, children who will have older siblings attending the school in September 2015).

1. Looked after Catholic children in the care of a local authority or children that were previously looked after by a local authority and immediately after that became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order .
2. Catholic Children resident in one of the partner parishes* who attend a Catholic First school.
3. Catholic Children resident in one of the partner parishes who do not attend a Catholic First school.
4. Catholic children who attend a Catholic First school
5. Catholic Children, who do not attend a Catholic First school
6. Looked after children in the care of a local authority or children that were looked after by a local authority and immediately after that became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
7. Children, who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian Churches as recognised by Churches Together in England who attend a Catholic First School
8. Children of other faith traditions who attend a Catholic First school
9. Other children who attend a Catholic First school
10. Other children

If applicants are seeking admission under criteria 7, 8 or 10 above, they must provide a letter of support to confirm their church membership from their minister or faith leader, or suitable equivalent.

Tie-breaker

Where there are places available for some, but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from home address to the school entrance will be the deciding factor, Distance will be measured in a direct line 'as the crow flies' from the front door of the home to the main gate of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Waiting Lists

If your child has been refused admission, you can request that your child's name be placed on the school's waiting list. If places become available, we will consider all relevant applications based on the waiting list which will be maintained until 31 December 2015.

*The partner parishes are:

Alnwick, Amble, Longhorsley (Felton), Whittingham, Wooler and Seahouses

Oversubscription Criteria

Children who have a statement of **Special Educational Need** which names our school will be admitted to the school.

Where there are insufficient places available to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given to applications in the following order:

(First priority in each category will be given to children who will have older siblings attending the school in September 2015)

1. Looked after Catholic children in the care of the local authority or children that were looked after by the local authority and immediately after that became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order (see definitions).
2. Catholic Children whose home address is within the parish boundaries of St. Paul's Parish, Cramlington and St. John the Baptist's, Annitsford.
3. Catholic Children whose home address is outside of the parish boundaries of St. Paul's Parish, Cramlington and St. John the Baptist's, Annitsford.
4. Looked after children in the care of the local authority or children that were looked after by the local authority and immediately after that became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
5. Children who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian Churches as recognised by Churches Together in England.
6. Children of other Faith traditions.
7. Other children.

If applicants are seeking admission under criteria 5 & 6 above, they will be asked for a letter of support to confirm their church membership from their minister or faith leader, or suitable equivalent.

Tie-breaker

Where there are places available for some, but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from home address to the school entrance will be the deciding factor, distance will be measured by the shortest walking route from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school, using the local authority's computerised measuring system with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Waiting Lists

If your child has been refused admission, a waiting list is available where priority will be given according to the above criteria based on the information provided at the time of application. The waiting list will be open until the last day of the Autumn term.

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2015/2016

The Governing Body intends to admit up to **240** students to Year 9 in September 2015. Separate arrangements are made for admission to Year 12 (6th Form) and are available from the school and parents are asked to note that admission to any of Year 9 to 11 is no guarantee of entry into Year 12 (6th Form).

St Benet Biscop Catholic High School is the only Voluntary Aided Catholic Comprehensive School in Northumberland. All admissions will be applied on an equal preference basis.

The Governing Body of St Benet Biscop Catholic High School is the Admission Authority of the School. All admissions are determined by the Governing Body.

How and When to Apply

Applications must be made on the Local Authority Common Application Form. All forms must be returned by the closing date set by the Local Authority.

Admissions into Year 7

The Governing Body intends to admit up to **90** students to Year 7 in September 2015. Students admitted in Year 7 need not apply for admission in Year 9, however, separate arrangements are made for admission to Year 12 (6th Form) and are available from the school and parents are asked to note that admission to any of Year 7 to 11 is no guarantee of entry into Year 12 (6th Form).

Oversubscription Criteria for Years 7

- Looked after children in the care of the Local Authority or children that were looked after by the Local Authority and immediately after that became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
- Catholic children attending St. Bede's Primary school, Bedlington or St. Wilfrid's Primary School in Blyth.
- Other children.

All applicants seeking admission under criteria b must provide evidence that the child has been baptised as a Catholic or has been received into the Catholic Church. A baptismal certificate or a letter from their priest confirming their baptism or reception into the Catholic Church will suffice.

Oversubscription Criteria for Years 9, 10, 11

Where there are insufficient places available to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given to applications in the following order. In the event of there being more applications than places under a certain category, priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school, measured in a direct line (as the crow flies) from home to the main gate of the school. A waiting list will be in operation until the end of the first term:

- Looked after children in the care of the Local Authority or children that were looked after by the Local Authority **and immediately after that became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order (see definition).**
- Catholic children attending the Catholic Middle Schools in Northumberland.
- Catholic children (priority will be given to those who have a sibling up to and including 6th Form at St Benet Biscop at the time of admission).
- Other children who are currently attending a Catholic school
- Other children who have a sibling up to and including 6th Form at St Benet Biscop at the time of admission.
- Children who are baptised and are dedicated members of other Christian churches as recognised by Churches Together in England .
- Children of other faith traditions.
- Other children.

All applicants seeking admission under criteria b and c must provide evidence that the child has been baptised as a Catholic or has been received into the Catholic Church. A baptismal certificate or a letter from their priest confirming their baptism or reception into the Catholic Church will suffice.

If applicants are seeking admission under criteria f and g above, they must provide a letter of support to confirm their church membership from their minister or faith leader, or suitable equivalent.

Application Information

Places will then be allocated by strict application of the above criteria, with no reference to the date of application. Parents will be notified as to whether or not their child has been allocated a place on a date to be advised by Northumberland County Council.

Tie-breaker

Where there are places available for some, but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from home address to the school will be the deciding factor and priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school, measured in a direct line (as the crow flies) from the front door of the home to the main gate of the school. Distance will be measured in miles by the shortest route using the Local Authority's satellite measuring system

Waiting Lists

If your child has been refused admission, you can request that your child's name be placed on the school's waiting list. If places become available, we will consider all relevant applications based on the waiting list which will be maintained until 31 December 2015.

