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Local Authority Sixth Form Admissions Arrangements For Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools from September 2028

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1. SIXTH FORM ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

1.1 The following admission arrangements apply to entry to the Sixth Form of Wilmslow High School only.

Pupils already on roll in the school's own year 11 are not admitted to a school's Sixth Form because they are already on the school roll. They move up to the 6th form from year 11. They can therefore only be refused progression to the sixth form if they fail to meet the academic criteria for progression/entry. Admissions law requires that the same academic criteria must be applied to all pupils, whether they are internal pupils seeking progression/entry or external applicants seeking admission. Schools have the choice of admitting pupils into year 12 or operating a sixth form primarily for pupils already on roll in the school. Wilmslow High School have opted to admit pupils to their sixth forms from other schools.

1.2 Applications for admission to the Sixth Form of a Cheshire East school are dealt with by the school in accordance with the published admissions arrangements and not by Cheshire East Council. The schools will not interview pupils or their families for entry to year 12, although meetings may be held to provide advice on options and entry requirements for particular courses.

1.3 If a course cannot be run due to low student take-up, the school may withdraw the course. This will not influence a decision to agree admission to the sixth form and alternative courses will be offered.

2. PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBERS – EXTERNAL CANDIDATES ONLY

2.1 This number relates to the admission of **external candidates only.** The admission numbers included in the table are based on an estimate of the minimum number of external candidates likely to be admitted, although it would be acceptable to exceed this if demand for available courses can be met.

School	**September 2028**
Wilmslow High School	**50**

Additional places may be offered to external candidates if the number of children transferring from the school's own year 11 is lower than planned.

3. OVERSUBCRIPTION CRITERIA

3.1 In the event that the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available, the oversubscription criteria to be applied are:

1) Eligible 'cared for children' and children who were previously 'cared for'.

- A 'cared for child' is a child who is in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that local authority (as defined in section 22 of the Children Act 1989).

- Children 'previously cared for' are children who were 'cared for' as defined above, but immediately after being 'cared for' became subject to an adoption, child arrangements order (formerly residence order), or special guardianship order. A child arrangements order is as an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989 amended by Children and Families Act 2014. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

2) Eligible pupils resident within the designated catchment area of the school. Pupils will be classed within this criterion if they and their parents are resident within the area served by the school. (Refer to previous exception regarding Children of UK Service personnel and Crown Servants returning from abroad).

3) Eligible pupils living nearest to the school measured using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) which measures straight line distances in miles from the school's coordinate point to the place of residence's coordinate point.

Notes:

3.2 An 'eligible' pupil is a pupil who has met the academic entry requirements.

3.3 All children whose Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan names the school must be admitted. An Education, Health and Care plan is a plan made by the local authority under Section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014 specifying the special education provision required for that child.

3.4 The Local Authority will accept applications from families resident in and outside the United Kingdom. All applications will be processed based on where the child is residing at the time of the application and in accordance with published arrangements. The only exception to this is for families of service personnel with

a confirmed posting to the Cheshire East area, or crown servants returning from overseas to live in the Cheshire East area. This is in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021, paragraph 2.21. In most cases, children arriving from overseas have the right to attend schools in England. It is the responsibility of parents to check that their children have a right, under their visa entry conditions, to study at a school. Parents of overseas nationals entering the UK, who wish to apply for a state-funded school place, should check that they have a right of abode or that the conditions of their immigration status otherwise permit them to access a state-funded school.

3.5 Distance criterion will be applied as a tie breaker if the number of pupils applying under criterion (2) exceeds the number of available places. To differentiate between two equal distance measurements, a random allocation tie-breaker will be applied. This will be administered under independent supervision, in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code 2021 at paragraph 1.35.

3.6 In the case of previously looked after children (criterion i) a copy of the adoption order, child arrangement order or special guardianship order may be requested and a written correspondence from the local authority that last looked after the child confirming that the pupil was looked after immediately prior to that order being made.

3.7 For children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces) a Unit postal address or quartering area address will be accepted in advance of removal into the area, subject to official written confirmation of the address and relocation date. Preferences for the catchment area school for the confirmed address will be considered under criterion 2 unless a higher criterion is applicable.

4. PARENTS WITH SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR A CHILD

4.1 Only one application can be made for each child. Parents that share responsibility should agree between them who will apply.

4.2 Where parents have shared responsibility for a child the place of residency will be determined as the address where the child lives for the majority of the week (e.g., where the child wakes up between Monday to Friday). The Local Authority may request full details to be submitted in writing to enable the Local Authority to determine which address will be used for the purpose of admission. A panel of officers will consider the information provided.

Examples of other evidence and information that may be considered:

- Details of how the child splits their time between the two addresses.
- Court orders or other legal documents.
- Where Child Benefit is claimed.
- Where the child is registered for GP purposes.

- The address the current ~~nursery/pre-school or Primary~~ school have on their records.

4.3 Where both parents have parental responsibility, the local authority is unable to resolve or take sides in disputes. Instead, parents are required to resolve matters between themselves, and, where this is not possible, seek a resolution through the courts.

5. SIXTH FORM ADMISSION APPEALS

5.1 Any applicant refused a place in Year 12 is entitled to make an appeal to an independent appeal panel, whether the child is already attending the school or is an external candidate.

5.2 Parents or children* refused admission to a sixth form in a Cheshire East community or voluntary controlled school will be advised to contact the Local Authority for an appeal application form and details on the appeals process.

*The Education and Skills Act 2008 made changes to the law relating to admissions and appeals placing a duty on local authorities to make arrangements:

a) for children to express a preference as to the school at which they wish to receive sixth-form education (i.e. secondary education suitable to the requirements of pupils who are over compulsory school age); and

b) for children who are above compulsory school age or will be above compulsory school age by the time they start to receive education at the school, to express a preference as to the school at which they wish to receive education other than school sixth-form education.

5.3 Regulations give a corresponding right of appeal to a child who expresses a preference for a school place. This right is in addition to the rights of parents to express a preference as to the school at which they wish their child to receive education.

6. ACADEMIC ENTRY CRITERIA

6.1 **Wilmslow High School**

Entry to the Sixth Form requires students to have gained good qualifications in a range of subjects. Please contact the school direct for information.

6.2 **A final decision on admission to the Sixth Form cannot take place until the student's Year 11 results are known**. Sixth Form offers will be conditional upon gaining the minimum academic entry criteria. This will be set out in the offer. Individual entry requirements can be obtained direct from the school.

6.3 Courses are reviewed annually to take into account any changes in education legislation, availability of courses and required attainment levels and therefore, students and parents are advised to consider the information published by the school.

Appendix 1 – Published Admissions Numbers (PANs) for 2028

Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

Sixth Form	**School Status**	**PAN 2027**	**Capacity Indicative Admission Number**	**PAN Change for 2028**
Wilmslow High School	Community	50	N/A	