



**Starting primary
school in Reception
Year & moving
from primary to
secondary school
in Year 7.**

SEFTON PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION 2027-2028

Sefton Council



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We recommend that parents/carers read this guide carefully and consider the individual admissions criteria for each of your preferred schools, and where your child might fit within that admission criteria. Please also read the accompanying guide ‘Applying for a Primary or Secondary School Place - A Guide for Parents 2027-2028’ which provides you with additional information about the school admissions process and includes frequently asked questions.

How do I apply online?

- Go to www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool and under the ‘Do it online’ option follow the link to the **Citizen Portal**. Follow the on-screen instructions. The Citizen Portal is quick and easy to use.
- If you have not used Sefton’s Citizen Portal before, **you must first register by confirming your email address and setting up a password**, (in the same way as many other websites). **Please keep a note of your password you will need this again to log into the Citizen Portal on National Offer Day to view the school place offer.**
- If you have used Sefton’s Citizen Portal before, please check your details are correct including your home address by selecting ‘My Account’ on the homepage **before** you start a new application.
- If you do not have internet access, a paper application is available upon request – see contact details on page 4.

Why you should apply online on Sefton’s Citizen Portal

- It’s convenient – the Citizen Portal is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Your application will be recorded automatically, and you can start an application and finish it later.
- You can make changes at any time up until the **national closing date(s)**. Once you have submitted (or re-submitted) an application, you will receive a confirmation email.
- The system is secure and confidential.
- You will be able to log into the Citizen Portal on national offer day to view the school place offer and will not have to wait a few days to receive the offer letter via post.

The national closing dates for admission applications are:

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN YEAR 7, SEPTEMBER 2027: **31 OCTOBER 2026**

STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN RECEPTION YEAR, SEPTEMBER 2027: **15 JANUARY 2027**

Accessible Information

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Contact Details - Sefton School Admissions Team

Email: admissions@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3590.

Postal address: School Support Services, School Admissions Team, 3rd Floor Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 3NJ.

SECTION A – SEFTON PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Types of primary schools in Sefton

Age range

This section of the guide lists all infant and primary schools within Sefton. junior schools are also listed for information, however entry to junior schools at Year 3 is usually automatic from the attached infant school. The type of primary school is shown in the alphabetical list of primary schools and noted in the details provided for each individual school.

Community primary schools (COM)

Many primary schools in Sefton are community primary schools. This means that the school is managed by the local authority. Religious education is non-denominational in character and does not follow the distinctive beliefs and practices of any one particular church or religion. Admission of pupils is the responsibility of the local authority in accordance with the admission arrangements shown in this guide.

Voluntary aided primary schools (VA)

Other primary schools in Sefton are voluntary aided schools. This means that they are managed by a church authority, although the local authority meets most of the running costs of the school. Religious education is under the general control of the governors and will be in line with the distinctive ethos, religious beliefs, culture and practices of the church with which the school is associated. Admission of pupils is the responsibility of the Governing Body in accordance with the admission arrangements listed in this guide. **If you need to check whether or not you reside within the associated parish for a particular school you should contact the school directly.** The local authority does not hold that information.

Voluntary controlled primary schools (VC)

There are a few voluntary controlled schools in Sefton, which are similar in most respects to community primary schools. Religious teaching in such schools is mainly in accordance with the agreed syllabus, but this may, for those who wish, be supplemented by specific church teaching. Worship at school assemblies is linked with the worship of the church. The appropriate Parish is represented on the Governing Body. Admission of pupils is the responsibility of the local authority in accordance with the admission arrangements listed in this guide.

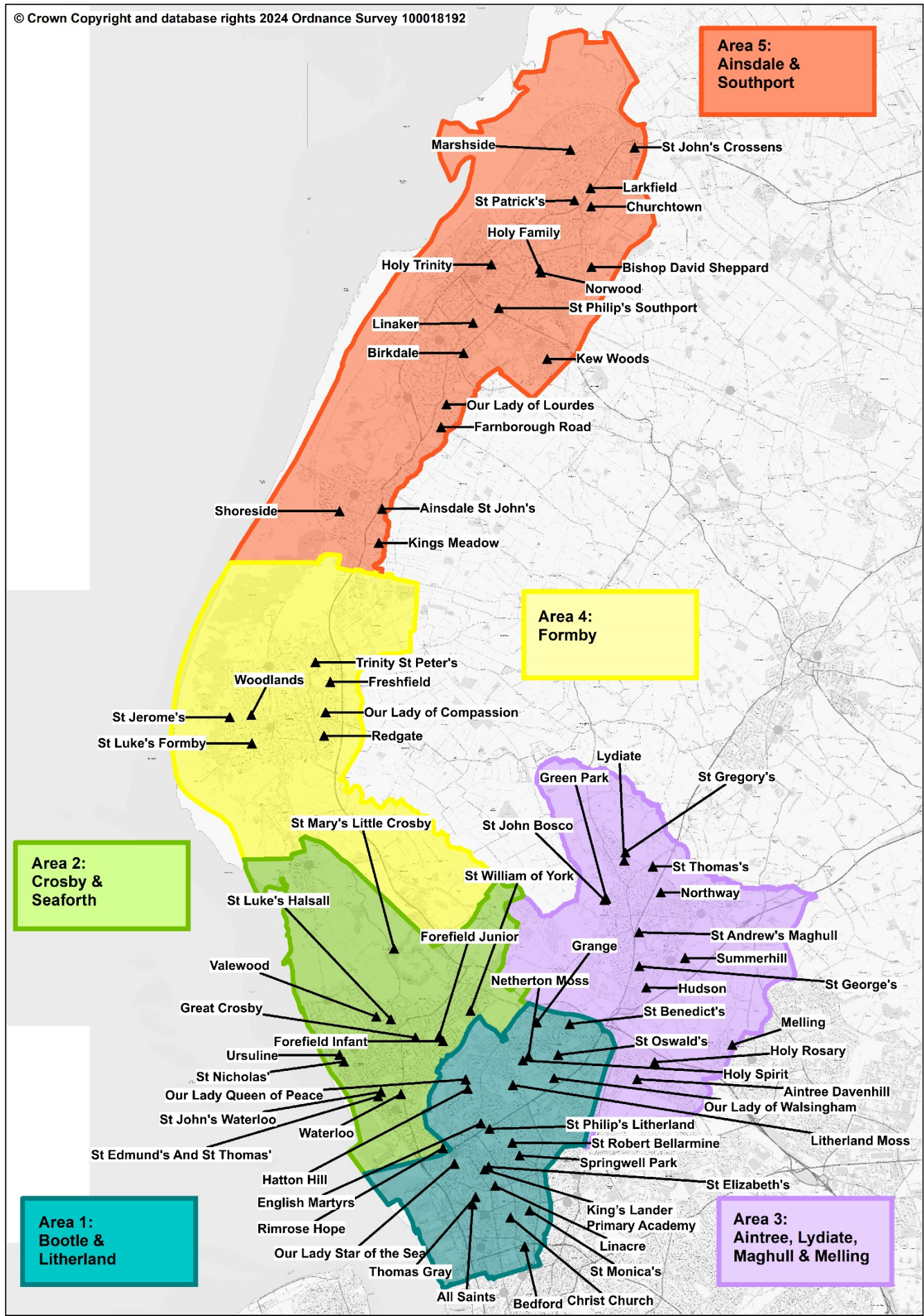
Academy schools (AC)

Some primary schools within Sefton are academies. Academies are independently managed, all ability schools set up by sponsors from business, faith or voluntary groups in partnership with the Department for Education. Together they fund the land and buildings, with the government covering the running costs. An academy is responsible for admissions to the school and therefore determines their own admissions criteria. The local authority is the co-ordinating body for admissions to all academy schools. For some academies, the local authority also manages the admissions process and applies the admissions criteria on behalf of the schools' governing body.

Independent schools

Sefton Local authority does not administer admissions to any independent schools. If you wish for your child to attend an independent school, you must apply directly to the school concerned.

Map of Primary Schools in the Sefton area



Alphabetical list of Primary Schools

School Name	2027 Admission Number	Type of School	Area	Page Number
Ainsdale St John's CE Primary	30	AC	Southport	11-12
Aintree Davenhill Primary	60	COM	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghull and Melling	13-15
All Saints Catholic Primary	60	VA	Bootle & Litherland	16-17
Bedford Primary	60	AC	Bootle & Litherland	18-20
Birkdale Primary	60	COM	Southport	21-22
Bishop David Sheppard CE Primary	30	VA	Southport	23-24
Christ Church CE Primary	60	VC	Bootle & Litherland	25-26
Churchtown Primary	90	AC	Southport	27-28
English Martyrs Catholic Primary	60	VA	Bootle & Litherland	29-30
Farnborough Road Infant	120	COM	Southport	31-32
Farnborough Road Junior	120	COM	Southport	33
Forefield Infant	90	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	34-35
Forefield Junior	90	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	36
Freshfield Primary	30	COM	Formby	37-38
The Grange Primary	30	AC	Bootle & Litherland	39-40
Great Crosby Catholic Primary	90	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	41-42
Green Park Primary	30	COM	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghull and Melling	43-44
Hatton Hill Primary	30	COM	Bootle & Litherland	45-46
Holy Family Catholic Primary	30	VA	Southport	47-48
Holy Rosary Catholic Primary	60	VA	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghull and Melling	49-50
Holy Spirit Catholic Academy	30	AC	Bootle & Litherland	51-52
Holy Trinity CE Primary	30	AC	Southport	53-54
Hudson Primary	30	COM	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghull and Melling	55-56
Kew Woods Primary	60	AC	Southport	57-58
Kings Lander Primary Academy	30	AC	Bootle & Litherland	59-60
Kings Meadow Primary	30	COM	Southport	61-62
Larkfield Primary	30	COM	Southport	63-64
Linacre Primary	30	COM	Bootle & Litherland	65-66

School Name	2027 Admission Number	Type of School	Area	Page Number
Linaker Primary	60	AC	Southport	67-68
Litherland Moss Primary	30	AC	Bootle & Litherland	69-70
Lydiat Primary	30	COM	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghuil and Melling	71-72
Marshside Primary	30	COM	Southport	73-74
Melling Primary	30	COM	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghuil and Melling	75-77
Netherton Moss Primary	30	COM	Bootle & Litherland	78-79
Northway Primary	45	COM	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghuil and Melling	80-81
Norwood Primary	90	COM	Southport	82-83
Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Primary	30	VA	Formby	84-85
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary	45	AC	Southport	86-87
Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Primary	30	AC	Bootle & Litherland	88-89
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary	30	VA	Bootle & Litherland	90-91
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary	30	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	92-93
Redgate Primary	30	COM	Formby	94-95
Rimrose Hope CE Primary School	45	VC	Crosby & Seaforth	96-97
Shoreside Primary	30	AC	Southport	98-99
Springwell Park Community Primary	60	COM	Bootle & Litherland	100-101
St Andrew's Maghuil CE Primary	30	AC	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghuil and Melling	102-103
St Benedict's Catholic Primary	30	VA	Bootle & Litherland	104-105
St Edmund's and St Thomas' Catholic Primary	30	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	106-107
St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary	60	VA	Bootle & Litherland	108-109
St George's Catholic Primary	30	VA	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghuil and Melling	110-111
St Gregory's Catholic Primary	30	VA	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghuil and Melling	112-113
St Jerome's Catholic Primary	30	VA	Formby	114-115
St John Bosco Catholic Primary	30	VA	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghuil and Melling	116-117
St John's CE Primary, Southport	30	VC	Southport	118-119
St John's CE Primary, Waterloo	30	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	120-121

School Name	2027 Admission Number	Type of School	Area	Page Number
St Luke's CE Primary	60	VC	Formby	122-123
St Luke's Halsall CE Primary	30	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	124-125
St Mary's Catholic Primary	15	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	126-127
St Monica's Catholic Primary	60	VA	Bootle & Litherland	128-129
St Nicholas' CE Primary	30	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	130-131
St Oswald's CE Primary	30	VA	Bootle & Litherland	132-133
St Patrick's Catholic Primary	50	VA	Southport	134-135
St Philip's CE Primary, Litherland	30	VC	Bootle & Litherland	136-137
St Philip's CE Primary, Southport	30	VA	Southport	138-139
St Robert Bellarmine Catholic Primary	30	VA	Bootle & Litherland	140-141
St Thomas CE Primary	30	AC	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghull and Melling	142-144
St William of York Catholic Primary	30	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	145-146
Summerhill Primary	60	COM	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghull and Melling	147-148
Thomas Gray Primary	30	AC	Bootle & Litherland	149-150
Trinity St Peter's CE Primary	30	AC	Formby	151-152
Ursuline Catholic Primary	60	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	153-154
Valewood Primary	30	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	155-156
Waterloo Primary	60	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	157-158
Woodlands Primary	45	COM	Formby	159-160

Information included for each primary school

We have listed every school in Sefton and included information to help you with your choice of schools. This page helps explain what the information we have provided means.

Key information about the school

Headteacher's name; address of school; telephone number; website address; school details; age range; responsible admissions authority and the 2027 admission number for the school.

Previous pattern of admissions

- Table 1 - The number of places available and the number of on time applications received (by the closing date) by the local authority, naming the school as a preference for the previous year(s) admission allocation.
- Table 2 – The number of children allocated a place under each admission criterion in the past three years. **These figures should only be used as a guide as the number of places allocated under each criterion can change from year to year.**
- Table 3 - The number of appeals heard, and the number that were successful. The final number of places which were allocated at the end of term in July, after changes of preference, declined offers and appeal hearings.

Furthest distance for community, voluntary controlled and academy schools

The furthest distance is noted where the school was oversubscribed (received more applications than places available) and is the furthest distance where a child who was allocated a place lived, using (usually) the home to school distance (proximity) criterion. For some schools, all places may have been allocated using a higher admission criterion than distance. This information is available for community schools and academy schools where the local authority applies the admissions criteria on behalf of the governing body. This information is not available for Voluntary Aided (or academy) faith schools who are their own admissions authority and apply the admission criteria themselves.

Individual admissions criteria for the school

If there are more applications than places available, this is the criteria used to assess each application for that school. You should be able to identify which category your applications would be considered under and see how many children have previously been admitted under the same criterion. **Please note for faith schools the admissions criteria published in this guide may only be a summary.** Further information and an explanation around all elements of the faith criterion can be found in the full admissions policy published on the school's individual website.

Where primary schools admit children below compulsory school age, parents should be aware of the following:

- Parents of children who are admitted for nursery education will still need to apply for a place at the primary school if they want their child to transfer to the reception class.
- **Attendance at a primary school's nursery or a co-located children's centre does not guarantee admission to the school.**
- Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year. Further details can be found in the booklet 'Applying for a Primary or Secondary School Place - A Guide for Parents 2027-28' which is available on the Sefton Website: www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool.

SECTION A

Ainsdale St John's CE Primary School

Sandbrook Road, Southport, PR8 3JE

Headteacher: Mrs L O'Brien

Church of England academy school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 190

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 3307

Telephone: 01704 578427

Website: www.ainsdalestjohns.com

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: No

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, to allocate places.

- 1) Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) Children who have a brother or a sister* currently attending the school and who will still be there at the start of the academic year in which the child takes up his/her place.
- 3) Those children whose parents worship regularly in St John's Church, Ainsdale.
- 4) Those children whose parents worship regularly at another Christian church.
- 5) Other children.

***See glossary for full definition.** NB Evidence of the parents address may be required.

DEFINITIONS:

Parents – A parent is defined as the person with parental responsibility.

Other Christian churches –Christian Church means any church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of Churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance, or a partner church of Affinity.

Worship – Regular attendance is defined as one parent attending church services, Messy Church or The Event worship at least twice a month for six months in the year prior to the deadline specified on the Supplementary Information Form. Attendance must be in person; online worship and private prayers in the church building do not meet the requirement. A completed Supplementary Information Form will be required.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria above then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. The Local authority will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the Authority at the time of measurement).

Ainsdale St John's CE Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	61
2025	30	79
2024	30	67

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Regular worship in St Johns Church Ainsdale	Regular worship at another Christian Church	Other Children (Distance)
2026	23	0	1	11	4	2	5
2025	24	0	0	15	2	0	7
2024	25	1	0	8	3	1	12

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	24
2025	N/A	24
2024	N/A	24

Aintree Davenhill Primary School

Aintree Lane, Aintree, L10 8LE

Headteacher: Miss E Clay

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 412

Admission Number 2027: 60

Establishment number: 343 2050

Telephone: 0151 526 1162

Website: www.aintreedavenhill.net

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Catchment Area** - Children who live in the area for which the school is designated to serve (as shown on the map on the next page). The school should normally be able to offer places to all pupils living in the area. If, however, it cannot do so, priority is given to those pupils living closest to the school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾ **This area is shown on the map on the next page.**
- 5) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

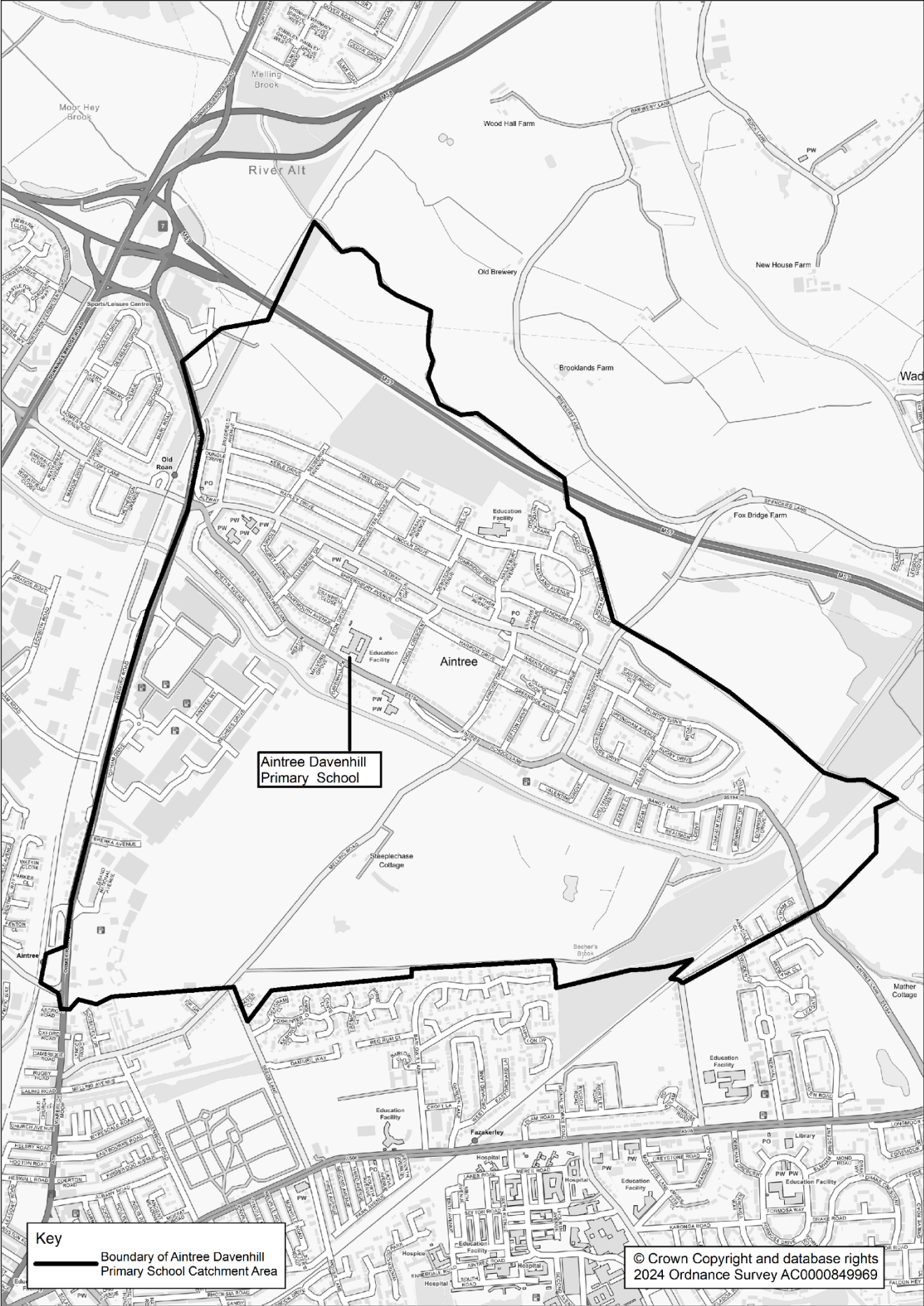
***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria, then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

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Aintree Davenhill Primary School Catchment Area



Aintree Davenhill Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	141
2025	60	129
2024	60	134

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Catchment Area	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	60	0	1	36	0	19	4	0.744
2025	60	0	0	21	1	21	17	1.606
2024	60	0	1	19	0	17	23	1.694

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	1/6	60
2025	0/3	60
2024	0/5	60

All Saints Catholic Primary School

Chesnut Grove, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 4LX

Headteacher: Mrs A Holleran

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 291

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Admission Number 2027: 60

Establishment number: 343 3384

Telephone: 0151 257 5566

Website: www.allsaintsprimaryschool.co.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St Monica & St Richard and St James or former parishes of St Richard.
- 3) Other Catholic children.
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

All Saints Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	60
2025	60	46
2024	60	40

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Note: For 2024 admissions 24 children were allocated places on national offer day. As ALL applicants could be offered a place at the school, the school was not required to consider each application under the individual admission criteria.