TRUST SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES

Ashington Learning Partnership Trust 2015/2016

The Governing Body of the Ashington Learning partnership trust (ALPT) is the Admission Authority of the ALPT. All admissions are determined by the Governing Body in accordance with criteria outlined below.

The Governing Body intends to admit up to the Planned Admission Numbers in each year group as follows:

Ashington High	240 Years 9 – 11
Bothal Middle	120 Years 5 – 8
Hirst Park Middle	90 Years 5 – 8
Wansbeck First	72 Years R – 4
	78 Nursery
Central First	84 Years R – 4
	104 Nursery

Parents should note that a place in an ALPT nursery, pre- school or introductory class cannot guarantee a place in the school's reception class. Parents of children attending a nursery, pre- school or introductory class should be aware that they must submit a preference form for entry into a reception class.

The admissions policy criteria will be applied on an equal preference basis.

1. Looked after children who are currently or who have ever been in the care of a local authority have absolute priority.
2. Pupils who have a statement of special educational need which specifies the school applied for, provided the school can meet those needs.
3. Pupils attending another school within the ALPT.
4. Pupils who have a sibling already attending another school in the ALPT school or who will be attending on the expected admission date (with the exception of nursery).
5. Pupils who reside within the catchment area of the school for which they are applying, or where firm evidence can be provided that they will do so by the proposed admission date.
6. Pupils with exceptional medical or social needs supported by evidence in appropriate professional or medical reports that specifies the school applied for. This information must be submitted at the time of application and will be treated confidentially
7. Pupils attending a feeder school to the school applied for.

<u>Bothal Middle</u>	<u>Hirst Park Middle</u>	<u>Ashington High</u>
Wansbeck First Ellington First Pegswood First Linton First	Central First	Bothal Middle Hirst Park Middle

8. Applications from children who meet none of the criteria above.

In the event of oversubscription to any school within the ALPT, the governors will seek proof of pupil's residency. Parents will be asked to provide a copy of the notification page of child benefit. In the case of a false address being submitted any offer of school place will be withdrawn.

The ALPT welcomes applications from all pupils and we are obliged to admit all pupils provided our PANs are not exceeded. However, where there are places available for some but not all applications, distance from the front door of the child's home to main gate of the school will be the deciding factor with preference being given to those whose home address is nearest to the school as measured in a straight line ('as the crow flies').

Parents should note that the two middle schools and the two first schools should be treated as separate for the purposes of admissions applications although a place will normally be offered within the ALPT if one is available.

Parents should also note that entry into one school within the Trust does not guarantee automatic entry into the next phase as the admission criteria will be applied at each school phase change.

In cases where an application for a place has been unsuccessful, parents may request that the child's name to be placed on a reserve list for the school in question. Reserve lists will only be maintained until 31 December of the year in question.

Arrangements for school transport to and from ALPT schools will be provided as per the County policy. Further details regarding this are available from the Schools Admissions Team or the School Transport Team at County Hall, 01670 624093.

NORTH PENNINE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP TRUST

North Pennine Learning Partnership Trust consists of the following schools within the Haydon Bridge Partnership:

Bellingham First School
Bellingham Community Middle School
Haydon Bridge High
Samuel King's Technology College in Cumbria

The school is open to receive applications for admissions from parents of all children. There are two Priority admission groups specified by the School admissions code:

Pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs where the school is named in the statement,

Children who are deemed to be 'looked after' i.e. a 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became the subject of an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.

These two groups are allocated places before all other criteria are applied

Admissions into Year 7

The Governing Body intends to admit 65 students into Year 7 in September 2015. Students admitted in Year 7 need not apply for admission in Year 9 however separate arrangements are made for admission to Year 12 (6th Form).

Oversubscription Criteria for Year 7

- Pupils attending Allendale, Shaftoe Trust, Whitfield, Henshaw, Herdley Bank & Greenhead Primary Schools
- Pupils on whose behalf preferences are expressed on grounds other than any outlined above.

Admission into Year 9

The priority order for considering Year 9 applications is as follows:

- Pupils living within the catchment area of the school on whose behalf firm evidence is presented that they will be living in the catchment area by the appropriate admission date.
- Pupils on whose behalf evidence of exceptional medical or exceptional social need is presented. For example, where one or both parents or the child have a disability that may make travel to a school that is further away difficult. Evidence must be supported in a written statement by a professionally involved third party, such as a doctor or a social worker.

The supporting evidence should set out the particular reasons why the school in question is the most suitable school and **must** be submitted at the time of application. **You cannot be allocated a place under this criterion if the required evidence is not produced.**

- Pupils who have an older brother or sister who already attends the school, including sixth form, and who is expected to be on roll at the school at the time of admission.

For the purpose of admissions siblings are deemed to be brothers and sisters, stepsiblings, foster siblings adopted siblings and other children who reside permanently in the household and are treated as siblings.

- Requests on behalf of pupils which are based on the need to maintain continuity of educational provision within the feeder pattern of a) The North Pennine Learning Partnership Trust b) The Haydon Bridge Pyramid Partnership of Schools.
- Pupils on whose behalf preferences are expressed on grounds other than any of those outlined above.

You will be asked to provide evidence of residency in the catchment area of the requested school if the school is oversubscribed.

- 6 Where there are more applications than places available children from multiple births will be given priority within each criterion. If a further tie break is necessary distance between home and the school will be used to prioritise applications (see below).

Tie Breaker

Should it prove necessary, because places are limited, to distinguish between pupils in any given category priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school, measured in a direct line 'as the crow flies' from the front door of the home to main gate of the school. The distance checker is contained within the EMS school admissions software used by Northumberland County Council. Distance checking is an integral function within the school admissions software ensuring consistency in measurement

Waiting List

In cases when an application for a place has been unsuccessful, the child's name will be placed on a reserve list for the school in question under the appropriate Co-ordinated Scheme. Reserve lists will be maintained until the end of the first term of the school year to which they relate. No further arrangements will be made to maintain reserve lists after 31 December.



