

Admission Arrangements for September 2025

Wade Deacon Trust is the admissions authority for all schools (including any Sixth Forms) within its Trust. The Trust is responsible for setting an admission number for each 'relevant age group' but, delegates the responsibility for ensuring admission arrangements are compliant with the School Admissions Code (September 2021) to each school's Local Governing Body.

In drawing up their admission arrangements, The Trust and Local Governing Body, in conjunction with the Principal will: -

- Ensure that the practice and criteria used to decide the allocation of school places are fair, clear and objective.
- Have admission arrangements that clearly set out how children will be admitted, including the criteria that will be applied if there are more applications than places.
- Consult publicly where changes are proposed- consultation must be a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1st October and 31st January of the school year before those arrangements are to apply.
- Adhere to any decision of the Schools Adjudicator and amend admission arrangements accordingly.
- Consult publicly at least once every 7 years (if no changes have been proposed)
- Will work with their own local authorities in ensuring the Fair Access Protocols are developed and considered
- Have due regard to their obligations under the Equality Act 2010
- Work within the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 wherever possible

If you require further information surrounding admissions arrangements, please contact each school directly or email: trust@wadedeacontrust.co.uk.

Anyone wishing to make an objection to the Trust's determined admission arrangements must contact the Schools Adjudicator by 15th May to register their objection. Details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-schools-adjudicator>

Each Trust school has opted to work within the timescales provided within each Local Authorities determined coordinated scheme for the application process. Each school will include a link to the admission process for each local authority. The coordination of admissions remains the responsibility of the local authority and you must apply online through each authorities' system.

Admission Arrangements determined for September 2024 are listed below:

School	PAN	Co-ordinating Local Authority	Determined Admission Arrangements
Halewood Academy	240	Knowsley MBC	https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk/parents/admissions/
Hillside High School	175	Sefton MBC	https://www.hillsidehigh.co.uk/parents/admissions/
Sylvester Primary Academy	60	Knowsley MBC	https://www.sylvesterprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/admissions/
The Grange Academy (Primary)	60	Halton MBC	https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/parents/admissions/
The Grange Academy (Secondary)	180	Halton MBC	https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/parents/admissions/
Wade Deacon High School	325	Halton MBC	https://www.wadedeacon.co.uk/parents/admissions/
Weston Point Primary Academy	20	Halton MBC	https://www.westonpointprimary.co.uk/parents/admissions/
Whiston Willis Primary Academy	60	Knowsley MBC	https://www.whistonwillis.co.uk/parents/admissions/
Widnes Academy	30	Halton MBC	https://www.widnesacademy.co.uk/parents/admissions/
Yew Tree Primary Academy	30	Knowsley BC	https://www.yewtreeknowsley.co.uk/parents/admissions/

Please follow the links in the above table to view the admission arrangements for each of our schools. If you need any further information or help in completing the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.

Oversubscription Criteria

Please refer to each school admissions policy for the oversubscription criteria. In all instances the first two criteria will include:

- 1) Looked after children and children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order)
- 2) Children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

Other Admissions (in-year or casual admissions)

Applications for vacancies that arise outside the normal annual admission round for Reception and Year 7 in any year group will be considered at any time during the year. Information can be obtained directly from each school.

Local Authority Admissions Links

Halton BC: <https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/EducationandFamilies/Schools/Schools.aspx>

Knowsley MBC: <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place>

Sefton MBC: <https://sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-admissions/>