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	31	0	0	2	2	2	9	7	2	7
2025	32	0	1	4	2	0	9	6	0	10

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	37
2025	N/A	36
2024	N/A	29

Bedford Primary School

Quarry Road, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 9LJ

Headteacher: Mrs R Braithwaite

Academy school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 393

Admission Number 2027: 60

Establishment ref no: 343 2093

Telephone: 0151 922 1467

Website: www.bedfordprimary.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: No

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. (1)
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. (1) Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Catchment Area** - Children who live in the area for which the school is designated to serve (as shown on the map on the next page). The school should normally be able to offer places to all pupils living in the area. If, however, it cannot do so, priority is given to those pupils living closest to the school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. (1) **This area is shown on the map on the next page.**
- 5) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. (1)

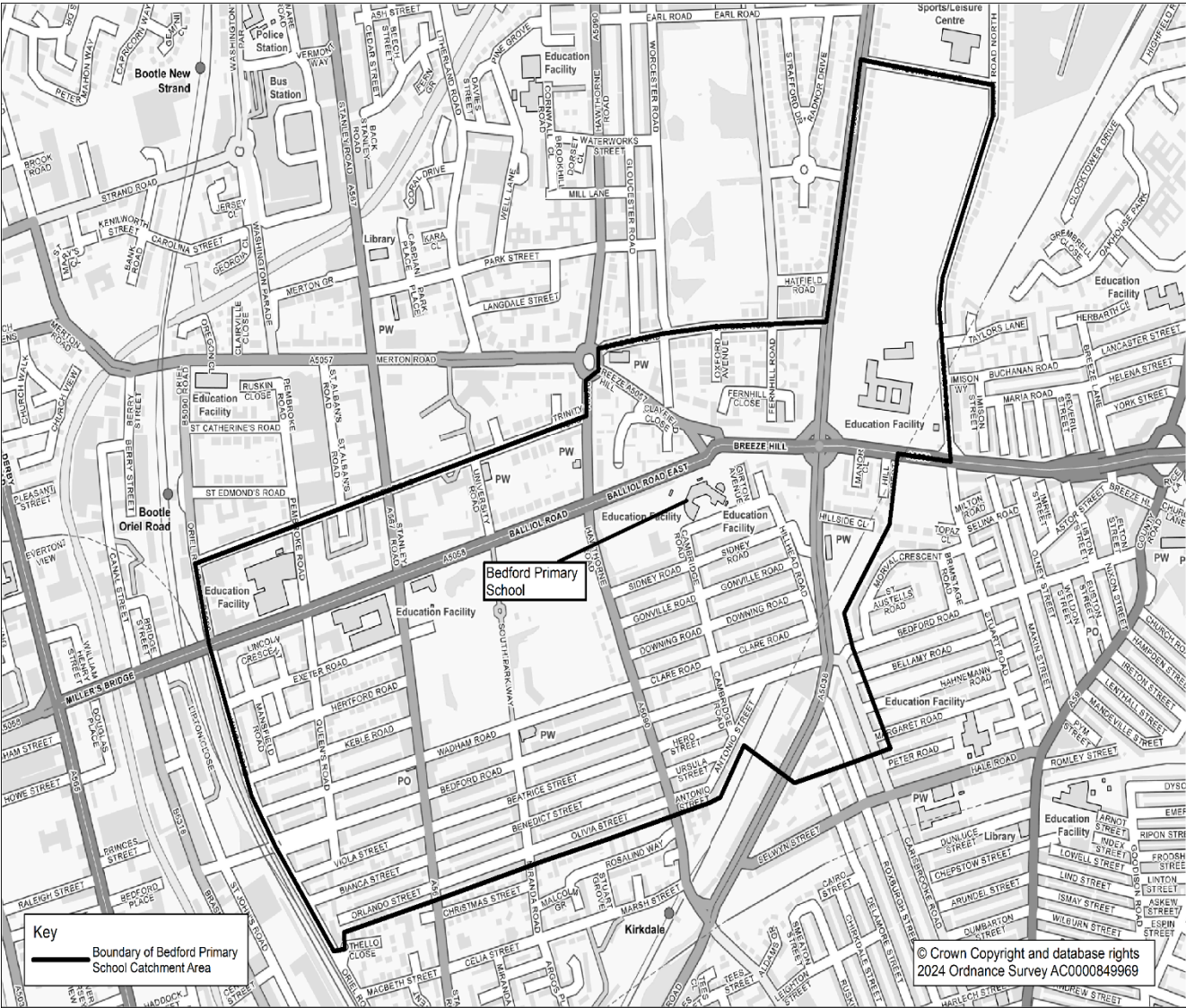
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Tie Breaker Clause

(1) If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria, then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

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Bedford Primary School Catchment Area



Bedford Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	73
2025	60	75
2024	60	78

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Catchment Area	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	52	0	1	22	0	19	10	N/A
2025	59	2	1	20	0	23	13	N/A
2024	56	3	0	20	0	17	16	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	49
2025	N/A	57
2024	N/A	59

Birkdale Primary School

Matlock Road, Southport, PR8 4EL

Headteacher: Mr N Sheeran

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 401

Establishment number: 343 2030

Telephone: 01704 567516

Website: www.birkdaleprimary.com

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Number 2027: 60

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Birkdale Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	110
2025	60	122
2024	60	128

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	38	1	0	17	0	20	N/A
2025	53	1	0	26	0	26	N/A
2024	50	0	0	21	0	29	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	36
2025	N/A	56
2024	N/A	52

Bishop David Sheppard CE Primary School Establishment number: 343 3376

Devonshire Road, Southport, PR9 7BZ

Telephone: 01704 227987

Acting Headteacher: Miss K Pilkington

Website: www.bishopdavidsheppard.com

Voluntary Aided Church of England school

Age range: 4-11

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 153

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, to allocate places.

- 1) Children in public care and previously looked after children. This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. This criteria also includes looked after children and all previously looked after children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2) Children who have a sibling currently attending the school and who will still be there at the start of the new academic year.
- 3) Children whose parents/guardians are members of the Church of England and attend St Simon and St Jude's Church at least once a month. A reference/letter of support from a member of the clergy will be required. *
- 4) Children whose parents/guardians are members of a 'Christian Church' (any Church in membership with, or sharing the statement of belief of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or in full sympathy with its Trinitarian stance) and who attend Church at least once a month. A reference/letter of support from the clergy will be required. *
- 5) Proximity of home to school. (This is determined by measuring the shortest route walking distance from the child's home to the nearest school gate using the methodology of measurement adopted by the local authority).

*In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship. It is necessary for a parent to have attended at least once a month for at least 12 months in the 12 months previous to the application being made in order, for the criteria to be met."

Note

- Sibling includes step, half, foster and adopted siblings living at the same address.
- Parent is defined as the person with parental responsibility.

Tie Breaker Clause - If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Bishop David Sheppard CE Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	27
2025	30	23
2024	30	26

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	CE Faith & attend St Simon & St Jude's Church	Members of a Christian Church	Proximity (Distance)
2026	16	0	1	8	0	0	7
2025	16	0	1	3	1	1	10
2024	21	0	0	12	0	0	9

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	18
2025	N/A	17
2024	N/A	21

Christ Church CE Primary School

Cornwall Road, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 3JL

Headteacher: Miss L Gregory

Voluntary Controlled Church of England school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 382

Admission Number 2027: 60

Establishment number: 343 3000

Telephone: 0151 922 2136

Website: www.christchurchce.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

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Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Christ Church CE Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	81
2025	60	84
2024	60	84

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	45	0	0	18	0	27	N/A
2025	58	3	0	22	1	32	N/A
2024	52	0	0	23	0	29	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	51
2025	N/A	57
2024	N/A	54

Churchtown Primary School

St Cuthbert's Road, Churchtown, PR9 7NN

Headteacher: Mrs J Payne

Academy school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 575

Admission Number 2027: 90

Establishment number 343 2032

Telephone: 01704 508500

Website: www.churchtown.org.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

When the academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans naming the academy, priority for admission will be applied by the local authority on behalf of the Trust, following the criteria set out below:

- 1) **Looked after children, previously looked after children**, and children who appear (to the Trust) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. *
- 2) **Children with proven and exceptional medical, and/or social needs** which are directly relevant to the school. The application must be supported by appropriate professional advice in writing (letter from doctor or social worker) as to why the child has an exceptional medical and / or social need which requires admission to Churchtown Primary School as it is assessed to be the school which can meet those needs. **Any request under this criterion will be assessed and validated directly by the school.** ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Siblings** of children who will be attending the school on the date when the child would be admitted. The term siblings include brother or sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, foster brother or sister and other children living permanently at the same address. Only one address can be used for school admission purposes. This is defined by the Trust as the home in which the child lives for most of the school week (i.e. for four nights or more per week). ⁽¹⁾
- 4) **Distance** - Any other children. ⁽¹⁾

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Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ Where there are more applications received than places available under any of the above criteria then the distance between the school and the home (the address which the child lives at for most of the week) will be used as the final determining factor. Priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. The distance will be measured from the property's address point to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Churchtown Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	90	172
2025	90	160
2024	120	167

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	84	0	1	29	0	54	N/A
2025	68	0	0	33	0	35	N/A
2024	79	0	2	38	0	39	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	80
2025	N/A	67
2024	N/A	83

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

School Lane, Litherland, Liverpool, L21 7LX

Headteacher: Mr L Dinsdale

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 421

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Establishment number: 343 3361

Telephone: 0151 928 5601

Website: www.englishmartyrs.co.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 60

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Josephine Bakhita, Litherland (the part of the parish formerly referred to as English Martyrs).
- 3) Other Catholic children
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

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Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	123
2025	60	140
2024	60	124

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	60	0	2	19	26	10	0	3	0	0
2025	60	0	0	20	21	19	0	0	0	0
2024	60	0	0	19	24	13	2	0	0	2

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	60
2025	0/6	60
2024	N/A	60

Farnborough Road Infant School

Farnborough Road, Southport, PR8 3DF

Headteacher: Miss J Sephton

Community Infant school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 336

Admission Number 2027: 120

Establishment number: 343 2035

Telephone: 01704 577637

Website: www.farnboroughroadinfants.co.uk

Age range: 4-7*

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

* Pupils attending Farnborough Road Infant school are automatically transferred into Farnborough Road Junior School in Year 3.

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice (including Farnborough Road Junior School), provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

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Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Farnborough Road Infant School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	120	170
2025	120	202
2024	120	184

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	102	0	0	45	0	57	N/A
2025	120	0	0	50	2	68	5.010
2024	105	0	0	46	2	57	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	101
2025	N/A	120
2024	N/A	105

Farnborough Road Junior School (School details only)

Farnborough Road, Southport, PR8 3DF

Telephone: 01704 577625

Headteacher: Mr J Austin

Website: www.farnboroughroadjuniors.co.uk

Community Junior school

Age range: 7-11

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 468

Establishment number: 343 2034

Admission Number 2027: 120

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Please note:

There are no separate admission arrangements for pupils to be admitted to Farnborough Road Junior School. Pupils attending Farnborough Road Infant School are automatically transferred into Farnborough Road Junior School in Year 3.

Forefield Community Infant School

Establishment number: 343 2057

Forefield Lane, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 9SL

Telephone: 0151 924 6235

Executive Headteacher: Mrs B Roberts

Website: www.forefieldinfantschool.co.uk

Infant academy school

Age range: 4-7*

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 272

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Number 2027: 90

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

* Pupils attending Forefield Infant School are automatically transferred into Forefield Junior School in Year 3.

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice (including Forefield Junior School), provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Children who attend Forefield Infant School nursery** for at least one term before their admission to reception.
- 5) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

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Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Forefield Community Infant School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	90	235
2025	90	201
2024	90	201

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	90	0	4	38	1	47	0.822
2025	90	0	2	31	0	57	1.114
2024	90	2	0	40	0	48	1.324

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/7	90
2025	N/A	90
2024	N/A	90

Forefield Junior School (School details only)

Forefield Lane, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 9TJ

Telephone: 0151 924 3971

Executive Headteacher: Mrs B Roberts

Age range: 7-11

Website: www.forefieldjuniors.co.uk

Junior academy school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 362

Establishment number: 343 2056

Admission Number 2027: 90

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Please note:

There are no separate admission arrangements for pupils to be admitted to Forefield Junior School. Pupils attending Forefield Infant School are automatically transferred into Forefield Junior School in Year 3.

Freshfield Primary School

Watchyard Lane, Formby, L37 3JT

Headteacher: Mrs H Ward

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 240

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2078

Telephone: 01704 876567

Website: www.freshfieldprimaryschool.com

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

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Tie Breaker Clause

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Freshfield Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	141
2025	30	118
2024	30	138

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	0	2	12	3	13	0.636
2025	31	2	1	16	0	12	0.486
2024	30	3	1	17	0	9	0.393

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/1	30
2025	0/4	30
2024	1/6	31

The Grange Primary School

Stonyfield, Bootle, Liverpool, L30 0QS

Executive Headteacher: Ms R. Clements

Academy school

Age range: 4-11

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 263

Establishment number: 343 2023

Telephone: 0151 924 7917

Head of School: Mr G. Evans

Website: www.thegrangepriamaryandnursery.com

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
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Tie Breaker Clause

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The Grange Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	71
2025	30	62
2024	30	65

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff Child	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	0	0	9	0	21	1.837
2025	30	1	1	15	0	13	0.699
2024	30	0	0	7	0	23	2.758

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/1	30
2025	0/1	30
2024	N/A	30

Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

The Northern Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 2RQ

Headteacher: Mrs L Morton

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 681

Voluntary Aided Catholic School

Admission Number 2027: 90

Establishment number: 343 3353

Telephone: 0151 924 8661

Website: www.greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of Ss Peter & Paul and St Helens.
- 3) Other Catholic children
- 4) Catechumens in the Catholic Church and members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	90	181
2025	90	183
2024	120	138

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	90	0	1	27	15	13	16	1	0	17
2025	90	0	0	35	22	17	8	2	0	6
2024	61	0	0	28	7	11	7	2	0	6

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	90
2025	N/A	90
2024	N/A	65

Green Park Primary School

Green Lane, Maghull, L31 8BW

Headteacher: Ms M Burns

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 212

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2080

Telephone: 0151 526 2755

Website: www.greenparkschool.org.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Green Park Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	89
2025	30	91
2024	30	113

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	0	0	5	0	25	10.602
2025	30	0	0	9	0	21	1.343
2024	30	0	0	18	0	12	0.727

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	29
2025	N/A	30
2024	0/4	30

Hatton Hill Primary School

Alwyn Avenue, Litherland, Liverpool, L21 9NZ

Headteacher: Mrs A James

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 284

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2066

Telephone: 0151 928 7012

Website: www.hattonhill.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still be in attendance at the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Hatton Hill Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	59
2025	30	62
2024	60	65

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	1	1	12	0	16	0.906
2025	30	0	0	15	0	15	1.024
2024	35	1	0	7	0	27	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/4	30
2025	N/A	29
2024	N/A	34

Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Norwood Crescent, Southport, PR9 7DU

Headteacher: Miss M Hilton

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 188

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 3336

Telephone: 01704 213084

Website: www.holyfamilyprimary.com

Nursery at School: No

Age range: 4-11

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish of Holy Family, Southport.
- 3) Other Catholic children
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	66
2025	30	51
2024	30	72

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	29	0	0	6	3	0	9	1	1	9
2025	17	1	0	3	2	1	4	2	0	4
2024	23	0	0	9	2	1	4	0	0	7

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	29
2025	N/A	15
2024	N/A	22

Holy Rosary Catholic Primary School

Oriel Drive, Aintree, L10 6NJ

Headteacher: Mrs M Stevenson

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 417

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Admission Number 2027: 60

Establishment number: 343 3374

Telephone: 0151 288 6206

Website: www.holyrosaryschool.co.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, to allocate places.

- 1) Looked after children and all previously looked after children. This includes 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. *
- 2) Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling* in the school at the time of admission.
- 3) Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of Holy Rosary and St Mary & St Kentigern (the part of the parish formerly referred to as Most Holy Redeemer & St Kentigern).
- 4) Other baptised Catholic children.
- 5) Other children who have a sibling* in the school at the time of admission
- 6) Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
- 7) Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
- 8) Other children.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria above then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the Authority at the time of measurement). In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants where this distance would be last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be carried out in a public place. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

Holy Rosary Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	112
2025	60	121
2024	60	135

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	60	0	1	24	23	9	1	0	0	2
2025	55	0	0	20	20	14	0	0	0	1
2024	60	0	0	33	27	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/1	60
2025	N/A	56
2024	1/5	61

Holy Spirit Catholic Academy

Poulsom Drive, Bootle, Liverpool, L30 2NR

Headteacher: Mrs L Chellew

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 140

Catholic academy school

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2006

Telephone: 0151 525 7497

Website: www.holyspiritcatholicprimary.co.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish of Our Lady of Walsingham (the part of the parish formerly referred to as Holy Spirit).
- 3) Other Catholic children
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distance will be measured by the shortest walking route from the home address to the nearest school gate. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

Holy Spirit Catholic Academy

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	35
2025	30	25
2024	30	26

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	18	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	12
2025	14	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	10
2024	11	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	8

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	21
2025	N/A	13
2024	N/A	12

Holy Trinity CE Primary School

Manchester Road, Southport, PR9 9AZ

Headteacher: Mrs A Charters

Church of England academy school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 206

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 3304

Telephone: 01704 538366

Website: www.holytrinityprimary.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: No

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, to allocate places.