BEDE ACADEMY

The Academy operates alongside Northumberland Local Authority and the National Guidelines on Admissions, although Bede Academy (and not the LA) is the admissions authority for entrance into the Academy. This means that we are responsible directly to the DfE for our method of admitting students and for setting up and adhering to the decisions of an Independent Appeals Panel constituted to hear Appeals against not being offered a place at Bede Academy.

Places are offered to prospective Year 7 students at the same time as places are allocated within all other Northumberland secondary schools. This is co-ordinated through the LA but all queries and Appeals are handled directly by Bede Academy.

Although Academies have been given the right to choose up to 10% of their Year 7 intake on ability, Bede Academy has declined this means of selection, preferring a system which does not discriminate against a child on the basis of intelligence. As an all-age Academy, Year 6 students transfer as of right from the Primary Academy into the Secondary Academy. Bede Academy has 90 places to allocate in Year 7, in order to achieve the Published Admission Number of 180 (the other 90 places are filled by the automatic transfer of Year 6 students already in Bede Academy), against priorities of:

- Children with Statements of Special Educational Need. Statemented children where Northumberland County Council and Bede Academy agree that the Academy is the most appropriate school to meet their needs.
- Children who are currently or ever have been in Public Care
- Children on whose behalf written evidence of exceptional medical or social need is presented, such evidence being supplied by a professionally involved third party and which must set out the particular reasons why the Academy is the most suitable school;
- Children who have a sibling(s) who is already in the Academy
(Siblings are recognised as brothers, sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, step-brothers and step-sisters who reside permanently in the same household.)
- Children who live in the published Catchment Area for the Academy

(The Catchment Area for admission to the Primary Years (Reception to Year 6) is not the same as the Catchment Area for the Secondary Years (Years 7 and above). The Secondary Catchment is larger and includes all of the Primary Catchment within it.)

- Children, on the basis of the closeness of their home's front door to the front gate of the Academy, measured by walking in the shortest possible line without entering private property.

Catchment Area / Admission Zone

Preference is given to those who live within the Catchment Area as defined by NCC LA and agreed by the Academy. This Area is aligned as far as possible with certain Primary School populations but, as can be seen in the Oversubscription Criteria, address is more important than a particular Primary School (**cf above**).

N.B. the Bede Academy Primary Years catchment lies within the Secondary Years catchment but is only part of it.

The Three Rivers Learning Trust

The Board of Directors of The Three Rivers Learning Trust is the Admission Authority of the Learning Trust and is obliged to admit all applicants to a particular school within The Three Rivers Learning Trust provided these do not exceed the school's Published Admission Number (PAN).

The Published Admission Number of each school for entry in September 2015 is:

Chantry Middle School: 128 students in each year (years 5 – 8)
 Newminster Middle School: 128 students in each year (years 5 – 8)
 The King Edward VI School: 320 students in each year (years 9 – 11)

If applications for places at a particular school exceed the Published Admission Number, priority is given in accordance with the criteria set out below.

Special Educational Need

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Need that names the school on the statement, and where the school is most appropriate to meet those needs, must be given admission to that school before other applicants

Looked After Children

Admission authorities must give highest priority to children in care (including "those previously in care") in their over subscription criteria

Continuity of Educational Provision

Requests on behalf of students which are based on the need to maintain continuity of educational provision within the feeder pattern of The Learning Trust schools (see table below). To meet the criteria "continuity of education" students must have been on the roll of the feeder school for a minimum of two full academic years*. Where there are more applicants than places in this criterion, preference is given to:

- a. Firstly, those who can demonstrate they live in the school's catchment area at the time of application.
- b. Secondly, where the child does not live in the catchment area and has attended the feeder first or middle school for at least two full academic years*.

*i.e, from the beginning of Year 3 for entry into Year 5 at Chantry or Newminster Middle School, and from the beginning of Year 7 for entry into Year 9 at The King Edward VI School.

Students who have an older brother or sister who already attends the Learning Trust Schools including

Chantry Middle School:	Newminster Middle School:	The King Edward VI School:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saints C of E First School Stobhillgate First School Cambo First School Stannington First School Tritlington C of E First School Longhorsley St Helen's C of E First School <p>St Robert's RC First School (part of the Catholic Partnership of Schools')</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abbeyfields First School Morpeth First School <p>St Robert's RC First School (part of the Catholic Partnership of Schools')</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chantry Middle School Newminster Middle School <p>Dr Thomlinson Middle School*</p>

Sixth Form and who is expected to be on roll at the school at the time of admission

Students living within the catchment area of the school and those on whose behalf firm evidence is

For the purpose of admissions siblings are deemed to be brothers and sisters, stepbrothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters and other children who reside permanently in the household and are treated as siblings

presented that they will be living in the catchment area by the appropriate admission date.

Students on whose behalf evidence of exceptional medical or exceptional social need is presented. For example, where one or both parents of the child have a disability that may make travel to a school that is further away difficult. Evidence must be supported by a written statement by a professionally involved third party, such as a doctor or a social worker.

Students on whose behalf preferences are expressed on grounds other than those outlined above

Oversubscription

The Three Rivers Learning Trust welcomes applications from all students and we are obliged to admit all students provided our Published Admission Number (PAN) for each school is not exceeded. However, where there are places for some, but not all applicants, and when all remaining applicants fall within the same criteria then a tie – breaker (deciding factor) will be implemented.

Tie Breaker

Where there are places available for some but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance will be measured in a straight line (i.e. “as the crow flies”) from the front door of the child’s home address to the main entrance of the next nearest available school, **with preference given to those whose home address is furthest from an alternative school.**

Waiting List

In cases when an application for a place has been unsuccessful, the child’s name will be placed on a reserve list for the school in question under the appropriate Co-ordinated Scheme. Reserve lists will be maintained until the end of the first term of the school year to which they relate. No further arrangements will be made to maintain reserve lists after 31 December 2015.

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The addresses of schools are listed by school partnership.