- 1) A **'looked after child'** or a child who was **previously looked after** but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. Children who appear [to the admission authority of the school] to have been in **state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.
- 2) **Siblings***. Siblings of pupils attending the school during the academic year to which the child would be admitted.
- 3) **Faith based**. Regular attendance at public worship at Holy Trinity Southport Church of England church. **
- 4) **Regular attendance at public worship in any other Christian church**. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'other Christian Church' means a church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the diocesan bishop, or which is a member of Churches Together in England or affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance or a Partner Church of Affinity. **
- 5) **Social and Medical Need**. Admission on social or medical grounds can be considered where the medical condition relates either to the child in question or a parent/carer, brother or sister or other relative/childminder. Supporting evidence in the form of a letter from a doctor or social worker or other relevant qualified, independent professional, would be required.
- 6) **Distance**. Proximity to the school with those living closest to the school having priority calculated by walking distance to school. The child's home address will be determined from the application form, **(contact the school directly for the full definition)**.

*See glossary for full definition

** Attendance will be established by information provided on the Supplementary Information Form completed by a member of the clergy or other designated church officer. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'regular' means attendance at least eight times in the twelve months immediately prior to the date of application. In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

Tie Breaker Clause

Proximity to the school. This will be measured by the shortest walking distance by road or maintained footpath or other public rights of way from the pupil's home, to the main entrance point of the school using a GIS computerised mapping system. In the event that two or more children live at the same distance from the school (as can happen with families living in blocks of flats), random allocation, where supervised drawing of lots by an independent responsible person of good standing will be used to decide which child(ren) will be allocated the remaining place(s).

Holy Trinity CE Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	41
2025	30	37
2024	30	55

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Worship at Holy Trinity CE Church	Worship at other Christian Church	Social/Medical/ need	Proximity (Distance)
2026	29	0	0	12	0	0	0	17
2025	24	0	0	12	0	0	0	12
2024	30	0	1	8	0	0	0	21

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	29
2025	N/A	28
2024	N/A	30

Hudson Primary School

Moorhey Road, Maghull, L31 5LE

Headteacher: Mrs N Craddock

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 242

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2053

Telephone: 0151 526 1568

Website: www.hudsonprimary.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Hudson Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	72
2025	30	63
2024	30	55

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	2	0	15	0	13	0.509
2025	30	1	0	8	1	20	3.783
2024	30	2	0	9	0	19	4.148

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	2/5	32
2025	N/A	30
2024	N/A	30

Kew Woods Primary School

Ovington Drive, Southport, PR8 6JW

Executive Headteacher: Mrs C Greaves

Website: www.kewwoods.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 396

Establishment number: 343 2048

Telephone: 01704 533478

Academy school

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admission Number 2027: 60

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at a school within Southport Learning Trust for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Kew Woods Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	102
2025	60	93
2024	60	110

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	53	0	0	20	0	33	N/A
2025	51	0	1	17	1	32	N/A
2024	60	1	0	25	2	32	0.941

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	58
2025	N/A	50
2024	0/1	60

King's Lander Primary Academy

Pennington Road, Litherland, Liverpool, L21 8HY

Headteacher: Mrs Y Dineley

Academy school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 192

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2060

Telephone: 0151 922 5760

Website: www.kingslanderprimary.com

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

Where more applications are received than there are places available, after consultations and admission of pupils with an EHCP naming Kings Lander Primary Academy, applications will be considered in accordance with the schools published oversubscription criteria and applied in the following order, by the local authority on behalf of the Trust:

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a sibling living who already attends the academy, provided they will still be in attendance at the academy in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brother or sisters, step brother or sisters, foster brothers and sisters and half brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent/carer's partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of permanent staff members** currently employed at the academy provided the staff member has been employed for at least two years at the time of the application and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Children who attend Kings Lander Primary Academy nursery** for at least one term before their admission to reception.
- 5) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to the academy measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. The distance will be measured from the property's address point to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

King's Lander Primary Academy

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	72
2025	30	50
2024	30	60

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Attend Kings Lander Nursery	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	0	1	16	0	11	2	0.159
2025	26	0	1	6	0	N/A	19	N/A
2024	28	0	1	9	1	N/A	17	N/A

Note: The admission criteria were adjusted for 2026 to include children attending the school's nursery

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/1	30
2025	N/A	25
2024	N/A	30

Kings Meadow Primary School

Meadow Lane, Southport, PR8 3RS

Headteacher: Mrs S Lineton

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 159

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2087

Telephone: 01704 578512

Website: www.kingsmeadowprimary.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

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Tie Breaker Clause

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Kings Meadow Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	45
2025	30	47
2024	30	36

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	22	0	1	6	1	14	N/A
2025	27	0	0	13	0	14	N/A
2024	18	0	1	7	1	9	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	23
2025	N/A	26
2024	N/A	16

Larkfield Primary School

Preston New Road, Southport, PR9 8PA

Headteacher: Mr D Palmen

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 256

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2088

Telephone: 01704 224720

Website: www.larkfieldprimary.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: No

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
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Tie Breaker Clause

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Larkfield Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	93
2025	30	84
2024	45	85

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	28	1	0	12	0	15	N/A
2025	30	0	2	11	0	17	15.386
2024	27	0	0	14	0	13	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	28
2025	N/A	30
2024	N/A	28

Linacre Primary School

Thornton Road, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 5ED

Head of School: Mrs A Hunt

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 123

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2008

Telephone: 0151 922 1466

Website: www.linacreprimary.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

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Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Linacre Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	46
2025	30	32
2024	30	26

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	15	0	1	4	0	10	N/A
2025	10	0	2	3	0	5	N/A
2024	10	0	0	3	0	7	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	15
2025	N/A	16
2024	N/A	14

Linaker Primary School

Sefton Street, Southport, PR8 5DB

Headteacher: Mr M Cunliffe

Academy school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 338

Admission Number 2027: 60

Establishment number: 343 2009

Telephone: 01704 532343

Website: www.linakerschool.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

When the academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans naming the academy, priority for admission will be applied by the local authority on behalf of the Trust, following the criteria set out below:

- 1) Looked after children, previously looked after children,** and children who appear (to the Trust) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. *
- 2) Children with proven and exceptional medical, and/or social needs** which are directly relevant to the school. The application must be supported by appropriate professional advice in writing (letter from doctor or social worker) as to why the child has an exception medical and / or social need which requires admission to Linaker Primary School as it is assessed to be the school which can meet those needs. **Any request under this criterion will be assessed and validated directly by the school.** ⁽¹⁾
- 3) Siblings** of children who will be attending the school on the date when the child would be admitted. The term siblings include brother or sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, foster brother or sister and other children living permanently at the same address. Only one address can be used for school admission purposes. This is defined by the Trust as the home in which the child lives for most of the school week (i.e. for four nights or more per week). ⁽¹⁾
- 4) Distance** - Any other children. ⁽¹⁾

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Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ Where there are more applications received than places available under any of the above criteria then the distance between the school and the home (the address which the child lives at for most of the week) will be used as the final determining factor. Priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. The distance will be measured from the property's address point to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Linaker Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	47
2025	60	55
2024	75	54

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	23	0	0	10	0	13	N/A
2025	26	1	0	5	0	20	N/A
2024	22	0	0	8	0	14	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	24
2025	N/A	32
2024	N/A	36

Litherland Moss Primary School

Sterrix Lane, Litherland, Liverpool, L21 ODB

Executive Principal: Ms S Greer

Website: www.litherlandmoss.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Establishment number: 343 2063

Telephone: 0151 928 4544

Head of School: Mrs J Gibbons

Academy school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 187

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

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Tie Breaker Clause

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Litherland Moss Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	68
2025	30	61
2024	30	62

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	0	0	12	18	N/A
2025	30	0	0	8	22	N/A
2024	26	0	0	13	13	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	30
2025	N/A	29
2024	N/A	28

Lydiate Primary School

Lambshear Lane, Lydiate, L31 2JZ

Headteacher: Miss H Brenchley

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 208

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2092

Telephone: 0151 526 2657

Website: www.lydiateprimary.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

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Tie Breaker Clause

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Lydiat Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	46
2025	30	44
2024	30	45

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	17	0	0	8	0	9	N/A
2025	22	0	0	14	0	8	N/A
2024	30	0	0	10	0	20	5.629

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	21
2025	N/A	26
2024	N/A	29

Marshside Primary School

Elswick Road, Southport, PR9 9XA

Headteacher: Mr S Haughey

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 204

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2047

Telephone: 01704 211177

Website: www.marshsideprimary.org.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: No

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

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Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Marshside Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	70
2025	30	68
2024	30	55

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	25	0	0	10	0	15	N/A
2025	30	1	1	8	0	20	2.772
2024	23	1	1	8	0	13	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	26
2025	N/A	26
2024	N/A	22

Melling Primary School

Wheeler Drive, Melling, L31 1DA

Headteacher: Ms V Ainsworth

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 212

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2090

Telephone: 0151 547 3349

Website: www.mellingprimaryschool.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: No

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Catchment Area** - Children who live in the area for which the school is designated to serve (as shown on the map on the next page). The school should normally be able to offer places to all pupils living in the area. If, however, it cannot do so, priority is given to those pupils living closest to the school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾ **This area is shown on the map on the next page.**
- 5) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

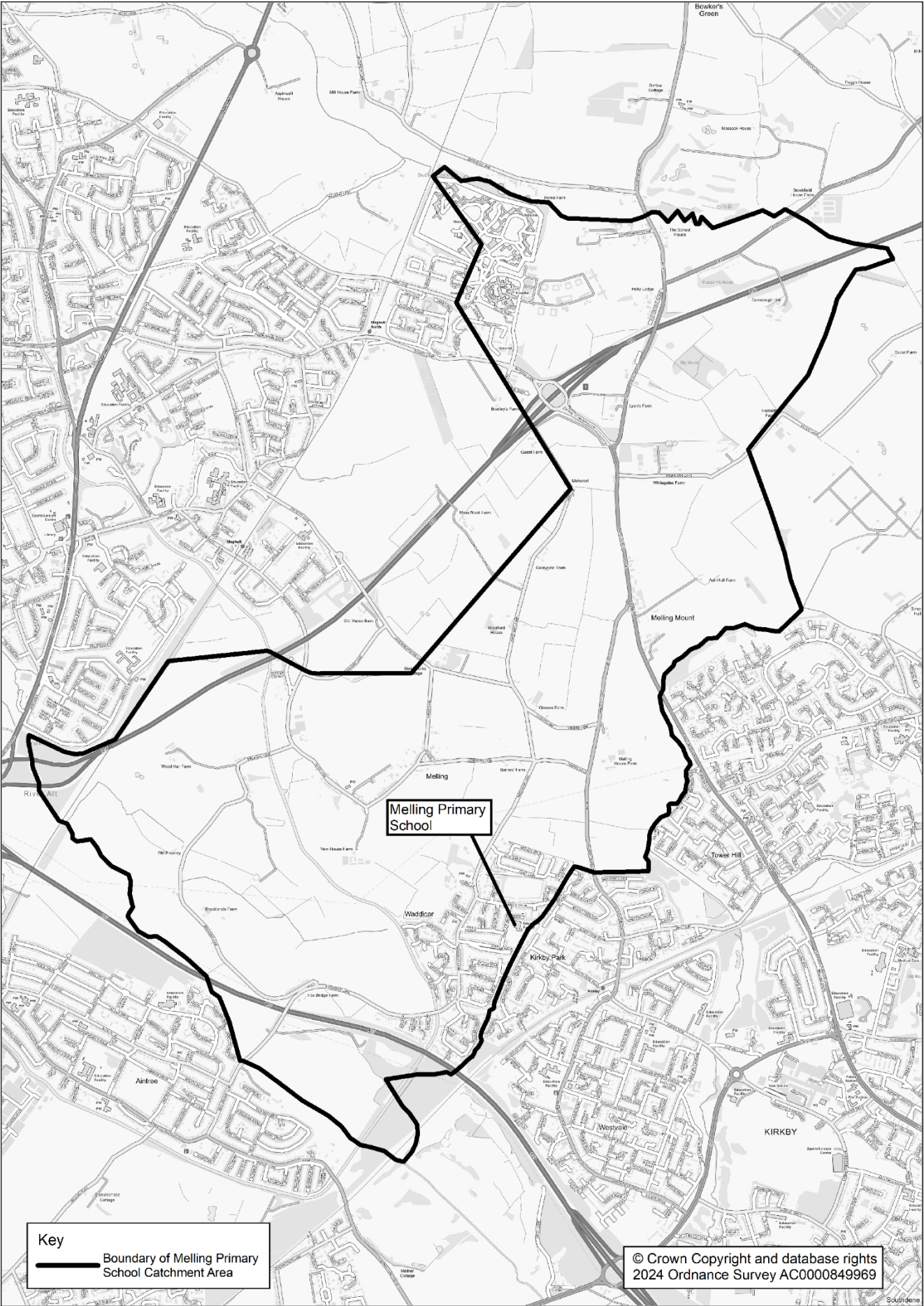
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Tie Breaker Clause

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Melling Primary School Catchment Area



Melling Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	83
2025	30	80
2024	30	76

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Catchment Area	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	0	1	17	0	12	0	0.482
2025	30	0	0	8	0	18	4	0.996
2024	30	0	0	14	0	13	3	0.320

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	1/5	31
2025	0/1	30
2024	0/1	30

Netherton Moss Primary School

Swifts Lane, Bootle, Liverpool, L30 3RU

Headteacher: Mr D Hird

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 197

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2013

Telephone: 0151 525 5026

Website: www.nethertonmoss.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
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Tie Breaker Clause

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Netherton Moss Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	58
2025	30	58
2024	30	59

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	0	0	10	1	19	1.042
2025	30	0	0	18	1	11	0.493
2024	25	0	0	11	0	14	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	28
2025	N/A	30
2024	N/A	26

Northway Primary School

Dodds Lane, Maghull, L31 9AA

Headteacher: Mrs K McKenzie

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 319

Admission Number 2027: 45

Establishment number: 343 2067

Telephone: 0151 526 2565

Website: www.northwayprimary.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Northway Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	45	113
2025	45	124
2024	45	118

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	46	2	3	14	0	27	0.663
2025	45	1	1	20	0	23	0.823
2024	45	1	1	19	0	24	1.137

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/3	46
2025	1/4	46
2024	0/3	45

Norwood Primary School

Norwood Crescent, Southport, PR9 7DU

Headteacher: Mr M Garside

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 621

Admission Number 2027: 90

Establishment number: 343 2038

Telephone: 01704 211960

Website: www.norwoodprimaryschool.com

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: No

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Norwood Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	90	149
2025	90	177
2024	90	187

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	70	0	2	27	0	41	N/A
2025	80	1	1	38	0	40	N/A
2024	90	1	1	32	1	55	1.858

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	70
2025	N/A	81
2024	N/A	90

Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Primary School

Establishment number: 343 3359

Bull Cop, Formby, L37 8BZ

Headteacher: Mr A Houghton

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 202

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Telephone: 01704 877281

Website: www.olocprimary.co.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, to allocate places.

- 1) Looked after children and all previously looked after children. This includes 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. *
- 2) Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling* in the school at the time of admission.
- 3) Baptised Catholic children resident in the parishes of Our Lady of Compassion, Formby (the parts of the parish formerly referred to as Our Lady of Compassion and St Anne's, Freshfield.
- 4) Other baptised Catholic children.
- 5) Other children who have a sibling* in the school at the time of admission.
- 6) Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
- 7) Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
- 8) Other children.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria above then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the Authority at the time of measurement). In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants where this distance would be last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be carried out in a public place. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	50
2025	30	65
2024	30	51

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	21	0	0	7	9	1	1	0	0	3
2025	30	0	0	10	12	4	4	0	0	0
2024	29	0	0	5	10	1	2	0	0	11

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	22
2025	0/3	30
2024	N/A	30

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Establishment number: 343 3337

Grantham Road, Southport, PR8 4LT

Headteacher: Mr D McCann

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2027): 384

Catholic academy school

Telephone: 01704 568375

Website: www.ololprimary.org.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 45

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the academy must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes & St Joseph, Sacred Heart & St John Stone and St Teresa.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 3) Other Catholic children.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 4) Other children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission.
- 5) Catechumens in the Catholic Church and members of an Eastern Christian Church not in full communion with Rome.
- 6) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 7) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 8) Any other children.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest walking distance from the property address point to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority. Distance measurements are provided by the local authority. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	83
2025	60	80
2024	60	79

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Note: For 2024 & 2025 the school was not full. For 2026 the admission faith criteria were significantly changed.

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Catholic children resident in parishes	Other Catholic children	Other Sibling	Catechumens and Eastern Christian	Other Christian Ecclesial	Other faiths	Other children (Distance)
2026	52	0	4	7	8	2	9	4	0	18

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	47
2025	N/A	44
2024	N/A	44

Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Primary School

Establishment number: 343 3383

Stand Park Avenue, Bootle, Liverpool, L30 3SA

Headteacher: Ms C Simms

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 186

Catholic academy school

Telephone: 0151 525 6358

Website: www.olwprimary.co.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish of Our Lady of Walsingham.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 3) Other Catholic children.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 4) Other children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission.
- 5) Catechumens in the Catholic Church and members of an Eastern Christian Church not in full communion with Rome.
- 6) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 7) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 8) Any other children.

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Tie Breaker Clause

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest walking distance from the property address point to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton. Distance measurements are provided by the local authority. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	30
2025	30	26
2024	30	37

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Note: For 2026 the admission faith criteria were significantly changed.

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Catholic children resident in parishes	Other Catholic children	Other Sibling	Catechumens and Eastern Christian	Other Christian Ecclesial	Other faiths	Other children (Distance)
2026	19	1	0	5	0	1	10	0	2	0

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	19
2025	N/A	22
2024	N/A	25

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary School

Establishment number: 343 3366

Ford Close, Litherland, Liverpool, L21 0EP

Headteacher: Mrs M Richardson

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 138

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Telephone: 0151 928 3676

Website: www.ourladyqueenofpeaceprimary.co.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Josephine Bakhita (the part of the parish formerly referred to as Our Lady Queen of Peace).
- 3) Other Catholic children.
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

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Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	29
2025	30	23
2024	30	19

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Note: For **2024** admissions 11 children were allocated places on national offer day. As ALL applicants could be offered a place at the school, the school was not required to consider each application under the individual admission criteria.
The same applies for **2026** admissions, when 15 children were allocated places on national offer day.

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2025	14	0	0	2	2	0	5	0	0	5

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	18
2025	N/A	17
2024	N/A	13

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School

Establishment number: 343 3357

Kepler Street, Seaforth, Liverpool, L21 3TE

Headteacher: Mrs C Roberts

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 187

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Telephone: 0151 928 3158

Website: www.ourlady-starofthesea.org.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Oscar Romero, the part of the parish formerly referred to as Our Lady Star of the Sea.
- 3) Other Catholic children
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

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Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	29
2025	30	43
2024	30	29

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	20	0	0	0	4	0	8	0	0	8
2025	27	1	1	1	3	0	9	0	0	12
2024	15	0	0	5	2	0	4	0	0	4

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	19
2025	N/A	26
2024	N/A	17

Redgate Primary School

Redgate, Formby, L37 4EW

Headteacher: Miss H Gambon

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 225

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2086

Telephone: 01704 828140

Website: www.redgateprimary.com

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

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Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Redgate Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	42
2025	30	39
2024	30	52

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	0	0	14	0	16	Last place offered to a family living outside of the local area
2025	23	0	0	11	0	12	N/A
2024	30	1	0	12	2	15	1.059

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	29
2025	N/A	22
2024	N/A	30

Rimrose Hope CE Primary School

Sandy Road, Seaforth, Liverpool, L21 1AD

Headteacher: Mr L Crilly

Voluntary Controlled Church of England school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 290

Admission Number 2027: 45

Establishment number: 343 3385

Telephone: 0151 288 6508

Website: www.rimrosehope.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Rimrose Hope CE Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	45	66
2025	45	77
2024	45	81

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	44	0	1	14	0	29	N/A
2025	45	0	2	20	0	23	1.916
2024	45	0	0	16	0	29	0.751

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	42
2025	2/2	47
2024	N/A	46

Shoreside Primary School

Westminster Drive, Southport, PR8 2QZ

Headteacher: Mr M Power

Academy school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 189

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 2004

Telephone: 01704 576040

Website: www.shoresideprimary.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a sibling at the school when they are due to start the school. The definition of sibling includes brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, adopted brother, adopted sister, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** will be considered where:
 - i) The parent has a permanent contract of employment, and they were recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
 - ii) The parent has a permanent contract of employment, and their employment contract has been in place for two or more years at the time of the closing date for application for admission.

They can work at any site with Rainbow Education Multi Academy Trust. If applicable, parent(s)/carer(s) must clearly identify the name of the school (or trust) employee on their admission application form. If an applicant fails to identify the name of the school employee on their application, it is possible that their application may not be able to be considered under this criterion for this school. **Details will be validated by the school.**
- 4) **Distance** – All other applicants who have expressed a preference for the school ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If there are more applicants than there are places available, distance from the child's permanent home address to the main entrance of the primary school will be used to determine which children are admitted. In all cases, where distance from home to school is used to determine admission, those children living nearest to the school will be given preference. The distance will be measured by shortest walking distance between the child's permanent home address and the main entrance gate of the academy. Parents will be required to provide relevant proof of address e.g. council tax bill, utility bill, tenancy agreement or proof exchange of contracts if the property has recently been purchased. The Trust reserves the right to request any additional information that may be required in order to confirm proof of address. If two or more children live the same distance from the school, and there is only one place available, random allocation will be used to decide which child is admitted.

Shoreside Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	74
2025	30	71
2024	30	62

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	0	0	16	1	13	0.833
2025	30	0	0	12	1	17	1.261
2024	30	0	0	7	N/A	23	2.565

Please note that the admission criteria changed in 2025 to include children of staff.

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/3	30
2025	0/3	30
2024	2/2	32

Springwell Park Primary School

Menai Road, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 6PG

Headteacher: Miss T Webley

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 385

Admission Number 2027: 60

Establishment number: 343 3378

Telephone: 0151 288 6054

Website: www.springwellparkprimary.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Springwell Park Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	97
2025	60	92
2024	60	109

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	60	0	0	23	0	37	2.00
2025	42	0	0	16	0	26	N/A
2024	56	2	1	26	0	27	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/2	60
2025	N/A	43
2024	N/A	56

St Andrew's Maghull CE Primary School

Establishment number: 343 3020

Deyes Lane, Maghull, L31 6DE

Telephone: 0151 526 1378

Headteacher: Mr S Jones

Head of School: Mrs P Dwan

Website: www.standrewsmaghull.com

Age range: 4-11

Church of England academy school

Nursery at School: Yes

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 211

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

St Andrew's Maghull CE Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	91
2025	30	83
2024	30	74

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	0	1	17	12	3.013
2025	30	1	0	14	15	1.190
2024	30	0	0	15	15	1.101

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/2	30
2025	0/2	30
2024	0/1	30

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School

Establishment number: 343 3382

Copy Lane, Bootle, Liverpool, L30 7PG

Telephone: 0151 526 6423

Headteacher: Mr M Philips

Website: www.stbenedictsprimary.co.uk

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 207

Nursery at School: Yes

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Benedict.
- 3) Other Catholic children
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	57
2025	30	57
2024	30	53

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Note: For 2025 admissions 30 children were allocated places on national offer day. The breakdown of pupils considered under each admission criterion has not been made available to the Local authority. Please contact the school directly for this information, if required

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	30	0	1	10	10	1	5	1	0	2
2024	30	0	1	13	5	6	2	0	0	3

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	29
2025	0/1	30
2024	N/A	30

St Edmund's & St Thomas' Catholic Primary School

Establishment number: 343 3355

Oxford Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QF

Headteacher: Mr K Loftus

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 233

Catholic academy school

Telephone: 0151 928 5586

Website: www.stedmundsprimary.co.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St Oscar Romero (the former parishes of St Edmund of Canterbury, Waterloo, Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Thomas of Canterbury, Waterloo).
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 3) Other Catholic children.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 4) Other children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission.
- 5) Catechumens in the Catholic Church and members of an Eastern Christian Church not in full communion with Rome.
- 6) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 7) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 8) Any other children.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest walking distance from the property address point to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority. Distance measurements are provided by the local authority. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

St Edmund's & St Thomas' Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	54
2025	45	66
2024	45	60

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

For 2026 the admission faith criteria were significantly changed.

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Catholic children resident in parishes	Other Catholic children	Other sibling	Catechumens and Eastern Christian	Other Christian Ecclesial	Other faiths	Other children (Distance)
2026	25	0	2	6	4	1	4	0	0	8

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	25
2025	N/A	29
2024	N/A	19

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Webster Street, Litherland, Liverpool, L21 8JH

Headteacher: Mr L Daniels

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 365

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Establishment number: 343 3362

Telephone: 0151 922 5752

Website: www.st-elizabethsprimary.co.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 60

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St Josephine Bakhita and St Oscar Romero (the part of these two parishes formerly referred to as St Elizabeth of Hungary).
- 3) Other Catholic children.
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	66
2025	60	59
2024	60	60

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	45	0	0	3	4	3	16	2	0	17
2025	36	0	0	8	1	2	10	0	0	15
2024	34	1	1	4	2	3	11	0	0	12

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	46
2025	N/A	40
2024	N/A	38

St George's Catholic Primary School

Dennett Close, Maghull, L31 5PD

Headteacher: Mr S Dillon

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 210

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 3351

Telephone: 0151 288 6630

Website: www.st-georgesprimary.com

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Georges, Maghull.
- 3) Other Catholic children.
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

St George's Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	62
2025	30	64
2024	30	68

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	27	0	0	7	11	5	0	0	0	4
2025	30	2	0	13	14	1	0	0	0	0
2024	30	0	0	13	8	1	1	0	0	7

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	30
2025	1/3	31
2024	1/1	30

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Sandy Lane, Lydiate, L31 2LB

Headteacher: Mr J Perree

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 203

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 3367

Telephone: 0151 526 5856

Website: www.stgregorysprimary.co.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, to allocate places.

- 1) Looked after children and all previously looked after children. This includes 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. *
- 2) Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling* in the school at the time of admission.
- 3) Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of St Catherine of Alexandria (formerly referred to as Our Lady's, Lydiate and St Gregory the Great, Lydiate).
- 4) Other baptised Catholic children.
- 5) Other children who have a sibling* in the school at the time of admission.
- 6) Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
- 7) Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
- 8) Other children.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria above then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the Authority at the time of measurement). In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants where this distance would be last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be carried out in a public place. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	71
2025	30	62
2024	30	75

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	30	1	0	12	17	0	0	0	0	0
2025	22	0	1	11	7	2	0	0	0	1
2024	30	0	1	17	12	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/3	30
2025	N/A	21
2024	0/3	31

St Jerome's Catholic Primary School

Greenloons Drive, Formby, L37 2LX

Headteacher: Mrs G Veevers

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 195

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 3369

Telephone: 01704 833211

Website: www.st-jeromes.co.uk

Nursery at School: No

Age range: 4-11

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish of Our Lady of Compassion (the part of the parish formerly known as the parish of St Jerome).
- 3) Other Catholic children.
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

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Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

St Jerome's Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	55
2025	30	61
2024	30	58

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	28	0	0	11	9	1	1	6	0	0
2025	30	0	0	7	9	3	6	0	0	5
2024	26	0	0	11	5	9	1	0	0	0

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	29
2025	0/1	30
2024	N/A	27

St John Bosco Catholic Primary School

Establishment number: 343 3375

Green Lane, Maghull, L31 8BW

Telephone: 0151 520 2628

Headteacher: Mr D MacAreavy

Website: www.stjohnboscoprimary.co.uk

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 206

Nursery at School: No

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Catherine of Alexandria or former parish(es) of Our Lady's, Lydiate and St Gregory the Great, Lydiate).
- 3) Other Catholic children.
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

St John Bosco Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	74
2025	30	66
2024	30	92

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	29	0	0	10	12	4	0	0	0	3
2025	28	0	0	12	7	1	1	1	0	6
2024	30	0	0	12	18	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	30
2025	N/A	29
2023	0/2	30

St John's CE Primary School (Southport)

Establishment number: 343 3010

Rufford Road, Crossens, Southport, PR9 8JH

Telephone: 01704 227441

Headteacher: Mr P Thomson

Website: www.stjohnsprimary.co.uk

Voluntary Controlled Church of England school

Age range: 4-11

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 158

Nursery at School: No

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

St John's CE Primary School (Southport)

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	44
2025	30	45
2024	30	44

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	19	0	0	3	0	16	N/A
2025	21	0	1	4	0	16	N/A
2024	16	1	0	6	0	9	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	19
2025	N/A	21
2024	N/A	17

Denmark Street, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 9RG

Telephone: 0151 928 5685**Headteacher:** Miss P Morgan**Website:** www.stjohnscephprimarywaterloo.co.uk

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 191

Nursery at School: No

Voluntary Aided Church of England school

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 30Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, to allocate places.

- 1) **A 'looked after child', and 'previously looked after children', * and 'internationally adopted previously looked after children'.** *As this is a legal requirement, it automatically appears as the first of the school's oversubscription criteria. *See glossary for full definition.
An internationally adopted previously looked after child is a child who appears (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2) **Siblings** - siblings of pupils attending the school during the academic year to which the child would be admitted. 'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister, or other child living in the same household who in any of these cases, will be living with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the school.
- 3) **Faith based** - Regular attendance at public worship at Waterloo Anglican Churches: Christ Church, St Faiths or St Mary's Church of England Church. Attendance will be established by information provided on the Supplementary Information Form completed by a member of the clergy or other designated church officer. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'regular' means attendance at least eight times in the twelve months immediately prior to the date of application.
- 4) **Faith based** - Attendance at public worship in any other Christian Church. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'other Christian Church' means a church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of, Churches Together in England or affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance or a partner church of Affinity'.
Attendance at public worship (or its specified equivalent for faith bodies which are not a Christian Church where that is provided for in the admission arrangements) will be established by information provided on the **Supplementary Information Form**, including verification by the relevant Minister/Faith Leader or their designated officer. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'regular' means attendance at least eight times in the twelve months immediately prior to the date of application.
- 5) **All other applications.**

Tie Breaker Clause

Proximity to the school. In the event that two or more children live at the same distance from the school (as can happen with families living in blocks of flats), random allocation, where supervised drawing of lots by an independent responsible person of good standing will be used to decide which child(ren) will be allocated the remaining place(s) in accordance with paragraphs 1.34 and 1.35 of the School Admissions Code.

St John's CE Primary School (Waterloo)

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	58
2025	30	57
2024	30	58

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day*

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Regular attendance at Waterloo Anglican Churches	Members of another Christian Church	Other Children (Distance)
2026	26	0	0	9	2	4	11
2025	17	0	1	9	0	1	6
2024	26	0	1	12	0	1	12

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	30
2025	N/A	21
2024	N/A	27

St Luke's CE Primary School

Jubilee Road, Formby, L37 2HW

Headteacher: Ms K Allen

Voluntary Controlled Church of England school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 365

Admission Number 2027: 60

Establishment number: 343 3024

Telephone: 01704 872692

Website: www.stlukes-formby.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: No

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

St Luke's CE Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	103
2025	60	90
2024	60	103

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	36	0	0	17	0	19	N/A
2025	40	0	0	23	0	17	N/A
2024	53	0	0	31	0	22	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	37
2025	N/A	40
2024	N/A	58

St Luke's Halsall CE Primary School

Establishment number: 343 3343

Cooks Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 2TB

Headteacher: Mr R Miller

Telephone: 0151 924 5142

Website: www.stlukeshalsall.co.uk

Voluntary Aided Church of England school

Age range: 4-11

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 206

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and when there are more applications than there are places available, the Governors will admit pupils according to the following criteria which are set out in order of priority below:

- 1) **Children in public care and previously looked after children**, this includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of the local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. This criterion also includes looked after children and all previously looked after children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2) Siblings – children who have a **brother or sister*** attending school during their first term in the school.
- 3) Children whose parent/guardian/carer(s) are attached to St Luke's Church (**).
- 4) Children whose parent/guardian/carer(s) are attached to another Christian Church (**).
****see explanatory notes below**
- 5) Children who currently attend St Lukes Halsall CE Nursery at the time of the application deadline.
- 6) Any other children who live closest to the school. This will be measured as nearest walking distance (in line with Sefton's current practice).

***See glossary for full definition**

Please Note

- **3)** Attached to St Luke's Church – children of parent/guardian/carer(s) who worship at St Luke's Church on at least a monthly basis, for the 12 month period before the application deadline for the child to start school (normally January). A completed Supplementary Information Form will be required from the appropriate minister of religion.
- **4)** Attached to another Christian Church – (Christian church means any church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance, or a partner church of Affinity) - children of parent/guardian/carer(s) who worship at Church on a monthly basis, for the 12 month period before the application deadline for the child to start school (normally January). A completed Supplementary Information Form will be required from the appropriate minister of religion.

Applications for children to be considered under categories 3 and 4 must be accompanied with a 'Supplementary Information Form'. This should be obtained from and returned to school directly. In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship".

Tie Breaker Clause

Where the school reaches its planned admission limit from pupils within one of the categories listed above, those pupils to be admitted from within that category will be those whose permanent place of residence is closest to the school. This will be measured as nearest walking distance (in line with Sefton's current practice).

St Luke's Halsall CE Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	105
2025	30	86
2024	30	90

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Attached to St Luke's Church	Attached to another Christian Church	Attend St Luke's Halsall nursery	Other children (Distance)
2026	30	0	0	8	2	5	5	10
2025	30	1	0	11	3	4	N/A	11
2024	26	0	1	11	6	4	N/A	4

Please note that the admission criteria changed in 2026 to include children attending the school's nursery.

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	30
2025	N/A	30
2024	N/A	25

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Back Lane, Little Crosby, Liverpool, L23 4UA

Headteacher: Mrs K Scott

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 101

Catholic academy school

Admission Number 2027: 15

Establishment number: 343 3354

Telephone: 0151 924 4447

Website: www.stmaryscatholicps.co.uk

Nursery at School: No

Age range: 4-11

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St Mary's, Little Crosby; Our Lady of Victories, Hightown and Holy Family, Ince Blundell.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 3) Other Catholic children.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 4) Other children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission.
- 5) Catechumens in the Catholic Church and members of an Eastern Christian Church not in full communion with Rome.
- 6) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 7) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 8) Any other children.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest walking distance from the property address point to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority. Distance measurements are provided by the local authority. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	15	39
2024	15	34
2024	15	41

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

For 2026 the admission faith criteria were significantly changed.

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Catholic children resident in parishes	Other Catholic children	Other sibling	Catechumens and Eastern Christian	Other Christian Ecclesial	Other faiths	Other children (Distance)
2026	15	0	0	5	4	0	3	0	0	3

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	17*
2025	N/A	11
2024	N/A	10

* Following national offer day, the Governing Body subsequently agreed to admit up to 17 pupils.

St Monica's Catholic Primary School

Kelly Drive, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 9EB

Headteacher: Mr J Gouldbourne

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 410

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Admission Number 2027: 60

Establishment number: 343 3313

Telephone: 0151 525 1245

Website: www.stmonicascatholicprimaryschool.co.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Monica & St Richard or the former parish of St Monica.
- 3) Other Catholic children.
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority

St Monica's Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	110
2025	60	129
2024	60	106

St Monica & St Richard (the part of the parish formerly referred to as St Monica).

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	60	0	0	15	18	7	10	2	1	7
2025	60	1	1	21	15	13	9	0	0	0
2024	52	0	0	12	15	3	10	2	1	9

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	60
2025	0/4	60
2024	N/A	58

St Nicholas' CE Primary School

Nicholas Road, Blundellsands, Liverpool, L23 6TS

Headteacher: Mrs R Woods

Voluntary Aided Church of England school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 212

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 3345

Telephone: 0151 924 1204

Website: www.stnicholasprimary.org

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: No

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, to allocate places.

- 1) A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after, including children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England, and ceased to be so as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). ¹
- 2) Siblings: Children who have a brother or sister (including adopted, foster, half or step who live at the same address) attending the school in the September the child will start school.
- 3) St Nicholas Church: Children whose parents or guardians attend St Nicholas Church, Blundellsands, at least once a month for the 12 month period before the application deadline for the child to start school (normally January). Confirmation of attendance from the clergy will be required via supplementary information form.
- 4) Another Christian Church: Children whose parents or guardians are members of another Christian Church and who attend Church at least once a month for the 12 month period before the application deadline for the child to start school (normally January). Confirmation of attendance from the clergy will be required via supplementary information form. Christian Church means any church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of Churches Together in England or the Evangelical Alliance or a partner church of Affinity.
- 5) All other applications.

Tie Breaker Clause

Proximity of home to school (safe walking distance from the property's address point to the main entrance of the school as calculated by the Local Authority).

NB each criterion will be applied in turn. If more pupils apply under each criterion than spaces, the tie breaker will apply.

¹ A looked after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority in England or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England in the exercise of their social services functions.

St Nicholas' CE Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	97
2025	30	100
2024	30	89

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Attend St Nicholas Church	Members of another Christian Church	Other Children (Distance)
2026	30	0	0	11	3	1	15
2025	30	0	0	15	5	2	8
2024	30	1	1	7	7	3	11

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/2	30
2025	N/A	30
2024	N/A	30

St Oswald's CE Primary School

Ronald Ross Avenue, Bootle, Liverpool, L30 5RH

Headteacher: Miss E Murtagh

Voluntary Aided Church of England school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 199

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 3303

Telephone: 0151 525 4580

Website: www.stoswaldsnetherton.com

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

The school will admit any pupils with and Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school.