All Middle Schools in Northumberland take children from age 9 (year 5) to age 13 (year 8). All High Schools take children from age 13 (year 9) to age 16 (year 11).

All Secondary Schools take children from age 11 (year 7) to 18 (year 13)

All High and Secondary Schools in Northumberland have a Sixth Form for students aged 16+.

Academies – All age Academies take children from age 4 (reception year) to age 18 (year 13).

A school's details are entered like this:

Name of School – if the school has a religious character this will be shown as part of its name

Admission No:
The maximum number of children who will be offered a place in the transfer group in September 2015

Category of School/ Admission Authority:
Community (Comm), County Council (CC) Voluntary Aided (VA) Governing Body (GB), Voluntary Controlled (VC), Trust and Academy.

Feeder Schools

Name of School: Alnwick Lindisfarne Middle School (4328) Lindisfarne Road, Alnwick, NE66 1AX Email: Admin@lindisfarne.northumberland.sch.uk Tel: 01665 602534 Admission No: 120	Category of School/ Admission Authority: Community (Comm), County Council (CC) Voluntary Aided (VA) Governing Body (GB), Voluntary Controlled (VC), Trust and Academy. Feeder Schools: Swansfield Park, Felton CE, Hipsburn, Longhoughton CE, Shilbottle, Swarland (part) First Schools The Duchess's Community High
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***Pre/After School Provision:** ✓ (Both) * (Breakfast Club) ♦ (After School Activities)

- Please contact the school for further details.

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Schools in the Alnwick Area

<p>Alnwick Lindisfarne Middle School (4328) Lindisfarne Road, Alnwick , NE66 1AX</p> <p>Email: Admin@lindisfarne.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01665 602534</p> <p>Specialism: Technology</p> <p>Admission No: 120</p>	<p>C o m m / C C</p>	<p>Feeder Schools: Swansfield Park, Felton CE, Hipsburn, Longhoughton CE, Shilbottle, Swarland (part) First Schools</p> <p>The Duchess's Community High</p>
Pre/After School Provision:		

<p>Alnwick The Dukes Middle School (4401) Alnwick, NE66 1UN</p> <p>Email: Admin@dukes.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01665 602037</p> <p>Specialism: Music</p> <p>Admission No: 68</p>	<p>C o m m / C C</p>	<p>Feeder Schools: St Michael's CE, Ellingham CE (part), Whittingham CE (part) First Schools</p> <p>The Duchess's Community High</p>
Pre/After School Provision:		

<p>Seahouses Middle School (4001) James Street, Seahouses, NE68 7YF</p> <p>Email: Admin@seahousesmiddle.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01665 720473</p> <p>Specialism: Music and ICT</p> <p>Admission No: 34</p>	<p>C o m m / C C</p>	<p>Feeder Schools: Ellingham CE, Embleton Vincent Edwards CE, Seahouses First Schools</p> <p>The Duchess's Community High</p>
Pre/After School Provision:		

<p>St Paul's RC Voluntary Aided Middle School (4810) South Road, Alnwick NE66 2NU</p> <p>Email: Admin@stpaulsrevamiddle.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01665 602650</p> <p>Admission No: 50</p>	<p>V A / G B</p>	<p>Feeder Schools: St Paul's RC First School</p> <p>St Benet Biscop RC, The Duchess's Community High Schools</p>
Pre/After School Provision: * Breakfast Club 8.00 am		

<p>The Duchess's Community High School (4438) Howling Lane, Alnwick, NE66 1DH</p> <p>Email: Admin@dchs-alnwick.org Tel No: 01665 602166</p> <p>Specialism: Technology</p> <p>Admission No: 300</p>	C o m m / C C	<p>Feeder Schools:</p> <p>Swansfield Park, Ellingham CE, Shilbottle, Swarland (part), Branton, Embleton Vincent Edward's CE, Seahouses, Felton CE, Hipsburn, Longhoughton CE, St Paul's RC VA , St Michael's CE, Whittingham CE First Schools</p> <p>The Duke's, Lindisfarne, Seahouses, St Paul's RC VA Middle, Glendale Middle (part) Schools</p>
Pre/After School Provision:		

Schools in the Amble Area

<p>James Calvert Spence College, South Avenue (4337) Amble, Morpeth NE65 0ND</p> <p>Email: enquiries@jcsc.co.uk Tel No: 01665 710636</p> <p>Admission No: 120</p>	C o m m / C C	<p>Feeder Schools:</p> <p>Acklington CE, Amble, Amble Links, Warkworth CE, Broomhill, Red Row, Grange View First Schools</p> <p>James Calvert Spence College, Acklington Road (Y9-Y13)</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	*Breakfast Club 8.00 am to 8.45 am	

<p>James Calvert Spence College, Acklington Road (4439) Amble, Morpeth , NE65 0NG</p> <p>Email: enquiries@jcsc.co.uk Tel No: 01665 710636</p> <p>Admission No: 164</p>	C o m m / C C	<p>Feeder Schools:</p> <p>Acklington CE, Amble, Amble Links, Warkworth CE, Broomhill, Red Row, Grange View First Schools</p> <p>James Calvert Spence College, South Avenue (Y5-Y8)</p>
Pre/After School Provision:		

Schools in the Ashington Area

<p>Ashington Hirst Park Middle School Sports College (4290) Third Avenue, Ashington, NE63 9BE</p> <p>Email: Admin@hirstpark.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01670 813111</p> <p>Admission No: 90</p>	T r u s t / G B	<p>Feeder Schools:</p> <p>Ashington Central First School</p> <p>Ashington High</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	* Breakfast Club	

Bothal Middle School (4024) High Market, Ashington, NE63 8NT Email: Admin@bothal.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01670 812360 Specialism: Sports College Admission No: 120	T r u s t / G B	Feeder Schools: Ellington, Linton, Pegswood, Ashington Wansbeck First Schools Ashington High
Pre/After School Provision:	* Breakfast Club	

St Benedict's RC Voluntary Aided Middle School (4620) Moor House Lane, Ashington, NE63 9LR Email: Admin@st-benedicts.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01670 813658 Admission No: 60	V A / G B	Feeder Schools: St Aidan's RC, St Robert's RC First Schools St Benet Biscop
Pre/After School Provision:		

Ashington High Sports College (4415) Green Lane, Ashington, NE63 8DH Email: Admin@ashingtonhigh.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01670 812166 Specialism: Sports College Admission No: 240	T r u s t / G B	Feeder Schools: Ellington, Linton, Pegswood, Ashington Wansbeck, Ashington Central First Schools Bothal, Ashington Hirst Park Middle Schools
Pre/After School Provision:	*Breakfast Club	

Parts of Year 4 in Ashington Wansbeck, Ashington Central, Ellington, Pegswood and Linton Schools.