Where there are more applications than places available, priority will then be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below

- 1) The first oversubscription criteria must always be **Looked After Children**, Previously Looked After Children, and Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *
- 2) **Siblings** – of pupils attending the school at the time of admission. Sibling means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister, a step brother or sister, or other child living in the same household who, in any of these cases, will be living with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the school.
- 3) **Faith based** – regular attendance at public worship in any Christian churches. Attendance will be established by information provided on the Supplementary Information Form completed by a member of the clergy or other designated church officer. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'regular' means attendance at least eight times in the twelve months immediately prior to the date of application. In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.
- 4) **Distance from school** - Proximity to the school with those living closest to the school having priority calculated by proximity – children in order of proximity of their home to the school measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

Proximity to the school. This will be measured by the shortest walking distance by road or maintained footpath or other public rights of way from the pupil's home, to the main entrance point of the school using a GIS computerised mapping system. In the event that two or more children live at the same distance from the school (as can happen with families living in blocks of flats), random allocation, where supervised drawing of lots by an independent responsible person of good standing will be used to decide which child(ren) will be allocated the remaining place(s).

St Oswald's CE Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	53
2025	30	54
2024	30	61

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Regular worship at St Oswalds Church	Regular worship at another Church	Other Children (Distance)
2026	25	0	1	12	0	2	10
2025	30	0	0	14	1	0	15
2024	30	0	2	14	1	2	11

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	24
2025	N/A	30
2024	N/A	31

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Radnor Drive, Southport, PR9 9RR

Headteacher: Mrs R Halsall

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 319

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Establishment number: 343 3339

Telephone: 01704 225906

Website: www.stpatrickschurchtown.com

Nursery at School: No

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 50

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St Patrick and St Marie on the Sands, Southport.
- 3) Other Catholic children.
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾.

In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	50	83
2025	50	75
2024	50	88

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	37	0	1	9	5	0	10	7	0	5
2025	38	0	0	12	6	0	9	6	0	5
2024	45	0	0	7	10	5	8	4	0	11

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	34
2025	N/A	37
2024	N/A	43

St Philip's CE Primary School (Litherland)

Establishment number: 343 3025

Church Road, Litherland, Liverpool, L21 8NZ

Headteacher: Mrs J Drane

Voluntary Controlled Church of England school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 197

Admission Number 2027: 30

Telephone: 0151 928 1483

Website: www.stphilipsprimaryschool-litherland.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: No

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

St Philip's CE Primary School (Litherland)

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	61
2025	30	65
2024	30	56

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	18	0	0	7	0	11	N/A
2025	25	0	0	7	0	18	N/A
2024	29	0	0	12	0	17	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	17
2025	N/A	29
2024	N/A	25

St Philip's CE Primary School (Southport) Establishment number: 343 3305

Hampton Road, Southport, PR8 6SS

Telephone: 01704 535737

Headteacher: Mrs S Edward

Website: www.stphilipssouthport.com

Voluntary Aided Church of England school

Age range: 4-11

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 207

Nursery at School: No

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the admissions committee will place each application into one of the criteria categories set out below. The committee will then accept all the applications in category 1), and then those in category 2) and so on until the 30 available places are filled.

- 1) Looked After, and children who were previously Looked After children (in state care) but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, child arrangement order or Special Guardianship or children who appear to the admissions authority of the school to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because they were adopted.*
- 2) Children who have a brother or sister* attending school and who will still be there at the start of the new academic year.
- 3) Children who regularly attend worship at St Philip's and St Paul with Wesley with an immediate family member. **
- 4) Children who regularly attend worship with an immediate family member at another Anglican or Methodist Church. **
- 5) Children who attend worship regularly with an immediate family member at some other Christian Church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of Churches Together in England or the Evangelical Alliance or a partner church of Affinity. **
- 6) Other children decided by distance.

Tie Breaker Clause - distance from home to school. Distance measurements are provided by the local authority.

***See glossary for full definition**

**In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church [or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

If you are applying under category 1 the admissions authority of St Philip's Primary school will check and where necessary, request evidence from parents to demonstrate the child is eligible for priority under oversubscription category 1. If you are applying under categories 3, 4 or 5 you will **also** be required to complete our Ministers Reference form. Forms must be **requested** from the school office and must be returned to school by 15th January 2027.

Regular Worship is defined as one parent or an immediate family member attending worship at least twice a month for the six month period 1st January to 30th June 2026. **A Ministers reference form must be completed and submitted to the school office by 15th January 2027.** **Definition of immediate family member** as defined by the Governing Body of St Philips Primary School is the legal parents, carers or guardians, maternal or paternal grandparents, Aunt, Uncle, or older sibling who is 18 or older.

St Philip's CE Primary School (Southport)

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	72
2025	30	59
2024	30	77

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Regular worship at St Philips & St Paul with Wesley	Regular worship at another Anglican or Methodist Church	Regular worship at another Christian Church	Other Children (Distance)
2026	30	0	0	12	1	1	1	15
2025	29	1	0	17	2	1	0	8
2024	30	0	0	7	0	2	0	21

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	28
2025	N/A	30
2024	N/A	30

Harris Drive, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 6ED

Telephone: 0151 922 1216

Headteacher: Mrs M O'Neill Dowell

Website: www.strobertbellarmine.co.uk

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 210

Nursery at School: Yes

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Josephine Bakhita, Litherland (the part of the parish formerly known as St Robert Bellarmine).
- 3) Other Catholic children
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority

St Robert Bellarmine Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	129
2025	30	124
2024	30	97

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	30	0	2	18	8	2	0	0	0	0
2025	30	0	1	10	16	3	0	0	0	0
2024	30	0	1	9	4	16	0	0	0	0

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/3	31
2025	0/9	30
2024	N/A	30

St Thomas CE Primary School

Kenyons Lane, Lydiate, L31 0BP

Headteacher: Mrs E Alty

Church of England academy school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 209

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admission Number 2027: 30

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

The school will admit any pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school. Should there be a greater demand for places than the 30 available, the following priorities for admission will apply:

- 1) **Children in Public Care** – Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to child arrangements order or special guardianship order).
- 2) **Siblings** - Children who have a sibling, including half-brother/sister, foster brother/sister, children living at the same address and considered to be part of the same family unit currently attending the school and who will still be there at the start of the academic year in which the child takes up his/her place.
- 3) **Faith Criteria** - Children whose parent(s)* attend public worship at the United Benefice of St Cuthbert, Halsall and St Thomas', Lydiate and Downholland once a week over a period of the last twelve months prior to the closing date for applications with the relevant local authority.
- 4) **Faith Criteria** - Children whose parent(s)* attend public worship at a Christian church** other than the United Benefice St Cuthbert and Thomas, Halsall, Lydiate and Downholland once a week over a period of the last twelve months prior to the closing date for applications with the relevant local authority.
- 5) **Faith Criteria** - Children whose parent(s)* attend public worship at the United Benefice of St Cuthbert, Halsall and St Thomas', Lydiate and Downholland once a month over a period of the last twelve months prior to the closing date for applications with the relevant local authority.
- 6) **Faith Criteria** - Children whose parent(s)* attend public worship at a Christian church** other than the United Benefice St Cuthbert and Thomas, Halsall, Lydiate and Downholland once a month over a period of the last twelve months prior to the closing date for applications with the relevant local authority.
- 7) **Other Children**

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Establishment number: 343 3341

Telephone: 0151 531 9955

Website: www.stthomaslydiate.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at school: Yes

St Thomas CE Primary School - Admissions Criteria 2027 (continued)

Tie Breaker Clause: In the event of over subscription in the number of applications made under any of the categories above, then the admissions committee will offer places first to children living nearest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home to the nearest school gate using the methodology of measurement adopted by the Local Authority.

***Parent(s) refers to those with parental responsibility.**

****Chrisitan church** – means a church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or which is a member of, Churches Together in England or affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance or a Partner Church of Affinity'.

Note: St Thomas' Supplementary Faith Form

Evidence: In the event that the school is oversubscribed, and Church attendance is the criterion to be applied the St Thomas' supplementary faith form from their vicar, priest, minister or pastor will confirm which criterion the child falls into.

For all faith categories, parents will be required to make an appointment with their vicar, priest, minister or pastor confirming which category of worshipper they belong to. Evidence for this will be submitted on St Thomas' supplementary faith reference form.

St Thomas CE Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	78
2025	30	69
2024	30	78

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Faith criterion (3)	Faith criterion (4)	Faith criterion (5)	Faith criterion (6)	Faith criterion (7)	Faith criterion (8)	Attending St Thomas' nursery	Children of Staff	Other Children
2026	30	0	1	8	9	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	4
2025	30	0	1	17	8	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	30	0	0	12	14	3	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0

Please note the admission criteria was changed in **2025** to add in children attending the nursery (criterion 9) and children of staff (criterion 10).

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	30
2025	0/3	30
2024	1/2	31

St William of York Catholic Primary School

St William Road, Thornton, Liverpool, L23 9XH

Headteacher: Mr M Murphy

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 204

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Establishment number: 343 3364

Telephone: 0151 924 7280

Website: www.stwilliamofyork.co.uk

Nursery at School: Yes

Age range: 4-11

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St William of York.
- 3) Other Catholic children
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

St William of York Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	54
2025	30	69
2024	30	40

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	30	0	0	2	9	3	6	2	0	8
2025	30	0	0	9	3	1	15	0	0	2
2024	28	0	1	6	3	3	5	0	0	10

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/4	30
2025	N/A	30
2024	N/A	27

Summerhill Primary School

Poverty Lane, Maghull, L31 3DT

Headteacher: Mrs F Govan

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 215

Admission Number 2027: 60

Establishment number: 343 2076

Telephone: 0151 526 1343

Website: www.summerhillprimary.com

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: No

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Summerhill Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	107
2025	30	120
2024	30	107

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	0	0	11	0	19	2.087
2025	30	0	0	9	1	20	2.548
2024	30	0	0	17	0	13	2.023

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/4	30
2025	N/A	30
2024	N/A	30

Thomas Gray Primary School

Chesnut Grove, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 4LX

Headteacher: Mrs R Rimmer

Academy school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 248

Admission Number 2027: 30

Establishment number: 343 3379

Telephone: 0151 288 6530

Website: www.thomasgrayprimary.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

If the number of applications exceeds the Published Admission Number (PAN), places will be allocated (by Sefton LA on behalf of the school's Governing Body or Multi Academy Trust) using the following criteria in the order of priority listed below.

A child whose Education, Health and Care Plan names the school will be admitted without regard for these criteria.

- 1) **Looked after children and children who were previously looked after**, but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order including those who appear to the admission authority to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.*
- 2) **Sibling** - Priority will next be given to children who are siblings of pupils on roll at this school, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children who attend Thomas Gray Primary nursery** - Priority will next be given to children attending Thomas Gray Primary School Nursery at the time of the application deadline. ⁽¹⁾
- 4) **Children of members of staff** - Priority will next be given to children of members of staff who have been employed by Northern Schools Trust for more than two years or recruited within the past two years to fill a vacancy for which there was a skills shortage. Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school. ⁽¹⁾
- 5) **Distance** - Children living nearest to school measured as the shortest walking distance between the child's normal home address and the main entrance of the school using the Council's Geographical Information System. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Thomas Gray Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	62
2025	30	79
2024	30	69

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	2	0	10	0	18	0.640
2025	30	3	0	9	0	18	0.650
2024	30	0	3	11	0	16	1.167

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	36*
2025	0/1	30
2024	1/1	31

* Following national offer day, the Governing Body subsequently agreed to admit up to 36 pupils.

Trinity St Peter's CE Primary School

Establishment number: 343 3380

Paradise Lane, Formby, L37 7EJ

Telephone: 01704 876391

Headteacher: Mrs D Pringle

Website: www.trinitystpeters.org

Church of England academy school

Age range: 4-11

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 210

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, to allocate places.

- 1) Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) Children who have a sibling* currently attending the school and who will still be there at the start of the new academic year.
- 3) Children who with parents/grandparents worship regularly** at either St Peter's or Holy Trinity Churches. **The application must be supported by a supplementary form signed by the Vicar.**
- 4) Children who with parents/grandparents worship regularly** at another Christian Church. ***
The application must be supported by a supplementary form signed by the Vicar/ Minister/Parish Priest. ***
- 5) Children of staff – Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Parents/carers **must** state the name of the employee on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 6) Children who live closest to the main entrance of the school as measured via the safest walking route.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause Distance from home to school. Distance measurements are provided by the Local Authority.

In the event of any **over-subscription** in the number of applications made under criteria 2, 3, 4 and 5 above, then the admissions committee will offer places in accord with the criterion that follows e.g. If Criterion 2 is oversubscribed then places will be offered to those also fulfilling criterion 3, then 4 and ultimately to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home to the nearest school gate. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the Authority at the time of measurement).

Notes:

**** Regular attendance** - is deemed to be AT LEAST MONTHLY for the past 12 months (prior to the published date for the closure of the application process, which is normally around the middle of January). **In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.** Parents/grandparents include step parents/grandparents and carers. Attendance at WOW or church in the school at Redgate no longer count towards meeting this criteria.

***** Christian church** means any church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of, Churches Together in England or the Evangelical Alliance or a partner church of Affinity'.

Trinity St Peter's CE Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	70
2025	30	65
2024	30	79

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Regular worship at St Peter's or Holy Trinity Churches	Regular worship at another Christian Church	Children of staff	Distance
2026	30	0	0	12	12	3	0	3
2025	30	0	0	9	8	2	0	11
2024	30	2	0	14	11	3	0	0

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	2/3	32
2025	N/A	30
2024	0/1	30

Ursuline Catholic Primary School

Nicholas Road, Blundellsands, Liverpool, L23 6TT

Headteacher: Mrs N Robinson

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 408

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Admission Number 2027: 60

Establishment number: 343 3368

Telephone: 0151 924 1704

Website: www.ursulineprimary.co.uk

Nursery at School: No

Age range: 4-11

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St Joseph and St Helen.
- 3) Other Catholic children.
- 4) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 5) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 6) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 7) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

Ursuline Catholic Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	141
2025	60	151
2024	60	133

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Note: For **2024** admissions 60 children were allocated places on national offer day. The breakdown of pupils considered under each admission criterion has not been made available to the local authority. Please contact the school directly for this information, if required.

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	60	0	4	24	8	20	0	2	0	2
2025	60	1	2	17	6	15	5	2	0	12

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/1	60
2025	N/A	58
2024	N/A	60

Valewood Primary School

Sherwood Avenue, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 7YG

Executive Headteacher: Ms H Tantouri

Website: www.valewood.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 208

Establishment number: 343 2091

Telephone: 0151 924 0483

Headteacher: Mrs D Parr

Academy school

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Nursery at School: No

Admission Number 2027: 30

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Valewood Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	30	157
2025	30	145
2024	30	126

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	30	3	0	9	0	18	0.430
2025	30	0	0	14	0	16	0.684
2024	30	1	1	10	0	18	1.004

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	0/1	30
2025	0/1	30
2024	N/A	30

Waterloo Primary School

Crosby Road North, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 0LD

Headteacher: Mr L Rimmer

Academy school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 375

Admission Number 2027: 60

Establishment number: 343 2054

Telephone: 0151 928 4274

Website: www.waterlooprimaryschool.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Waterloo Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	60	104
2025	60	92
2024	60	94

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	56	0	0	15	1	40	N/A
2025	45	2	2	12	1	28	N/A
2024	46	0	0	11	0	35	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	54
2025	N/A	45
2024	N/A	45

Woodlands Primary School

Woodlands Road, Formby, L37 2JN

Headteacher: Mrs J Nel

Community school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 293

Admission Number 2027: 45

Establishment number: 343 2075

Telephone: 01704 876444

Website: www.woodlandsschoolformby.co.uk

Age range: 4-11

Nursery at School: Yes

Admission Authority: **Local Authority**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places.

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the primary school of their choice, provided they will still attend the school in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Children in order of proximity of their home to school, measured as per the tie breaker clause shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Woodlands Primary School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	45	104
2025	45	87
2024	45	106

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of Staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	45	0	1	24	0	20	1.174
2025	29	0	0	12	0	17	N/A
2024	45	0	0	18	1	26	6.517

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	2/2	46
2025	N/A	30
2024	N/A	43

SECTION B - SEFTON SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Types of Secondary Schools in Sefton

Age range

This section of the guide lists all the secondary schools within Sefton. All these schools admit pupils up to the age of 16 and provide a wide range of curriculum choices usually up to GCSE level. Other national qualifications may also be available. The type of secondary school is shown in the list of schools and noted in the details provided for each individual school. Details relating to education for young people aged 16 and over in each area of Sefton, are set out in Section C of this guide.

Voluntary aided schools (VA)

Some Catholic secondary schools in Sefton are Voluntary Aided. This means that they are managed by a church authority, although the local authority meets most of the running costs of the school. Religious education is under the general control of the governors and will be in line with the distinctive ethos, religious beliefs, culture and practices of the church with which the particular school is associated. Admission of pupils is the responsibility of the Governing Body in accordance with the admission arrangements listed in this guide. **If you need to check whether or not you reside within the associated parish for a particular school you should contact the school directly.** The local authority does not hold that information.

Academy schools (AC)

Many other secondary schools within Sefton are academies. Academies are independently managed, all ability schools set up by sponsors from business, faith or voluntary groups in partnership with the Department for Education. Together they fund the land and buildings, with the government covering the running costs. An academy is responsible for admissions to the school and therefore determines their own admissions criteria. The local authority is the co-ordinating body for admissions to all academy schools. For many secondary academies (excluding some faith schools), the local authority also manages the admissions process and applies the admissions criteria on behalf of the schools' governing body.

Independent schools

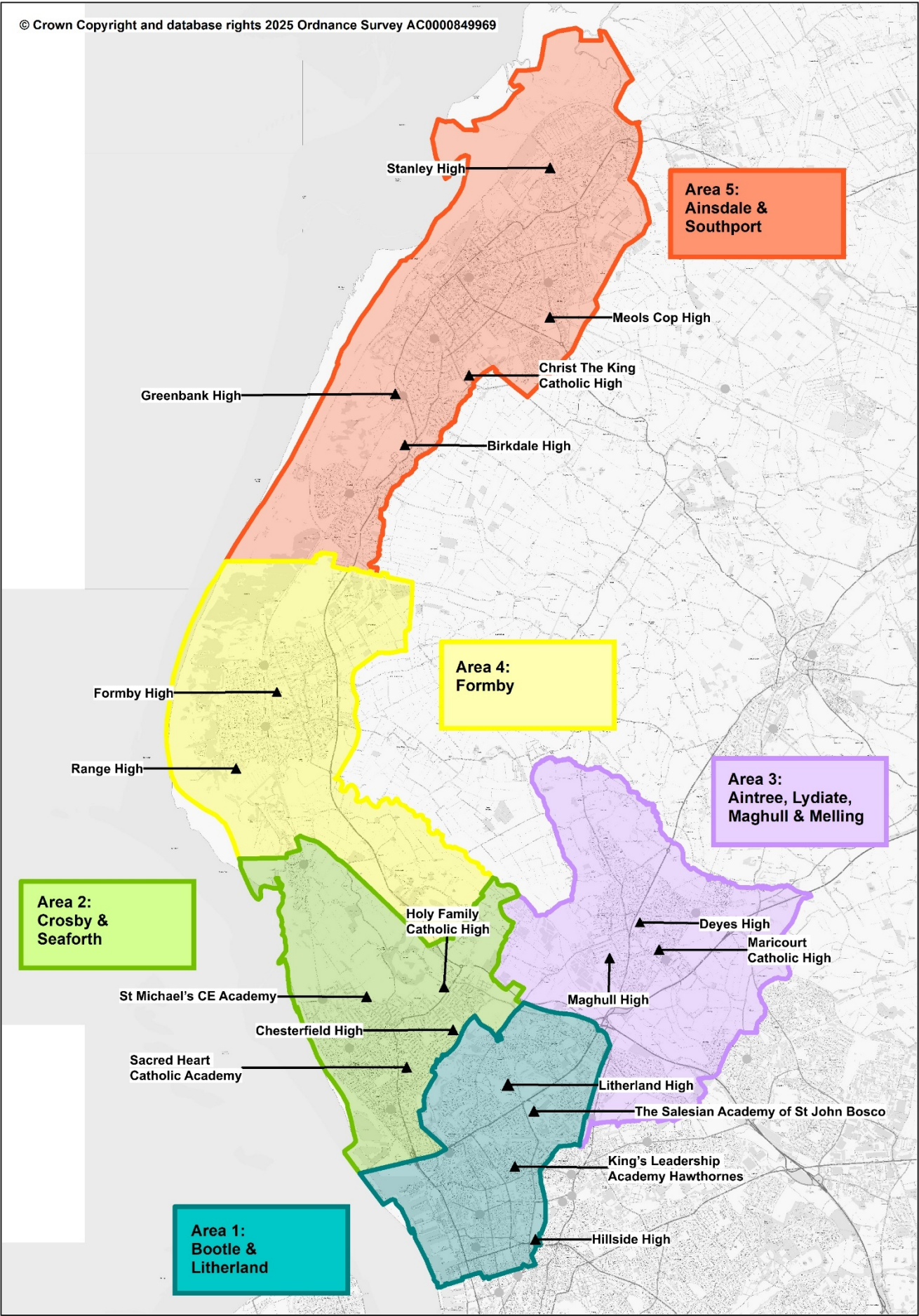
Sefton Local Authority does not administer admissions to any independent schools. If you wish for your child to attend an independent school, you must apply directly to the school concerned.

Other secondary education establishments with entry at age 14+ (Year 10)

There are a number of schools/colleges within the greater Merseyside area which now provide education for young people to be admitted at Year 10. These can be University Technical Colleges, Studio Schools or 14+ provision in some FE colleges.

All the 14-16 Colleges, Studio Schools & U.T.C's require that parents apply for admission directly to the school/college concerned. This is to enable the school to consider your application using the school's individual admission criteria. The application period for admission to Year 10 in September 2027, is the same as for Year 7 admissions i.e. applications should be submitted to the school by the closing date of **31 October 2026**.

Map of Secondary Schools in the Sefton Area



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Information included for each secondary school

We have listed every school in Sefton and included information to help you with your choice of schools. This page helps explain what the information we have provided means.

Key information about the school

Headteacher's name; address of school; telephone number; website address; school details; age range; responsible admissions authority and the 2027 admission number for the school.

Previous pattern of admissions

- Table 1 - The number of places available and the number of on time applications received (by the closing date) by the local authority, naming the school as a preference for the previous year(s) admission allocation.
- Table 2 – The number of children allocated a place under each admission criterion in the past three years. **These figures should only be used as a guide as the number of places allocated under each criterion can change from year to year.**
- Table 3 - The number of appeals heard, and the number that were successful. The final number of places allocated at the end of term in July after changes of preference, declined offers and appeal hearings.

Furthest distance for schools

The furthest distance is noted where the school was oversubscribed (received more applications than places available) and is the furthest distance where a child who was allocated a place lived, using (usually) the home to school distance (proximity) criterion. For some schools, all places may have been allocated using a higher admission criterion than distance. This information is available for academy schools where the local authority applies the admissions criteria on behalf of the governing body (or (Multi-Academy Trust). This information is not available for voluntary aided (or academy) faith schools who are their own admissions authority and apply the admission criteria themselves.

Individual admission criteria for the school

If there are more applications than places available, this is the criteria used to assess each application for that school. You should be able to identify which category your applications would be considered under and see how many children have previously been admitted under the same criterion.

Please note for faith schools the admissions criteria published in this guide may be a summary. Further information and an explanation around all elements of the faith criterion can be found in the full admissions policy which is published on the school's individual website.

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Birkdale High School

Windy Harbour Road, Southport, PR8 3DT

Website: www.birkdalehigh.co.uk

Headteacher: Mr G Banks

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 936

Admission Number 2027: 182

Establishment number: 343 4108

Telephone: 01704 577253

Academy school for boys

Age range: 11-16

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling - Children with a brother** living in the same house who already attends the school as long as they will still be at the school in September 2027. ⁽¹⁾
Sibling is defined in these arrangements as brothers including step-brothers, foster brothers, half-brothers, adopted brothers or sons of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who attend the school in question, as long as they will be at the school in September 2027.
- 3) **Children of staff** - Where the member of staff has been employed at a school within the Southport Learning Trust for two or more years at the time at which the admissions application for the school is made, and/or where a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carers **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Other requests that name the school as a preference, with priority for admission given to children in order of proximity of their home to school, as shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to allocate places for all applications within this criterion then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. In every case we will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the Authority at the time of measurement).

Birkdale High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	196*	331
2025	189*	330
2024	189*	346

*Due to the significant number of applications received, the Governing Body agreed to admit over the Published Admission Number. The Published Admission Number for the school in 2024, 2025 & 2026 was 182 (also see table 3).

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	196	6	2	30	3	155	6.138
2025	189	5	4	29	1	150	3.520
2024	189	6	4	24	4	151	5.718

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	189
2025	4/12	196**
2024	N/A	187

**In 2025 following the admission appeal hearings held in the summer term, the Governing Body subsequently agreed to admit up to 196 pupils.

Chesterfield High School

Establishment number: 343 4105

Chesterfield Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 9YB

Telephone: 0151 924 6454

Website: www.chesterfieldhigh.org.uk

Headteacher: Mr J Lawes

Academy school

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 1692

Age range: 11-18

Admission Number 2027: 270

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

If the academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, priority will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below in order, by Sefton LA, on behalf of the schools Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Children who have a brother or sister living in the same house who already attend the academy as long as they will still be at the academy in September 2027.**
Brothers and Sisters include step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who attend the school in question, as long as they will be at the school in September 2027. ⁽¹⁾
- 3) **Contributory Primary School - Children who, at the start of the Spring Term 2027** are on the roll of Forefield Junior School, Rimrose Hope CE Primary School, Valewood Primary or Waterloo Primary School. ⁽¹⁾
- 4) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed by or at a school within the Mersey View Learning Trust for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 5) **Proximity** - This is measured by taking the shortest walking distance to the academy. The shortest walking route will be that determined using recognised routes known to the local authority. The distance is measured from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate. This will be measured using the local authority's computerised measuring system. If the proximity value is equal then random allocation will be used as a tie-breaker. Any process of random allocation will be independently supervised. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Chesterfield High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	310*	712
2025	310*	797
2024	310*	723

*Due to the significant number of applications received, the Governing Body agreed to admit over the Published Admission Number. The Published Admission Number for 2024, 2025 and 2026 was 270.

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Contributory Primary School	Children of Staff	Proximity (Distance)	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	310	5	2	99	108	6	90	1.858
2025	310	5	9	107	126	2	61	1.378
2024	310	3	4	87	88	2	126	1.828

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	1/15	310
2025	1/36	310
2024	2/25	310

Christ the King Catholic High School

Stamford Road, Southport, PR8 4EX

Website: www.christtheking-school.com

Headteacher: Mrs E Wheeler

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 822

Admission Number 2027: 150

Establishment number: 343 4800

Telephone: 01704 565121 or 567024

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Age range: 11-18

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of Holy Family, Our Lady of Lourdes & St Joseph, Sacred Heart and St John Stone, St Marie on the Sands, St Patrick's & St Teresa's.
- 3) Other Catholic children.
- 4) Children attending one of the following Catholic Partner Primary Schools in the parishes or former parishes named in criterion 2 above: Holy Family, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Patrick's.
- 5) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 6) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 7) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 8) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more applicants where this would determine the last place to be allocated, a random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out. ⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

Christ the King Catholic High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	150	305
2025	155*	349
2024	180*	358

*Due to the significant number of applications received, the Governing Body agreed to admit over the Published Admission Number. The Published Admission Number for the school in 2024 and 2025 was 150.

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Contributory Primary within Parishes	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	116	0	0	11	29	0	20	5	11	0	40
2025	155	3	2	12	37	1	28	12	6	0	54
2024	161	0	4	4	1	0	48	41	0	0	63

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	121
2025	N/A	152
2024	N/A	162

Deyes High School

Deyes Lane, Maghull, Liverpool, L31 6DE

Website: www.deyeshigh.co.uk

Executive Headteacher: Mrs A Stahler

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 1336

Admission Number 2027: 240

Establishment number: 343 4100

Telephone: 0151 526 3814

Academy school

Head of School: Mrs V Beaney

Age range: 11-18

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

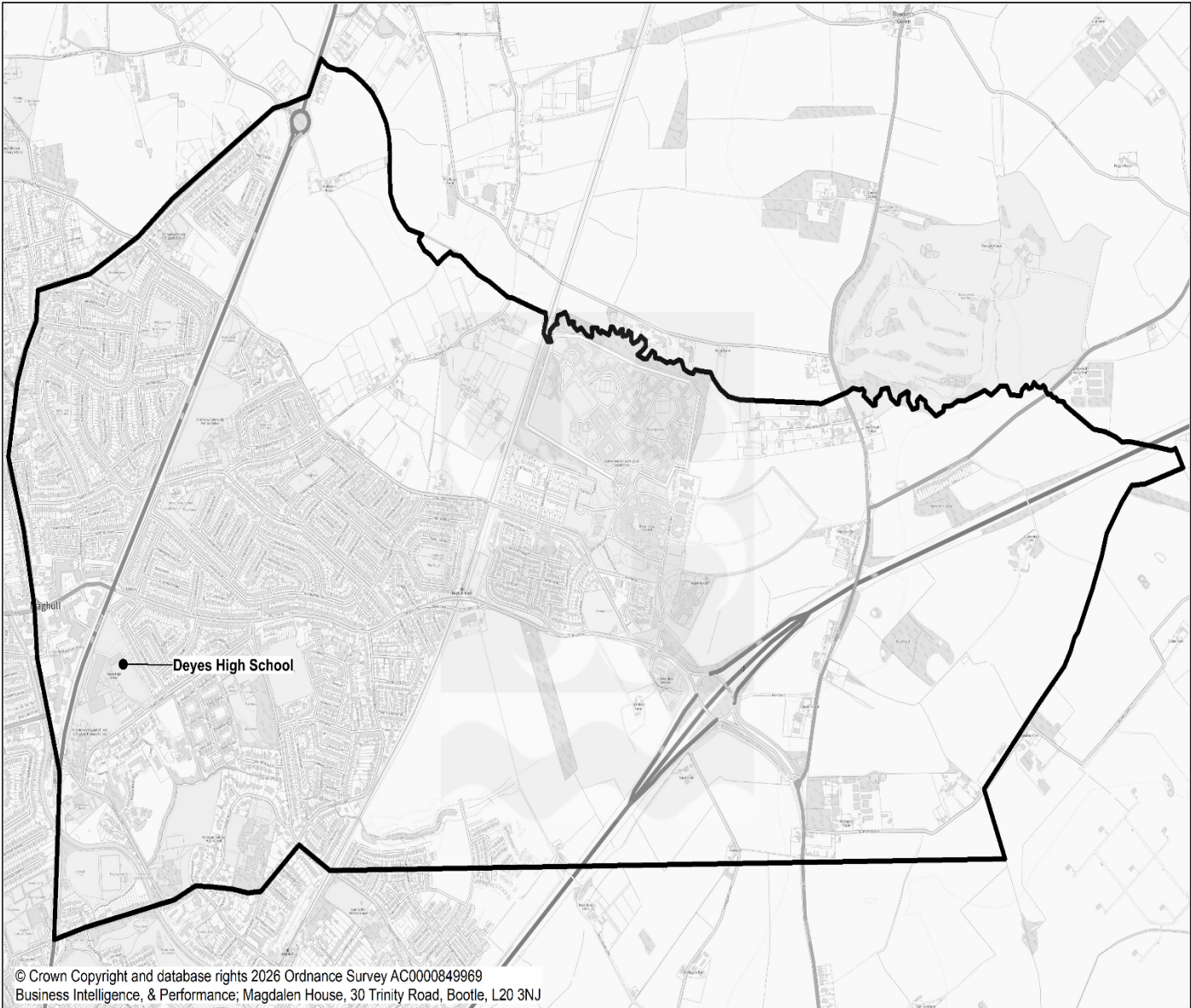
- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling - Children who are transferring from a primary school in the Maghull, Lydiate, Melling or Aintree parish areas, who have a brother or sister** who already attends the school and will still be at the school in September 2027. ⁽¹⁾
Sibling is defined in these arrangements as brothers and sisters including step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who attend the school in question, as long as they will be at the school in September 2027.
- 3) **Catchment Area** - Children who live in the area which is served by the school. This area is that part of Maghull bounded by a line, which runs down the middle of the roads in question **as shown on the map on the next page.** ⁽¹⁾
- 4) **Children of staff** - Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admissions application for the school is made, and/or where a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacancy where there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾
Parents and carers **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 5) **Distance** - Other requests that name the school as a preference. ⁽¹⁾

*** See glossary for full definition. Please refer to page 28 of the 'Guide for Parents' to view the transport eligibility criteria for this school.**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Deyes High School Catchment Area



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Boundary of Deyes High School Catchment Area

Deyes High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	240	496
2025	240	544
2024	240*	469

*Due to the significant number of applications received, the Governing Body agreed to admit over the Published Admission Number. The Published Admission Number for the school in 2024 was 230.

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling (as per criterion 2)	Catchment Area	Children of staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	200	1	2	50	41	1	105	N/A
2025	240	3	1	64	36	1	135	4.703
2024	215	1	2	69	33	0	110	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	194
2025	3/5	241
2024	N/A	240

Formby High School

Freshfield Road, Formby, Liverpool, L37 3HW

Website: www.formbyhighschool.com

Headteacher: Mr A Wood

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 1156

Admission Number 2027: 172

Establishment number: 343 4101

Telephone: 01704 873100 or 877383

Academy school

Age range: 11-18

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the admissions criteria listed below will be applied in the following order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body:

- 1) **Cared for children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the school, as long as they will still be at the school in September 2027. ⁽¹⁾ Brothers and sisters include step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who attend Formby High School, as long as they will be at the school in September 2027.
- 3) **Contributory Primary** - Children who, at the start of the Spring Term 2027, are on the roll of either: Freshfield Primary School, Redgate Primary School or Trinity St Peter's CE Primary School. ⁽¹⁾
- 4) **Children of staff** - Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parents and carers **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 5) **Named Areas** - Other children living in Formby, Hightown or Ince Blundell. ⁽¹⁾.
- 6) **Distance** - Other requests that name the school as a preference. ⁽¹⁾.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Formby High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	172	443
2025	172*	452
2024	172*	403

*Due to the significant number of applications received, the Governing Body agreed to admit over the Published Admission Number. The Published Admission Number for the school in 2024 & 2025 was 166.

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Contributory Primary	Children of staff	Named Areas	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	172	4	6	52	53	1	56	0	3.439
2025	172	9	7	64	44	4	44	0	0.993
2024	172	1	1	56	48	3	63	0	1.502

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	172
2025	4/18	175
2024	0/2	172

Greenbank High School

Hastings Road, Southport, PR8 2LT

Website: www.greenbankhigh.co.uk

Headteacher: Ms D Aspinall

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 1025

Admission Number 2027: 206

Establishment number: 343 4109

Telephone: 01704 567591

Academy school for girls

Age range: 11-16

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling - Children who have a sister** living in the same house who already attends the school as long as they will still be at the school in September 2027. ⁽¹⁾
Sibling is defined in these arrangements as sisters including step-sisters, foster sisters, half-sisters, adopted sisters or daughters of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who attend the school in question, as long as they will be at the school in September 2027.
- 3) **Children of staff** - Where the member of staff has been employed at a school within the Southport Learning Trust for two or more years at the time at which the admissions application for the school is made, and/or where a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾. Parents and carers **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Other requests that name the school as a preference, with priority for admission given to children in order of proximity of their home to school, as shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to allocate places for all applications within this criterion then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. In every case we will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the Authority at the time of measurement).

Greenbank High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	210*	364
2025	210*	362
2024	210*	381

*Due to the significant number of applications received, the Governing Body agreed to admit over the Published Admission Number. The Published Admission Number for the school in 2024, 2025 and 2026 was 206.

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	210	6	6	34	4	160	5.105
2025	210	4	5	34	4	163	4.513
2024	207	3	2	42	3	157	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	1/4	209
2025	2/6	210
2024	N/A	208

Hillside High School

Breeze Hill, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 9NU

Website: www.hillsidehigh.co.uk

Principal: Mrs J Anderson-Nicholls

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 785

Admission Number 2027: 175

Establishment number: 343 4002

Telephone: 0151 525 2630

Academy school

Age range: 11-16

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

Where a pupil has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names a particular mainstream school as provision, the child will normally be admitted. Where such pupils are known about at the time of the annual allocation procedures, they will be placed within the admission number with priority over others thus reducing the number of places available to other applicants. Where more applications are received than places available the following oversubscription criteria will be used by Sefton LA, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust), to determine the allocation of places:

- 1) **Looked After Children** – A Looked After Child is either a child who is in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (definition used is in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989); or, those 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. Previously Looked After Children are those who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have either a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the school, as long as they will still be at the school in September 2027. ⁽¹⁾
Sibling is defined in these arrangements as brothers and sisters including step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who attend the school in question, as long as they will be at the school in September 2027.
- 3) **Children of staff** – Where the member of staff has been employed at Hillside High School for 2 or more years at the time of application, or the member of staff was recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Contributory Primary Schools** - Children who, at the start of the Spring Term 2027, are on the roll of either Bedford Primary School, Christ Church CE Primary School and Thomas Gray Primary School. ⁽¹⁾
- 5) **Distance** - Other requests that name the school as a preference. ⁽¹⁾.

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Hillside High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	175	508
2025	175*	453
2024	175*	345

*Due to the significant number of applications received, the Governing Body agreed to admit over the Published Admission Number. The Published Admission Number for the school in 2024 & 2025 was 145.

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of staff	Contributory Primary	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	175	16	6	61	0	52	40	0.645
2025	175	13	6	35	N/A	50	71	0.994
2024	175	3	7	33	N/A	29	103	1.520

Note: The admission criteria were adjusted for 2026 to include children of staff.

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	1/36	175
2025	2/28	175
2024	1/15	178

Holy Family Catholic High School

Virgins Lane, Thornton, Liverpool, L23 4UL

Website: www.holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk

Headteacher: Mr M Symes

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 1012

Establishment number: 343 4624

Telephone: 0151 924 6451 or 924 0071

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Age range: 11-18

Admission Number 2027: 160

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, to allocate places.