Schools in the Ashington Partnership are currently consulting about changing from a First/Middle/High School system to a Primary/Secondary system. If a change is approved, then Bothal Middle and Hirst Park Middle will close on 31 August and children would remain in their current First Schools (then a Primary School) for Year 5.

Final decisions will not be made until December 2014, so in the meantime parents need to apply for a place at a Middle School as usual. Further details will be sent to affected parents in December.

The Northumberland Church of England Academy (6906) Josephine Butler Campus, Academy Road, Ashington, NE63 9FZ Email: Admissions@NCEA.org.uk Tel: 01670 816111 Specialism: Design and the Environment Admission No: 210	A c a d e m y / G B	All age Academy (no feeder schools): Josephine Butler Campus, Ashington Grace Darling Campus, Newbiggin James Knott Campus, Ashington Thomas Bewick Campus, Ashington William Leech Campus, Lynemouth
Pre/After School Provision:	✓ both all campuses *Breakfast Club 8.00 am ♦ After School	

Schools in the Bedlington Area

<p>Meadowdale Academy (4168) Hazelmere Avenue, Bedlington, NE22 6HA</p> <p>Email: Admin@meadowdale.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01670 823170</p> <p>Admission No: 128</p>	<p>A c a d e m y / G B</p>	<p>Feeder Schools: Bedlington Whitley Memorial CE, Bedlington West End First Schools</p> <p>Bedlingtonshire High</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision: *Breakfast Club</p>		

<p>St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy (4632) Ridge Terrace, Bedlington, NE22 6ED</p> <p>Email: Admin@st-benetbiscop.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01670 822795</p> <p>Specialism: Co-operative Business and Enterprise College</p> <p>Admission No: 90 into Year 7 150 into Year 9</p>	<p>V A / G B</p>	<p>Feeder Schools: St Wilfrid's RC Primary</p> <p>St Bede's RC, St Paul's RC (Alnwick), St Aidan's RC, St Robert's RC, St Paul's RC (Cramlington) First Schools</p> <p>St Paul's RC VA (part), St Benedict's RC VA, St Peter's RC VA Middle Schools</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision:</p>		

<p>Bedlingtonshire Community High School (4434) Palace Road, Bedlington, NE22 7DS</p> <p>Email: Admin@bedlingtonshire.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01670 822625</p> <p>Specialism: Maths and Computing</p> <p>Admission No: 165 into Year 7 40 into Year 9</p>	<p>C o m m / C C</p>	<p>Feeder Schools: Bedlington West End, Bedlington Whitley Memorial CE First Schools,</p> <p>Mowbray, Stakeford, Choppington, Guide Post Ringway, Bedlington Station, Bedlington Stead Lane, Cambois Primary Schools</p> <p>Meadowdale Academy</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision: *Breakfast Club</p>		

Schools in the Berwick Area

<p>Belford St Mary's CE VA Middle School (4818) Williams Way, Belford, NE70 7NX</p> <p>Email: Admin@stmarysmiddlebelford.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01668 213361</p> <p>Admission No: 27</p>	<p>V A / G B</p>	<p>Feeder Schools: Belford, Lowick (part) First Schools</p> <p>Berwick Academy</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision:</p>		

<p>Berwick Middle School (4404) Lovaine Terrace, Berwick Upon Tweed, TD15 1LA</p> <p>Email: Admin@berwick.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01289 306140</p> <p>Admission No: 114</p>	<p>C o m m / C C</p> <p>Feeder Schools: Holy Trinity CE, St Cuthbert's RC VA (part), Berwick St Mary's, Hugh Joicey CE. Holy Island CE, Lowick (part), Norham St Ceolwulfs CE, Scremerston First Schools</p> <p>Berwick Academy</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	

<p>Glendale Community Middle School (4370) Brewery Road, Wooler, NE71 6QG</p> <p>Email: Admin@glendale.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01668 281470</p> <p>Specialist Status: Technology</p> <p>Admission No: 64</p>	<p>C o m m / C C</p> <p>Feeder Schools: Branton, Whittingham CE, Wooler First Schools</p> <p>Berwick Academy (part) The Duchesses High (part)</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	

<p>Tweedmouth Middle School (4332) Billendean Terrace, Spittal, Berwick Upon Tweed TD15 2DJ</p> <p>Email: Admin@tweedmouth.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01289 307480</p> <p>Specialist Status: Business and Enterprise</p> <p>Admission No: 93</p>	<p>C o m m / C C</p> <p>Feeder Schools: St Cuthbert's RC, Spittal, Tweedmouth Prior Park. Tweedmouth West First Schools</p> <p>Berwick Academy</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	

<p>Berwick Academy (4437) Adams Drive, Berwick Upon Tweed, TD15 2JF</p> <p>Email: Admin@berwickacademy.co.uk Tel No: 01289 305083</p> <p>Specialist Status: Business and Enterprise</p> <p>Admission No: 225</p>	<p>A c a d e m Y / G B</p> <p>Feeder Schools: Belford, Branton, Whittingham CE, Lowick CE, Holy Trinity CE, St Cuthbert's RC, Berwick St Mary's CE, Hugh Joicey CE, Holy Island CE, Norham St Ceolwulfs CE, Scremerston, Wooler (part), Tweedmouth Prior Park, Tweedmouth West, Spittal, Wooler First Schools</p> <p>Belford St Mary's CE, Berwick, Glendale (part), Tweedmouth</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	✓ (both) * (Breakfast Club) ♦ (After School Club)

Schools in the Blyth Area

<p>Bede Academy (6905) Sixth Avenue, Blyth NE24 2SY</p> <p>Email: enquiries@bedeacademy.org.uk Tel No: 01670 545111</p> <p>Specialism: Engineering and Enterprise</p> <p>Admission No: Secondary 90</p>	<p>A c a d e m y / G B</p>	<p>Feeder Schools: Bede Academy (primary), New Delaval, Croftway (part), Newsham (part) Primary Schools</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision:</p>		

<p>The Blyth Academy (4002) Chase Farm Drive, Blyth, NE24 4JP</p> <p>Email: Admin@bcc.uk.com Tel No: 01670 798100</p> <p>Admission No: 240</p>	<p>A c a d e m y / G B</p>	<p>Feeder Schools: Horton Grange, Malvin's Close, Morpeth Road, Croftway (part), Newsham (part), Primary Schools</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision: * Breakfast club from 8.00 am</p>		

Schools in the Cramlington Area

<p>St Peter's RC Voluntary Aided Middle School (4653) Northumbrian Road, Cramlington, NE23 6DB</p> <p>Email: Admin@st-peters.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01670 716343</p> <p>Admission No: 30</p>	<p>V A / G B</p>	<p>Feeder Schools: St Paul's RC VA First School St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision:</p>		

<p>Cramlington Learning Village (4424) Highburn, Cramlington, NE23 6BN</p> <p>Email: Admin@cramlingtonhigh.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01670 712311</p> <p>Admission No: 350</p>	<p>A c a d e m y / G B</p>	<p>Feeder Schools: Beaconhill, Hareside, Burnside, Northburn, Shanklea, Craggside C of E, Eastlea Primary Schools Cramlington Village Primary</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision:</p>		

Schools in the Haydon Bridge Area

<p>Bellingham Middle School and Sports College (4361) Redesmouth Road, Bellingham, Hexham, NE48 2EN</p> <p>Email: Admin@bellinghammiddle.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01434 220235</p> <p>Admission No: 60</p>	T r u s t / G B	<p>Feeder Schools: Bellingham, Greenhaugh, Kielder Community, Otterburn, Wark CE, West Woodburn First Schools</p> <p>Haydon Bridge High</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision:</p>		
<p>Haltwhistle Community Campus Upper School and Specialist Sports College (part of the Haltwhistle Community Campus multi academy trust) (4122) Park Avenue, Haltwhistle, NE49 9BA</p> <p>Email: office@haltwhistlecommunitycampus.co.uk Tel No: 01434 320491</p> <p>Admission No: 75</p>	A c a d e m y / G B	<p>Feeder Schools: Haltwhistle Community Campus Lower School,</p> <p>Haydon Bridge High</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision: ♦ After School Provision/Clubs</p>		
<p>Haydon Bridge High School and Sports College (4130) Haydon Bridge, Hexham, NE47 6LR</p> <p>Email: Admin@haydonbridge.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01434 684422</p> <p>Haydon Bridge High - Ridley Hall Boarding Wing Haydon Bridge, HEXHAM NE47 6LR</p> <p>Telephone number: 01434 344282</p> <p>Admission No: 65 into Year 7 120 into Year 9</p>	T r u s t / G B	<p>Feeder Schools: Bellingham, Greenhaugh, Kielder Community, Otterburn, Wark CE, West Woodburn, Haltwhistle Community Campus Lower School, First Schools.</p> <p>Allendale, Haydon Bridge Shaftoe Trust, Whitfield CE, Greenhead, Herdley Bank CE, Henshaw CE, Newbrough Primary Schools</p> <p>Bellingham Middle School, Haltwhistle Community Campus Upper School</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision:</p>		

Schools in the Hexham Area

<p>Corbridge Middle School (4079) Corbridge, NE45 5HX</p> <p>Email: Admin@corbridge.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01434 632191</p> <p>Specialism: Performing Arts</p> <p>Admission No: 90</p>	C o m m / C C	<p>Feeder Schools: Broomhaugh CE, Corbridge CE, Slaley, Whittonstall First Schools</p> <p>Queen Elizabeth High</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision: ✓ (both) Kids Club</p>		

<p>Hexham Middle School (4441) Wanless Lane, Hexham, NE46 1BU</p> <p>Email: Admin@hexhammiddle.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01434 602533</p> <p>Specialism: Performing Arts, Arts, Drama and Music</p> <p>Admission No: 150</p>	<p>C o m m / C C</p> <p>Feeder Schools: Acomb, Beaufront, Chollerton, Hexham East, The Sele, Humshaugh CE, Whitley Chapel CE First Schools</p> <p>Queen Elizabeth High</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	✓ (both)

<p>St Joseph's RC Voluntary Aided Middle School (4654) Highford Lane, Hexham, NE46 2DP</p> <p>Email: Admin@st-josephs.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01434 605124</p> <p>Specialism: Arts College (art, music, drama)</p> <p>Admission No: 84</p>	<p>V A / G B</p> <p>Feeder Schools: St Mary's RC First School</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	

<p>Queen Elizabeth High School (4417) Whetstone Bridge Road, Hexham, NE46 3JB</p> <p>Email: Admin@queenelizabeth.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01434 610300</p> <p>Specialism: Performing Arts and Science</p> <p>Admission No: 306</p>	<p>C o m m / C C</p> <p>Feeder Schools: Broomhaugh CE, Corbridge CE, Slaley, Whittonstall, Acomb, Beaufront, Chollerton, Hexham East, The Sele, Humshaugh, Whitley Chapel CE, St Mary's RC First School</p> <p>Corbridge Middle School and Hexham Middle School</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	