- 1) Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children. This includes 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. *
- 2) Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling* in the school at the time of admission.
- 3) Baptised Catholic children resident in the parishes of English Martyrs'; Holy Family, Ince Blundell; Our Lady of Compassion, Formby; Our Lady of Victories, Hightown; Our Lady Queen of Peace; St Benet's; St Jerome's, Formby; St Mary's, Little Crosby and St William of York, Thornton.
- 4) Baptised Catholic children attending a linked parish primary school English Martyrs; Our Lady of Compassion; Our Lady Queen of Peace; St Benedict's; St Jerome's; St Mary's, Little Crosby and St William of York.
- 5) Baptised Catholic children of current staff. Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Parents and carers **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 6) Other Baptised Catholic children
- 7) Other children who have a sibling* in the school at the time of admission.
- 8) Children attending one of the following Catholic Feeder Primary Schools in the parishes named in criterion 3 above: English Martyrs; Our Lady of Compassion; Our Lady Queen of Peace; St Benedict's; St Jerome's; St Mary's, Little Crosby and St William of York.
- 9) Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
- 10) Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
- 11) Other children.

***See Glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria above then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the Authority at the time of measurement). In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants where this distance would be last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be carried out in a public place. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

Holy Family Catholic High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	160	665
2025	160	665
2024	168	599

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer days

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Baptised Catholic attending a Contributory Parish Primary	Baptised Catholic children of Staff	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Contributory Primary within Parishes	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	160	13	6	52	72	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	160	8	9	56	79	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	168	3	4	60	69	22	0	10	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	8/36	169
2025	9/30	167
2024	4/29	172

King's Leadership Academy Hawthornes

Establishment number: 343 4000

Fernhill Road, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 6AQ

Telephone: 0151 922 3798

Website: www.kingshawthornes.com

Academy school

Principal: Mrs A St John

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2025): 708

Age range: 11-16

Admission Number 2027: 130

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

Where more applications are received than there are places available, after consultations and admission of pupils with an EHCP naming King's Leadership Academy Hawthornes, applications will be considered in accordance with the school's published oversubscription criteria and applied in the following order by the local authority, on behalf of the Trust:

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Siblings** - Children who have a sibling who already attends the Academy, provided they will still be in attendance at the Academy in September 2027. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, stepbrother or sisters, foster brothers and sisters and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent/carer's partner, living in the same family unit at the same address.
- 3) **Children of staff** - Children of permanent staff members currently employed by the academy, provided the staff member has been employed for at least two years at the time of the application. (1) Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Contributory Primary School** - Children attending King's Lander Primary Academy (Litherland) at the time of the application during the normal admissions round.
- 5) **Distance** – Children in order of proximity of their home address to the Academy, measured as per the tiebreaker clause below. (1)

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

(1) If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

King's Leadership Academy Hawthornes

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	170*	239
2025	170*	279
2024	145*	220

*Due to the significant number of applications received, the Governing Body agreed to admit over the Published Admission Number. In 2024, 2025 and 2026 the Published Admission Number was 130.

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of staff	Contributory Primary	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	170	3	0	36	0	8	123	3.291
2025	170	4	2	39	N/A	N/A	125	1.665
2024	145	6	2	35	N/A	N/A	102	5.695

Note: The admission criteria were adjusted for 2026 to include children of staff and a contributory primary school.

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	170
2025	1/4	171
2024	5/13	145

Litherland High School

Sterrix Lane, Litherland, Liverpool, L21 0DB

Website: www.litherland-high.sefton.sch.uk

Principal: Mrs C Hallwood

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 761

Establishment number: 343 4004

Telephone: 0151 212 3323

Academy school

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Age range: 11-16

Published Admission Number 2027: 150

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the school, as long as they will still be at the school in September 2027. ⁽¹⁾
Sibling is defined in these arrangements as brothers and sisters including step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who attend the school in question, as long as they will be at the school in September 2027.
- 3) **Contributory Primary Schools** - Children who, at the start of the Spring Term 2027, are on the roll of: The Grange Primary School; Hatton Hill Primary School; Kings Lander Primary Academy; Litherland Moss Primary School; Netherton Moss Primary School; St Oswald's CE Primary School and St Philip's CE Primary School (Litherland). ⁽¹⁾
- 4) **Distance** - Other requests that name the school as a preference. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Litherland High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	180*	335
2025	180*	425
2024	150	381

*Due to the significant number of applications received, the Governing Body agreed to admit over the Published Admission Number. The Published Admission Number for the school in 2025 and 2026 was 150.

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Contributory Primary	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	180	9	3	52	93	23	1.318
2025	180	5	2	44	120	6	0.440
2024	150	7	7	47	89	0	1.673

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	2/4	181
2025	2/20	180
2024	4/23	153

Maghull High School

Establishment number: 343 4113

Ormonde Drive, Maghull, Liverpool, L31 7AW

Telephone: 0151 527 3955

Website: www.maghullhigh.com

Academy school

Headteacher: Mr M Kay

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 1098

Age range: 11-18

Admission Number 2027: 186

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *

Children identified as needing specialist facilities that go beyond expected reasonable adjustments will be given priority for this school if it is the nearest school with suitable resources. This would usually be a child with a physical or mobility difficulty. We will require details from parent(s)/carer(s), supported by medical evidence in order, to assess each situation depending on circumstances.

- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have either a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the school as long as they will still be at the school in September 2027. ⁽¹⁾
Sibling is defined in these arrangements as brothers and sisters including step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who attend the school in question, as long as they will be at the school in September 2027.
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at a school within the Southport Learning Trust for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Catchment area** - Children who live in the Maghull, Lydiate, Melling or Aintree parish areas (excluding the area served by Deyes High School. ⁽¹⁾)
- 5) **Distance** - Other requests that name the school as a preference. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition. Please refer to page 28 of the 'Guide for Parents' to view the transport eligibility criteria for this school.**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Maghull High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	230*	695
2025	210*	721
2024	210*	699

*Due to the significant number of applications received, the Governing Body agreed to admit over the Published Admission Number. The Published Admission Number for the school in 2024, 2025 and 2026 was 186.

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked after children OR required specialist facilities	Sibling	Children of staff	Catchment area	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	230	10	5	52	0	100	63	3.068
2025	210	11	2	58	0	93	46	2.128
2024	210	10	4	62	3	80	51	2.637

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	1/6	230
2025	4/27	212
2024	1/25	210

Maricourt Catholic High School

Establishment number: 343 4621

Hall Lane, Maghull, Liverpool, L31 3DZ

Telephone: 0151 330 3366

Website: www.maricourt.net

Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Headteacher: Mrs T Hatton

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 1092

Age range: 11-18

Admission Number 2027: 210

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of Holy Rosary, Aintree Village which incorporates the former parish of Most Holy Redeemer & St Kentigern, Melling, now closed; St Catherine of Alexandria, Lydiate which incorporates the former parish of St Mary Aughton, now closed; Our Lady of Walsingham, St George's, Maghull; or former parishes of Our Lady's, Lydiate and St Gregory's, Lydiate.
- 3) Other Catholic children.
- 4) Children attending one of the following Catholic Partner Primary Schools in the parishes named in criterion 2 above: Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Walsingham, St George's, St Gregory's and St John Bosco.
- 5) Members of an Eastern Christian Church **not** in full communion with Rome.
- 6) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 7) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 8) Any other children.

Note: Within each of the categories listed above the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home (the property address point) to the nearest school gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority, and using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more applicants where this would determine the last place to be allocated, a random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out. ⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

Maricourt Catholic High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	210	419
2025	210	401
2024	210	403

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Contributory Primary within Parishes	Other Christian	Other Faiths	Other Children (Distance)
2026	182	0	0	44	0	5	2	96	0	1	34
2025	203	1	2	31	39	36	18	14	4	0	58
2024	173	1	3	25	45	23	21	11	4	0	40

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	191
2025	2/2	209
2024	N/A	186

Meols Cop High School

Meols Cop Road, Southport, PR8 6JS

Website: www.meolscophighschool.co.uk

Headteacher: Mr M Davis

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 916

Admission Number 2027: 180

Establishment number: 343 4110

Telephone: 01704 531180

Academy school

Age range: 11-16

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

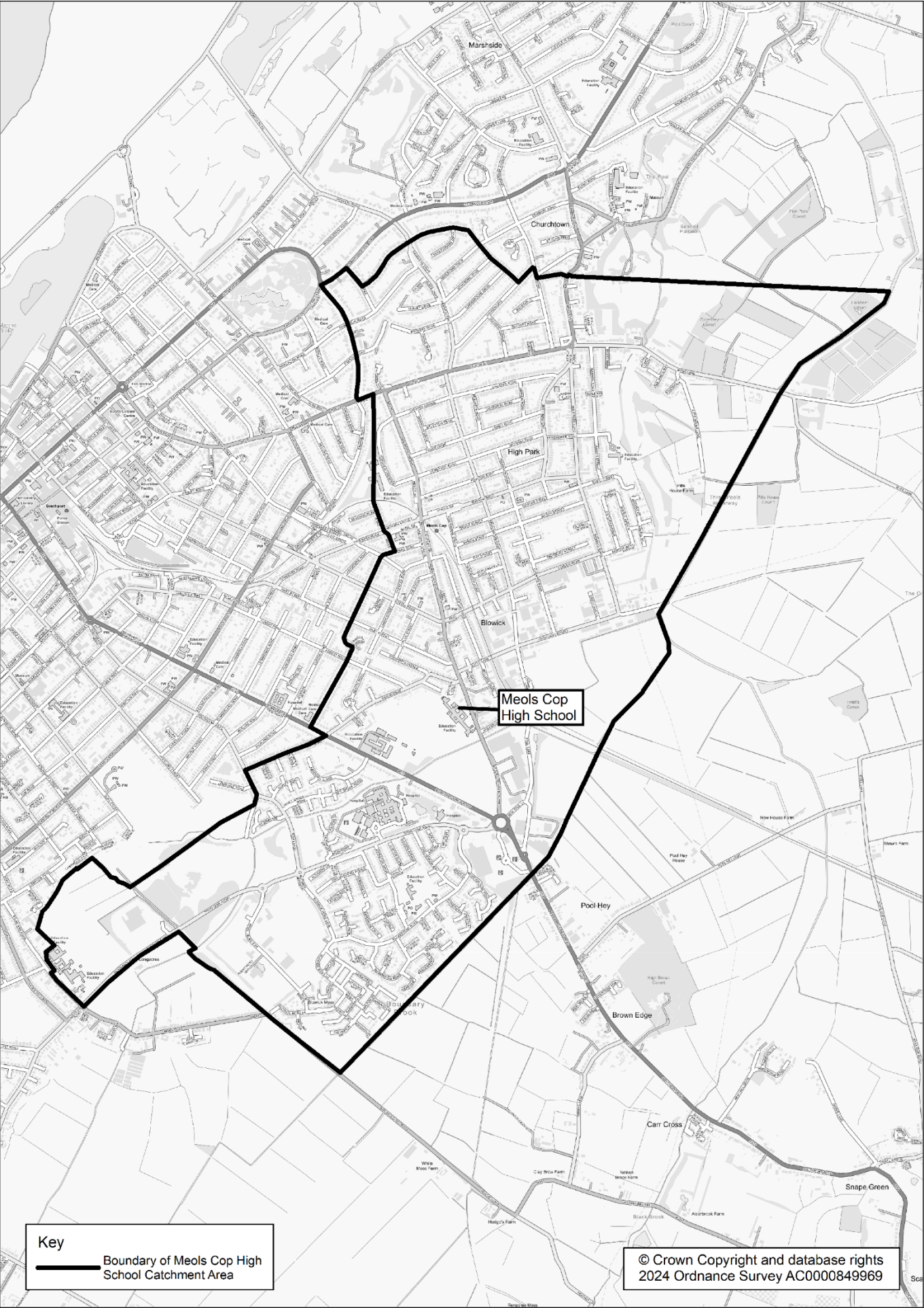
- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attend the school, as long as they will still be at the school in September 2027. ⁽¹⁾
Sibling is defined in these arrangements as brothers and sisters including step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who attend the school in question, as long as they will be at the school in September 2027.
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾
Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Catchment Area** - Children who live in the area served by the school which is:- The area of Southport bounded by a straight line which runs west from the borough boundary passing through Meols Hall then along Peets Lane, Bibby Road, Churchgate, Kings Hey Drive, Coudray Road, Allerton Road, Cambridge Road, then south along Park Avenue, Roe Lane, Disused Railway, Manning Road, Oak Street, Balfour Road, Scarisbrick New Road, Everard Road, Southbank Road, borough boundary running parallel with Stamford Road, Benthams Way to the junction with Birkdale Cop then following the borough boundary northwards along Boundary Brook to the northern point of the boundary line. ⁽¹⁾ **This area is shown on the map on the next page.**
- 5) **Distance** - Other requests that name the school as a preference. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Meols Cop High School Catchment Area



Meols Cop High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	185*	526
2025	185*	551
2024	180	555

*Due to the significant number of applications received, the Governing Body agreed to admit over the Published Admission Number. The Published Admission Number for the school in 2025 and 2026 was 180.

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day *

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of staff	Catchment area	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	185	12	10	45	0	77	41	1.517
2025	185	9	3	57	2	92	22	1.079
2024	180	1	7	44	2	74	52	1.728

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	1/9	185
2025	2/22	185
2024	1/6	180

Range High School

Stapleton Road, Formby, Liverpool, L37 2YN

Website: www.range.sefton.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs A Ryan

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 979

Admission Number 2027: 168

Establishment number: 343 4106

Telephone: 01704 879315 or 879316

Academy school

Age range: 11-18

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
Children identified as needing specialist facilities that go beyond expected reasonable adjustments will be given priority for this school if it is the nearest school with suitable resources. This would usually be a child with a physical or mobility difficulty. We will require details from parent(s)/carer(s), supported by medical evidence in order to assess each situation depending on circumstances.
- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have either a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the school as long as they will still be at the school in September 2027. ⁽¹⁾ Sibling is defined in these arrangements as: Brothers and sisters including step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who attend the school in question, as long as they will be at the school in September 2027.
- 3) **Contributory Primary Schools** - Children who, at the start of the Spring Term 2027, are on the roll of either Woodlands Primary School or St Luke's CE Primary School, Formby. ⁽¹⁾.
- 4) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾
Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 5) **Named areas** - Other children living in Formby, Hightown or Ince Blundell. ⁽¹⁾
- 6) **Distance** - Other requests that name the school as a preference. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

If it is not possible to allocate places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Range High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	168	355
2025	168	365
2024	168	379

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children OR required specialist facilities	Sibling	Contributory Primary	Children of staff	Named Areas	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	148	4	3	59	36	0	7	39	N/A
2025	161	1	1	50	45	0	17	47	N/A
2024	150	5	1	53	39	0	9	43	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	141
2025	N/A	139
2024	N/A	136

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy

Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 5TF

Website: www.sacredheartcatholicacademy.org

Headteacher: Mr M O'Hagan

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 613

Admission Number 2027: 150

Establishment number: 343 4009

Telephone: 0151 931 2971

Catholic academy school

Associate Headteacher: Mr E Cassidy

Age range: 11-18

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the academy must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St Helen's Crosby; St Joesph's, Blundellsands; St Peter & Paul, Crosby; St Oscar Romero (the parts of the parish formerly referred to as St Edmund's, Waterloo, and St Thomas of Canterbury, Waterloo).
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 3) Other Catholic children.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 4) Other children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission.
- 5) Children attending one of the following Catholic partner primary schools in the parishes or former parishes named in criterion 2 above: Great Crosby, Ursuline and St Edmund's & St Thomas'.
- 6) Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church not in full communion with Rome.
- 7) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 8) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 9) Any other children.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

Priority will be given to children living closest to the academy determined by the shortest walking distance. We will measure from the property's address point to the nearest academy gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local authority. Distance measurements are provided by the local authority. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the academy. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	150	285
2025	150	255
2024	180	198

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Note: For 2026 the admission faith criteria were significantly changed.

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Catholic children resident in parishes	Other Catholic children	Other sibling	Attend partner primary within parishes	Catechumens and Eastern Christian	Other Christian Ecclesial	Other faiths	Other children (Distance)
2026	150	3	0	21	10	24	42	3	0	0	47

The previous criteria which applied in the previous two years are shown below.

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other sibling	Contributory Primary within Parishes	Other Christian	Other faiths	Other children (Distance)
2025	150	0	2	6	25	2	21	34	2	0	58
2024	129	4	1	2	0	0	29	38	0	0	55

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	148
2025	N/A	146
2024	N/A	99

St Michael's CE Academy

St Michaels Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 7UL

Website: www.stmichaelshigh.com

Headteacher: Mr R Bellmon

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 547

Admission Number 2027: 125

Establishment number: 343 4001

Telephone: 0151 924 6778

Church of England academy school

Age range: 11-18

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

First Priority: Looked after children and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). * (*See glossary for full definition).

Second Priority: Sibling** - Children who have a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the school, as long as they will still be at the school in September 2027. ⁽¹⁾
(**See glossary for full definition).

Third Priority: Contributory Primary schools - Children who, at the start of the Spring Term 2027 are on the roll of: St John's Church of England (Waterloo), St Luke's Halsall Church of England, St Nicholas' Church of England, Valewood or Waterloo Primary Schools. ⁽¹⁾

Fourth Priority: Faith Criteria - If parent(s)/carer(s) are applying under this priority please read the criteria carefully before completing the application (faith information) form. When completing the form (available from the school) make sure that parent(s)/carer(s) give full and accurate answers. When the form has been completed take it personally to the vicar/priest/minister/lay eucharist minister/deacon or church warden to complete the designated clergy form. ⁽¹⁾

The following criteria will be applied using a points system to decide which pupils will be offered a place. The scoring system will be applied separately to the child and to the parent(s)/carer(s).

The maximum possible score for attendance would be 60 points for three years' weekly attendance at an Anglican church. The maximum possible score for other Christians would be 48 points for three years' weekly attendance. The minimum score would be 0 for Anglicans and other Christians for no attendance at any church. **Christian applicants - parent/carers is only applicable if the attendance is with the child.**

The points scoring system is outlined on the next page.

St Michael's CE Academy Admissions Criteria continued

Fourth Priority continued - Allocation of points for Christian route.

St Michaels CE High faith criterion points scoring system

	Parent/ Carer Attendance		Student Attendance	
	Anglican (a)	Other Christians (b)	Anglican (a)	Other Christians (b)
	Points awarded	Points awarded	Points awarded	Points awarded
Attendance for the period 1st January 2026 until application date				
Weekly attendance	20	16	20	16
Attendance 3 times a month	15	12	15	12
Fortnightly	10	8	10	8
Monthly	5	4	5	4
Occasionally	2	2	2	2
Never	0	0	0	0
Attendance for the year 2025				
Weekly attendance	20	16	20	16
Attendance 3 times a month	15	12	15	12
Fortnightly	10	8	10	8
Monthly	5	4	5	4
Occasionally	2	2	2	2
Never	0	0	0	0
Attendance for the year 2024				
Weekly attendance	20	16	20	16
Attendance 3 times a month	15	12	15	12
Fortnightly	10	8	10	8
Monthly	5	4	5	4
Occasionally	2	2	2	2
Never	0	0	0	0

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship, the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

Christian applicants – child

- a) Children who are regular worshippers in Anglican Churches.
- b) Children who are regular worshippers in other Christian Churches.