Schools in the Morpeth Area

<p>Dr Thomlinson C of E Middle School (4802) Silverton Lane, Rothbury, Morpeth NE65 7RJ</p> <p>Email: Admin@drthomlinson.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01669 620287</p> <p>Admission No: 60</p>	<p>V A / G B</p> <p>Feeder Schools: Harbottle, Netherton Northside, Rothbury, Swarland First (part), Thropton Village First Schools</p> <p>The King Edward VI School</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	✓✱ Dawn to Dusk 7.30-900 am ♦ Dawn to Dusk 3.00-6.00 pm

Morpeth Chantry Middle School (4000) Mitford Road, Morpeth NE61 1RQ Email: chantry@the3rivers.net Tel No: 01670 512874 Specialism: Technology Admission No: 128	A c a d e m y / G B	Feeder Schools: Cambo, Longhorsley, Stannington, Morpeth Stobhillgate, Tritlington CE, Morpeth All Saints CE First, St Robert's RC First Schools The King Edward VI School
Pre/After School Provision: *Breakfast Club from 8.15 am		

Morpeth Newminster Middle School (4309) Mitford Road, Morpeth NE61 1RH Email: newminster@the3rivers.net Specialism: Technology Tel No: 01670 513621 Admission No: 128	A c a d e m y / G B	Feeder Schools: Morpeth Abbeyfields First, Morpeth First, St Robert's RC First Schools The King Edward VI School
Pre/After School Provision: * Breakfast Club from 8.15 am		

The King Edward VI School (4501) Cottingwood Lane, Morpeth NE61 1DN Email: kevi@the3rivers.net Tel No: 01670 515415 Admission No: 320	A c a d e m y / G B	Feeder Schools: Cambo, Longhorsley, Stannington, Morpeth, Morpeth Stobhillgate, Tritlington CE, Morpeth All Saints, Morpeth Abbeyfields, Harbottle CE, Netherton Northside, Rothbury, Swarland (part) , Thropton Village First, St Robert's RC First Schools Dr Thomlinson C of E, Chantry, Newminster Middle Schools
Pre/After School Provision:		

Schools in the Ponteland Area

Ponteland Middle School (4150) Callerton Lane, Ponteland, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE20 9EY Email: pms@pontelandmiddle.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01661 824853 Admission No: 150	C o m m / C C	Feeder Schools: Darras Hall, Stamfordham First Schools Ponteland Community High
Pre/After School Provision:		

<p>Richard Coates C of E Middle School (4800) Thornhill Road, Ponteland, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE20 9QB</p> <p>Email: Admin@pontelandcoates.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01661 823167</p> <p>Admission No: 120</p>	<p>V A / G B</p> <p>Feeder Schools: Belsay, Heddon-on-the-Wall St Andrew's CE, Ponteland, Whalton CE First Schools</p> <p>Ponteland Community High</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	

<p>Ponteland Community High School (4426) Callerton Lane, Ponteland, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE20 9EY</p> <p>Email: phs@pchs.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01661 824711</p> <p>Specialism: Language College</p> <p>Admission No: 272</p>	<p>C o m m / C C</p> <p>Feeder Schools: Darras Hall, Ponteland, Stamfordham, Belsay, Heddon-on- the-Wall CE, Whalton CE First Schools</p> <p>Ponteland, Richard Coates C of E, Bellingham (part) Middle Schools</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	

Schools in the Prudhoe Area

<p>Highfield Middle School (4198) Highfield Lane, Prudhoe, NE42 6EY</p> <p>Email: Admin@highfield.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01661 833922</p> <p>Admission No: 120</p>	<p>C o m m / C C</p> <p>Feeder Schools: Mickley, Prudhoe Castle, Prudhoe West, Prudhoe Adderlane First Schools</p> <p>Prudhoe Community High</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	

<p>Ovingham Middle School (4199) Ovingham, Prudhoe, NE42 6DE</p> <p>Email: 4199admin@northumberland.gov.uk Tel No: 01661 833215</p> <p>Admission No: 96</p>	<p>C o m m / C C</p> <p>Feeder Schools: Broomley, Ovingham CE, Wylam First Schools</p> <p>Prudhoe Community High</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	

<p>Prudhoe Community High School (4369) Moor Road, Prudhoe, NE42 5LJ</p> <p>Email: Admin@prudhoe.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 01661 832486</p> <p>Admission No: 250</p>	<p>C o m m / C C</p> <p>Feeder Schools: Prudhoe Adderlane, Prudhoe West, Mickley, Prudhoe Castle, Broomley, Ovingham CE, Wylam, First Schools</p> <p>Prudhoe St Matthew's RC Primary School (part).</p> <p>Highfield and Ovingham Middle Schools</p>
Pre/After School Provision:	

Schools in the Seaton Valley Area

<p>Seaton Sluice Middle School (4161) Alston Grove, Seaton Sluice, Whitley Bay, NE26 4JS</p> <p>Email: Admin@seatonsluice.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 0191 2370629</p> <p>Specialism: Mathematics and Computing</p> <p>Admission No: 85</p>	C o m m / C C	<p>Feeder Schools:</p> <p>New Hartley, Seaton Sluice, Seghill First Schools</p> <p>Astley Community High</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision:</p>		
<p>Whytrig Community Middle School (4162) Elsdon Avenue, Seaton Delaval, Whitley Bay NE25 0BP</p> <p>Email: Admin@whytrig.northumberland.sch.uk Tel No: 0191 2371402</p> <p>Specialism: Mathematics and Computing</p> <p>Admission No: 50</p>	C o m m / C C	<p>Feeder Schools:</p> <p>Holywell Village, Seaton Delaval First Schools</p> <p>Astley Community High</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision: *Breakfast Club 8.20 am to 9.00 am</p>		
<p>Astley Community High School (5400) Elsdon Avenue, Seaton Delaval, Whitley Bay NE25 0BP</p> <p>Email: reception@astleyhigh.org Tel No: 0191 2371505</p> <p>Admission No: 150</p>	C o m m / C C	<p>Feeder Schools:</p> <p>New Hartley, Seaton Sluice, Seghill, Holywell Village, Seaton Delaval First Schools</p> <p>Seaton Sluice, Whytrig Community Middle Schools</p>
<p>Pre/After School Provision:</p>		

List of Special Schools, including addresses, telephone numbers and category of special need.