Christian applicants – parent(s)/carer(s) is only applicable if the attendance is with the child.

- a) Parent(s)/carer(s) who are regular worshippers in Anglican Churches.
- b) Parent(s)/carer(s) who are regular worshippers in other Christian Churches.

The Governors have defined 'Christian Church' as follows: 'Christian Church means any church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of, Churches Together in England or the Evangelical Alliance or a partner church of Affinity.'

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St Michael's CE Academy Admissions Criteria continued

Fourth Priority continued ...

The maximum points for attendance for parent/carer is 60 points (Anglican) / 48 points (other Christian).

Points are awarded for parental attendance (with the child). The Governors would define the word 'parent' as including any parent/carer, step-parent or biological grandparent of the child concerned. However, if points are being awarded on the basis of a child's biological grandparents' church attendance, the biological grandparent must have attended church with the child in question. The Governors reserve the right to seek clarity on this point from the church leader completing the form in cases where there is reasonable doubt that this is the case. ⁽¹⁾

Fifth Priority: Distance - Other requests that name the school as a preference. ⁽¹⁾

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement). If you require an explanation of how the distance from your home to school has been measured, please contact the School's Admissions Officer.

Glossary:

*A looked after child is a child who at the time of making an application to a school, is in the care of a local authority or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England in the exercise of their social services functions (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). This includes children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

****(Second Priority Sibling) Brothers and Sisters** – Includes step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who go to the school in question, as long as they will be at the school in September 2027.

Twins/Multiple Births – Where there are twins or children from multiple births, and one of the siblings has been allocated the last remaining place at a school, the other siblings will be admitted.

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St Michael's CE Academy continued

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	125	146
2025	125	192
2024	145*	363

*Due to the significant number of applications received, the Governing Body agreed to admit over the Published Admission Number. The Published Admission Number for the school in 2024 was 125.

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Note: For 2026 admissions, 86 children were allocated places on national offer day. As ALL applicants could be offered a place at the school, the school was not required to consider each application under the individual admission criteria.

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Contributory Primary	Faith criterion	Distance
2025	121	4	2	22	18	3	72
2024	142	12	5	27	37	0	61

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	51
2025	N/A	83
2024	N/A	137

The Salesian Academy of St John Bosco

Netherton Way, Bootle, Liverpool, L30 2NA

Website: www.thesalesiansacademyofstjohnbosco.org

Headteacher: Mrs S Bourgade

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 575

Admission Number 2027: 120

Establishment number: 343 4010

Telephone: 0151 521 3088

Catholic academy school

Age range: 11-16

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

A supplementary faith information form (available from the school) must be completed for admission requests for this school.

Admissions Criteria 2027

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the academy must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children. Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children*.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Walsingham, St Oscar Romero (the part of the parish formerly referred to as Our Lady Star of the Sea), St Elizabeth of Hungary, St James, St Monica & St Richard and St Robert Bellarmine.
 - i) Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
 - ii) Other children
- 3) Other Catholic children.
 - i) Other children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission.
 - ii) Other children
- 4) Other children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission.
- 5) Children attending one of the following Catholic Partner Primary Schools in the parishes or former parishes named in criterion 2 above: Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Walsingham, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St Elizabeth's, All Saints, St Monica's, and St Robert Bellarmine.
- 6) Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church not in full communion with Rome.
- 7) Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 8) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 9) Any other children.

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

Priority will be given to children living closest to the academy determined by the shortest walking distance. We will measure from the property's address point to the nearest academy gate, using the methodology of measurement adopted by Sefton Local Authority. Distance measurements are provided by the local authority. ⁽¹⁾. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the academy. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

⁽¹⁾. Further information can be found in the 'Guide for Parents' published by Sefton Local Authority.

The Salesian Academy of St John Bosco

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	120	227
2025	120	211
2024	120	152

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Note: For 2026 the admission faith criteria were significantly changed.

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Catholic children resident in parishes	Other Catholic children	Other sibling	Attend partner primary within parishes	Catechumens and Eastern Christian	Other Christian Ecclesial	Other faiths	Other children (Distance)
2026	120	0	2	27	4	20	45	0	0	0	22

The previous criteria which applied in the previous two years are shown below.

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Baptised Catholic Sibling	Baptised Catholic living in Parish	Other Baptised Catholic	Other Sibling	Contributory Primary within Parishes	Other Christian	Other faiths	Other children (Distance)
2025	120	1	3	0	16	5	25	15	1	0	54
2024	120	3	1	10	35	0	12	17	13	0	29

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	3/3	123
2025	3/3	121
2024	N/A	119

Stanley High School

Establishment number: 343 4005

Fleetwood Road, Southport, PR9 9TF

Telephone: 01704 228940

Website: www.stanleyhigh.co.uk

Academy school

Executive Headteacher: Miss N Gregg

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2026): 783

Age range: 11-16

Admission Number 2027: 170

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2027

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the plan, and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, by Sefton LA, to allocate places at the school, on behalf of the school's Governing Body (or Multi Academy Trust):

- 1) **Looked after children** and all **previously looked after children**, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to **have been in state care outside of England** and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *

Children identified as needing specialist facilities that go beyond expected reasonable adjustments will be given priority for this school if it is the nearest school with suitable resources. This would usually be a child with a physical or mobility difficulty. We will require details from parent(s)/carer(s), supported by medical evidence in order, to assess each situation depending on circumstances.

- 2) **Sibling** - Children who have either a **brother or sister** living in the same house who already attends the school as long as they will still be at the school in September 2027. ⁽¹⁾
Sibling is defined in these arrangements as brothers and sisters including step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who attend the school in question, as long as they will be at the school in September 2027.
- 3) **Children of staff** where the member of staff has been employed at a school within the Southport Learning Trust for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carer(s) **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Other requests that name the school as a preference. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement).

Stanley High School

Previous pattern of admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2026	170	244
2025	170	261
2024	170	345

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children OR required specialist facilities	Sibling	Children of staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2026	139	2	2	41	1	93	N/A
2025	147	3	5	44	1	94	N/A
2024	168	3	1	54	1	109	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2026	N/A	133
2025	N/A	135
2024	N/A	161

Section C

Admissions to Nursery schools and classes

The information on the following pages is provided for parents to assist in seeking nursery provision for your child. Please note however that Sefton School Admissions Team is **NOT** involved with placing children who are under school age into nursery provision. Please go to www.seftondirectory.com/childcare where you can search for OFSTED registered nurseries and childminders in your local area or contact the school/nursery you are interested in directly for further information.

In Sefton there are 3 local authority nursery schools (details below). In addition, there are nursery classes in many of the primary schools (as indicated within Section A of this guide).

Cambridge Nursery
www.cambridgenurseryschool.com
Interim Headteacher: Mrs S Payne
Address: Cambridge Road, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 9LQ
Telephone: Number: 0151 282 5467
Email: admin.cambridgeCC@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Crossens Nursery
www.crossensnursery.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs B Brice
Address: Preston New Road, Southport, PR9 8PA
Telephone: Number: 01704 228624
Email: admin@crossensnursery.sefton.org.uk

Greenacre Nursery
www.greenacreknurseryschool.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs C Earley
Address: Province Place, Bootle, L20 6PJ
Telephone: Number: 0151 933 9115
Email: admin.greenacrenursery@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Please remember: Parents of children who are admitted for nursery education will still need to apply for a place at the primary school of their choice if they want their child to transfer to the reception class. **Attendance at the nursery or co-located children's centre does not guarantee admission to a school in reception class.**

Nursery education and funding

Three and four year olds

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to a funded part time nursery education place if their parents/carers wish to accept one. It consists of 15 hours per week and can be taken from the term after the child's third birthday. For the purposes of the entitlement, funding terms start on the 1st January, 1st April and 1st September. For 3 and 4 year olds, parents can choose funded hours in a local authority maintained school or in a private, voluntary or independent setting such as playgroup or day nursery, who must be registered with Ofsted. Childminders rated good or outstanding by Ofsted can also offer funded places. Hours may be taken across a combination of settings, but not at more than 2 settings in one day. A number of nursery schools and classes may now be in a position to deliver this flexibly rather than all morning or all afternoon sessions.

Further information on choosing childcare can be found via the Sefton Directory Website:

www.seftondirectory.com/childcare

New Working Parents Entitlement

You may be able to get funded childcare for your child aged 9 months to 4 years old.

Working parents in England who each earn the equivalent of at least 16 hours per week at the National Minimum Wage are eligible.

You can earn up to £100,000 adjusted net income per year and be eligible. If you have a partner who lives with you, they must also earn between these two amounts.

With effect from September 2025 - from the term after your child turns 9 months until they start school you can receive:

- Up to 30 hours per week (max) over 38 weeks of the year.

For further information on eligibility please go to:

[Childcare entitlements- frequently asked questions for parents](#)

How to apply:

- Speak to your chosen childcare provider about if they can offer a place
- Apply online at Gov.uk

You need to apply on Gov.uk before the deadline to receive a code for funded childcare to give to your childcare provider. The deadline is the day before the new term begins, but we encourage you to apply earlier and recommend applying at least 6 weeks before the deadline. It is important to remember that codes need to be reconfirmed every 3 months, so parents applying any time before 1 June 2027 will need to reconfirm their code prior to the offer starting in September.

PLEASE NOTE, term dates for funding differ to school term starting dates:

Term start date for funding	Deadline for code (must be dated on this day or prior)
1 September	31 August
1 January	31 December
1 April	31 March

We recommend that you reach out now to your preferred provider to check by when they will require your code and that you apply by the start of the school summer holidays. If you are a foster carer, there is a separate application process. Speak to your social worker to find out more.

Parents will be able to access a funded place from:

- Participating schools with nursery provision
- Private, voluntary and independent day nurseries, out of school clubs
- Childminders and playgroups.

It will be possible for children to access up to two providers to access their entitlement. A combination of hours can be negotiated with the childcare provider.

For further information and how to apply visit: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Funded early learning for 2 year old children – for families in receipt of additional government support

Some 2 year olds are also entitled to 15 hours funding. Similar to 3 and 4 year olds, this consists of up to 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year, if their parents are in receipt of benefits. The hours can be taken from the term after the child's second birthday. To see if you are eligible, please apply here: [Citizen Portal - Sign in](#).

You can claim funded hours for your 2 year old child, if you receive one or more of the following:

- Income support.
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance (JSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).
- Universal Credit – if you and your partner have a combined income from work of £15,400 or less a year, after tax.
- Tax credits and you have an income of £16,190 or less a year, before tax.
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you receive when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- You are excluded from claiming public funds as a consequence of immigration status, or lack of immigration status.
- You are in receipt of support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989.

Children are also eligible if they:

- Are a local authority 'Looked After' Child.
- Have a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan.
- Attract Disability Living Allowance.
- They have left care under a special guardianship order; child arrangements order or adoption order.

Children of the groups below will also be eligible for funded hours if their parents or carers meet similar low-level income requirements. Please note if you fall under these criteria, you must complete a separate application process. Please contact: **0151 933 6021** for further information.

- Children of Zambrano Carers.
- Children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).
- Children of a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 - 'the 1999 Act'.
- Parents with a UK ancestry visa.
- Parents with temporary protection status under Section 12 of the Nationality and Borders Act.
- Parents with pre-settled status with no qualifying right to reside.

To find out if you are eligible for 15 hours funding for your child:

- Apply here: [Citizen Portal - Sign in](#)
- Speak to a member of staff in your local Family Wellbeing Centre.
- Speak with your health visitor or social worker.

To access provision for 2 year olds, parents can choose funded hours in a private, voluntary or independent setting such as a playgroup or day nursery, with a childminder, or a small number of schools and nursery schools also now admit 2 year olds. It is important to note that all providers should be rated at least good or outstanding by Ofsted.

Please visit: www.seftondirectory.com/childcare for further information about childcare providers.

Delaying/deferring entry to reception year

When a parent chooses to delay or defer their child's admission to school, the child remains entitled to receive early years funding only until they reach compulsory school age and only for the number of hours they are eligible for according to the Early Years Funding criteria above.

Any additional hours will need to be funded privately by parents/carers. Once a child starts attending school in reception, even if part time attendance has been agreed, any early year's funding ceases as the school place is then fully funded.

Further Education for 16-18 year olds

Young people must participate in learning or training up to at least the age of 18.

Visit [Further Education | Sefton Council](#) for further information and contact details for [Career Connect](#).

The following arrangements have been made in Sefton for sixth form education for pupils aged 16 to 18.

Bootle & Litherland Area

Hugh Baird College

Further Education College funded by the Skills Funding Agency

Main Campus Address: Balliol Road, Bootle, L20 7EW

Telephone: 0151 353 4444

Website: www.hughbaird.ac.uk

Principal & Chief Executive: Mrs R Hennigan

Hugh Baird College also has a Sixth Form Centre based at **Sefton Sixth Form College**, Sterrix Lane, Litherland, Liverpool L30 2DB, **Website:** www.seftonsixth.ac.uk, **Telephone:** 0151 353 4444.

You can get more details about course admission arrangements and further information about the Sixth Form College and Post 16 provision directly from both colleges.

Crosby Area

Some secondary schools in the Crosby area teach pupils up to the age of 18 in a sixth form, namely: Chesterfield High and Holy Family Catholic High.

Chesterfield High School has a separate admission number for Year 12. This number is for those pupils being admitted to the school for the first time and does not include pupils currently at the school. Year 12 entry requirements can be obtained directly from the school.

Please contact the individual schools for further details.

Maghull, Lydiate, Melling & Aintree areas

All secondary schools in the Maghull area teach pupils up to the age of 18 in a sixth form, namely: Deyes High, Maghull High and Maricourt Catholic High.

Deyes High School has a separate admission number for Year 12. This number is for those pupils being admitted to the school for the first time and does not include pupils currently at the school. Year 12 entry requirements can be obtained directly from the school.

Maricourt and Maghull High may also admit small numbers of pupils to Year 12 for the first time. Please contact the individual schools for further details.

Formby area

Both Secondary schools in the Formby area teach pupils up to the age of 18 in a sixth form, namely: Formby High, and Range High. Both schools have separate admission numbers for Year 12. This number is for those pupils being admitted to the school for the first time and does not include pupils currently at the school. Year 12 entry requirements can be obtained directly from the schools.

Southport area

Christ the King Catholic High School teaches pupils up to the age of 18 in a sixth form.

Christ the King Catholic High School has a **separate admission number of 70 for Year 12**. This number is for those pupils being **admitted to the school for the first time and does not include pupils currently at the school**. Year 12 entry requirements can be obtained directly from the school.

All other secondary schools in Southport only teach children up to the age of 16.

Education in Southport for young people aged 16 and over is provided at the following Further Education Colleges which are funded by the Skills Funding Agency: -

King George V College

Website: www.kgv.ac.uk

Address: Scarisbrick New Road, Southport, PR8 6LR

Telephone: 01704 530 601

Principal & Chief Executive: Ms M Brabner

Southport College

Website: www.southport.ac.uk

Address: Mornington Road, Southport, PR9 0TT

Telephone: 01704 500 606

Principal & Chief Executive: Ms M Brabner

You can get further information regarding the provision offered, and course admission arrangements, by contacting the individual college directly.

Amendments to the information provided in this guide

The information in this guide relates to the school (academic) year 2027-28. We have done all we can to make sure it is accurate and accessible, at the time of publishing. However, the local authority cannot include in this guide any changes that come into effect during the school year beginning in September 2026. We may need to make changes from time to time, due to circumstances beyond our control.

Glossary - Definitions of terms used in this booklet

The following terms used throughout this guide are defined as follows, except where individual arrangements spell out a different definition. If you would like further clarification, please contact the School Admissions Team who are always happy to assist. Contact details can be found at the front of this guide.

- **Admissions Authority** This is the body responsible for deciding which pupils are admitted to a school using the relevant admissions criteria. In community & voluntary controlled schools, this is the local authority (LA). In voluntary aided (VA) and academy schools, this is the governing body. Further information is provided on **pages 4-5 & page 161** of this guide.
- **Admission Number** also called the **Published Admission Number** – This is the maximum number of places available at a school, in each relevant age group that can be offered by the Admission Authority.
- **Admissions Criteria** – This is the method used to allocate places to pupils for a particular school, if the number of applications is more than the number of places available. Admissions criteria does vary between the different types of schools.
- **Admissions Team** – LA officers who implement the admission criteria and procedures for community, voluntary controlled and most academy schools. The team also co-ordinates the offers of places as required by the School Admissions Code legislation.
- **Appeal** – If it is not possible to offer a place to a child at a particular school, parents have the right to submit an appeal. An appeal hearing normally takes place some weeks later in front of an independent appeal panel. The panel could decide that a place should be offered above the admission number.
- **Appeal Panel** – An independent body, usually of 3 people, who hear admission appeal cases.
- **Appellant** – The person who has submitted an appeal.
- **Brothers and Sisters or Sibling**– Siblings are brothers and sisters including step-children, foster children and half-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or children of the parent(s)/carer(s)'s partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who already attend the school in question, as long as they will be at the school in **September 2027**.
- **Co-ordinated Scheme** – This is where the LA shares and exchanges school applications with neighbouring LAs in order, to offer a school place.
- **Community Schools** – Schools which are run by the local authority and the local authority is responsible for admissions to these schools.
- **Distance** – Distance will be measured by the **shortest road walking route**, from the child's home to the nearest school gate. We will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (**using recognised safe walking routes known to the local authority at the time of measurement**). If two or more applicants meet the distance criteria exactly (e.g. they live in the same block of flats or are exactly the same distance away from the school), the authority will carry out a random allocation to decide which child will be given the place. This will be carried out in a public place with the required names placed in a box. The name will be drawn out randomly by a senior manager from the local authority.

Glossary - Definitions of terms used in this booklet

- **Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP)** – A small number of children have special educational needs (SEN). In some cases, a formal document is prepared to make special educational provision to meet the needs of the child or young person and to secure the best possible outcomes for them across education and health care. This document is called an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP). There are different application and appeal procedures for pupils who have an EHCP.
- **Equal Preference Scheme** – This means that each preference expressed by a parent on their application for a school place will be considered using that school's individual admission criteria.
- **Local Authority (LA)** – This refers to the local council in the area in which you live e.g. Sefton. For the purposes of this guide this refers to the team within the appropriate LA that administers school admissions.
- **Looked after Children and previously Looked After Children** - A looked after child is a child who at the time of making an application to a school, is in the care of a local authority or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England in the exercise of their social services functions (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). This includes children who were previously looked after, (including children who have been in state care outside of England) and ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Within Sefton looked after children may also be referred to as 'cared for children'.
- **Online admissions** – Using the Citizen Portal on the Sefton website to register, complete and submit an admissions application form. You can also use the portal account to view the school offer on national offer day.
- **Oversubscribed** – If the number of applications received for an individual school is more than the number of places available.
- **Parents/Carers** – A parent or carer is any person who has parental responsibility or care of a child.
- **Published Admission Number** – see admission number.
- **Sibling** – see Brothers and Sisters or Sibling.
- **Supplementary Information Forms (SIF)** – A supplementary information form is the form used to provide faith schools with additional faith information about the child (such as baptism details). This will enable the school's governing body to consider the application under the relevant faith criteria.
- **Voluntary Aided (VA) Schools** – Faith schools linked to a particular church or parish.