Special School & Units provided by Northumberland County Council Age Range

Community Special School
Cleaswell Hill School 2-19
 Guide Post, Choppington Tel: 01670 823182

Community Special School
Cramlington Hillcrest School 11-16
 East View Avenue, East Farm Cramlington Tel: 01670 713632

Community Special School
Morpeth Collingwood School 2-19
 Stobhillgate, Morpeth Tel: 01670 516374

Community Special School
Barndale House School 3-19
 Boarding Facilities available at this school
 Barndale House, Howling Lane, Alnwick Tel: 01665 602541

Community Special School
Hexham Priory School 2-19
 Corbridge Road, Northumberland NE46 1UY Tel: 01434 605021

Community Special School
The Grove Special School 2-19
 Grove Gardens, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed Tel: 01289 306390

The Centre, Northumberland Church of England Academy (NCEA): 4-19
 Academy Road, Ashington, NE63 9FZ Telephone: 01670 844322

Community Special School
Atkinson House School 11-19
 North Terrace, Seghill Cramlington NE23 7EB Tel: 0191 2980838

School with a specialist language unit

Hexham East First School 3-9
 Beaufront Avenue Hexham Tel: 01434 603467

Schools specially resourced for pupils with additional needs

Berwick Middle School 9-13
 Lovaine Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed Tel: 01289 306140

Berwick Academy 13-18
 Adams Drive, Berwick-upon-Tweed Tel: 01289 305083

Service for Hearing Impaired Children

Head of Service for Hearing Impaired Children
 Tyne House, Hepscott Park, Stannington, Morpeth Tel: 01670 624854

Service for Visually Impaired Children

Northumberland Visual Impairment Team
 Room G38, Gosforth Junior High Academy, Regent Avenue, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne NE3 1EE
 Tel: 0191 2774627

For information concerning other Special Schools attended by Northumberland Children, please apply to the Executive Director of Wellbeing and Community Health Services Group, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth Northumberland NE61 2EF.

Allocation Table High/Secondary 2014

		Preferences			Criteria									
School	PAN	1st	2nd	3rd	SEN	LAC	Catch- ment	Social/ Medical	Greater Catchment	Feeder	Sibling	Other	Allocations 2014	Allocations 2013
Ashington High	270	229	47	16									237	241
Astley High	216	150	8	7	5	1	108			28	3	5	150	144
Bedlingtonshire Community High year 9	150	79	58	20	1	2	68			8			79	128
Bedlingtonshire Community High year 7	75	39	4	2	1		36					2	39	N/A
Berwick Academy	225	181	8	2									181	186
Blyth Community College year 7	240	136	86	25	2		136		3		1	30	172	124
Cramlington Learning Village	350	354	49	27									350	314
James Calvert Spence College	164	83			4		72			5		2	83	74
Haydon Bridge High year 9	145	68	49	10									70	125
Haydon Bridge High year 7	40	27	1	2									28	N/A
Ponteland Com- munity High	272	242	33	12	3	1	118	1		92	19	8	242	260
Prudhoe High	250	179	23	16	4	1	160			10	4		179	201
Queen Elizabeth High	302	314	56	6	4	1	208			37	18	34	302	264
St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy year 7	90	94	29	14									102	86
St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy year 9	150	171	53	13									148	234
The Duchess's High	300	259	44	8	1	1	199			11	7	40	259	239
The King Edward VI	320	327	67	24									326	331

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Lindisfarne Middle	120	72	27	11			60			7	2	1	2	72	111
The Dukes Middle	68	30	35	12			15			10		1	4	30	29
James Calvert Spence College	99	94	6	4	1	1	90				2			94	94
Hirst Park Middle	120	77	15	6										77	84
Bellingham Middle	60	30	2											30	49
Berwick Middle	114	77	27	4	2		48		5	16	3	1	2	77	91
Bothal Middle	150	102	32	17										109	116
Corbridge Middle	90	72	29	20										73	65
Dr Thomlinson Middle	60	50	3	1										50	51
Glendale Middle	64	34	6	3	1		27			1	2	1	3	35	31
Guidepost Middle	90														62
Haltwhistle CC Upper	75	48	2		1		46			1				48	56
Hexham Middle	150	108	76	18	1	3	108			2	1	5	7	127	112
Highfield Middle	120	109	16	4	6		100			1	3			110	104
Meadowdale Academy	120	116	21	5										121	120
Chantry Middle	128	116	21	5										128	126
Newminster Middle	128	151	72	29										128	128
Ovingham Middle	96	87	45	5			58	1	8	16	2	1	1	87	95
Ponteland Middle	150	170	78	7	2	3	85		3	22	9	15	14	153	127
Richard Coates Middle	120	129	62	2										120	120
Seahouses Middle	34	31	2	0		2	28						1	31	29
Seaton Sluice Middle	85	75	15	1		1	64			2	3	1	4	75	62
St Benedict's RC Middle	60	45	11	6										45	44
St Joseph's Middle RC	84	119	39	1										90	63
Belford St Mary's CE Middle	27	21	2	2										21	25
St Peter's Middle	30	26												26	30
St Paul's RC Middle, Alnwick	50	49	18	6										49	48
Tweedmouth Middle	93	90	22	2	4		82		1		1		2	90	82
Whytrig Middle	72	55	20	2	1	1	41			9	3			55	47



We value your opinion and we would like you to tell us what you think about this Admissions Booklet. To help us to improve this service, we have placed a School Admissions Quality Survey Form for you to complete on the School Admissions page on the County Council website at:

www.northumberland.gov.uk/Admissions

(paper forms are available by telephoning: 01670 624889)

You can complete the form electronically, and e-mail it to Pat.Hughes@northumberland.gov.uk or print and return the form either with your Application Form or separately to :

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School Meals and Milk Tel: 01670 623595
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School Transport Tel: 0345 600 6400
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