



CHOOSING THE RIGHT SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD

An index of secondary
schools in Manchester



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Year 7 Admission for September start – Manchester’s community oversubscription criteria

Category 1

Children who are looked after by a local authority (LA) and children who were previously looked after by a local authority.

Previously looked-after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or they became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order.

Category 2

Children with exceptional medical/social needs.

- A panel of local authority officers will consider Category 2 applications on behalf of the Director of Children’s Services.
- If a parent has chosen a particular school because the child has exceptional social or medical circumstances or the parent is disabled, this should be indicated with the reasons for choosing the school. Parents must also provide a letter from a doctor or social worker as supporting evidence. The LA will then send a Category 2 application form allowing the parent to state in full the exceptional social/medical reasons why the child should attend this school.
- If supporting evidence is not supplied with a Category 2 application, the application will be refused.

Category 3

Children who have an older brother or sister attending the preferred school when they take up their place (but not in a sixth form) and living at the same address.

This includes adopted siblings, stepsiblings and foster children.

Category 4

All other children (prioritised on distance in a straight line from home to school).

Manchester's community oversubscription criteria for in-year admissions (for children starting after the start of term in September)

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Category 3

Children with a sibling at the school.

- A sibling is defined as an older brother or sister attending the applied-for school when the applicant will take up the place, and living at the same address. This includes adopted siblings, stepsiblings and foster children
- Sibling criteria, as specified above, may be applied whether the sibling is older or younger than the applicant, with the exception of siblings who are in a nursery class of a primary school or attending the sixth form of a secondary school or academy.



Category 4

Children who have moved into Manchester and are without an offer of a school place.

A child is considered new to Manchester when they:

- Move into the city from abroad and make an application within the same academic year
- Move into the city from another LA and make an application within the same academic year and it is unreasonable to expect them to attend their previous school.

A child who is new to Manchester will be prioritised for their preferred schools, as they have not had the opportunity to apply during the normal admission round when they may have had a reasonable chance of being offered a preferred school.

All preferences will be considered equally and if more than one preference can be offered, the highest-ranked preference will be offered. If no preference can be offered, an alternative offer of the closest Manchester school or academy with vacancies will be made. Once a preference or an alternative offer is made, the applicant will no longer be considered in this category.

Category 5

All other children.



How we calculate distance when allocating school places

Within each category, applicants will be prioritised according to the distance between the child's permanent address and the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the child's permanent home address to the centre point of the school as defined by Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG), and using the local authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.

Waiting lists

Waiting lists will be held in criteria order according to the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists will not be operated on a first come, first served basis. The amount of time an applicant is on a waiting list will not affect their position on it.

For Primary and Secondary Admissions Rounds a waiting list will be held up to the 31st December. At this point applicants will be required to re-apply for the school should they wish to stay on the waiting list.

For In Year applications, waiting lists will be held for the remainder of the academic year in which the application was made. At the end of the academic year (July 2025) all applicants will be removed from all waiting lists. The only exception to this will be if the applicant has not been offered a place. In this case the applicant will be kept on the waiting list for the next term. Details of the waiting list process will be on the application forms and on the offer letters sent to applicants.

Some schools set their own policies for admission

In community secondary schools the LA decides the policy for offering places. Some academies have agreed to operate the same policy as Manchester LA, but others operate their own policy.

Schools in Manchester following the oversubscription criteria on pages 4–6 are:

Abraham Moss School
Co-op Academy Belle Vue
Co-op Academy North Manchester
Dixons Brooklands Academy
Levenshulme High School
Manchester Communication Academy
Parrs Wood High School
The East Manchester Academy
Whalley Range 11-18 High School

This means that the policy can be different, depending on which school you want for your child.

Please note that you must fill in an extra form for Trinity Church of England High School, King David High School, and William Hulme’s Grammar School Academy.

Types of schools

There are four types of school in Manchester. The type of school affects who sets the oversubscription criteria for the school. For community schools the local authority sets the oversubscription criteria (see pages 4 and 5). For voluntary-aided, free schools and academies the governing body sets the oversubscription criteria. To find out the oversubscription criteria for Manchester schools, either contact the school direct or go to www.manchester.gov.uk/admissions The school type and contact details are shown on pages 11–40 of this booklet.

For information on schools in other local authorities, you will need to contact that LA. If you are a Manchester resident and wish to apply for a school in another LA, you need to make an application using the Manchester LA application form. You may also apply online at www.manchester.gov.uk/admissions

Atypical admissions

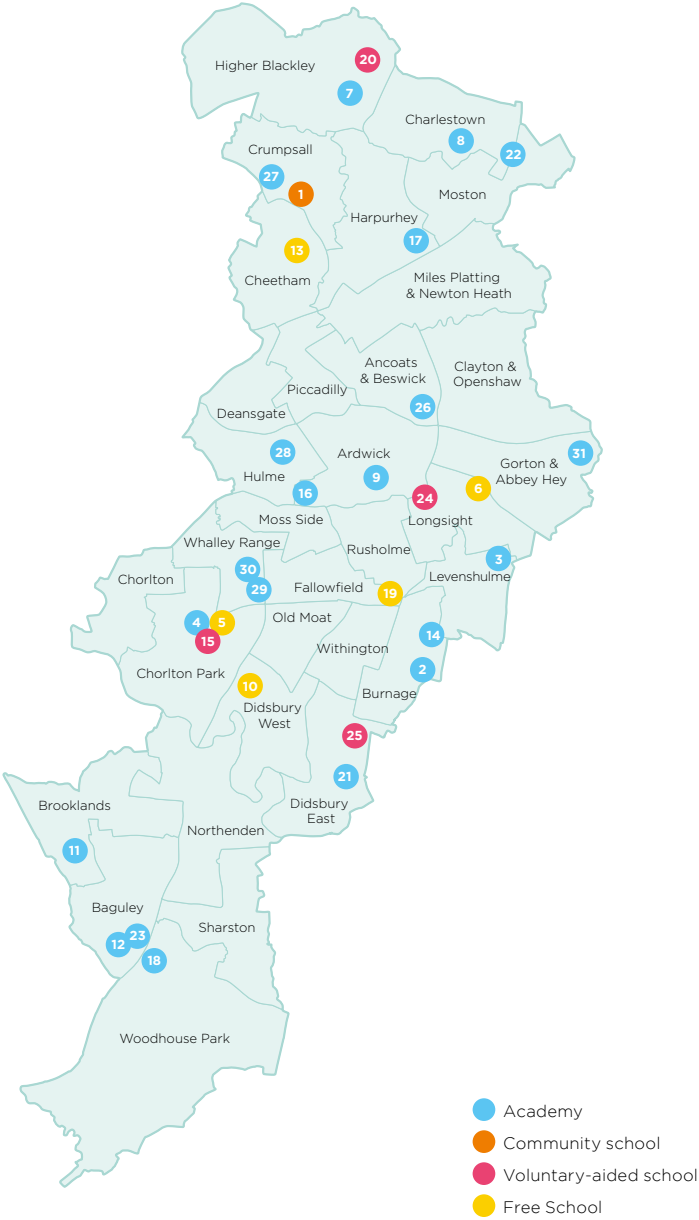
Some schools take pupils at a different age to typical secondary schools. The youngest age group at these schools is for children aged 14. This means children can apply to go to these schools at the start of Year 10. These schools are referred to as schools with atypical admissions.

Schools that admit pupils in Year 10 are called University Technical Colleges (UTCs) or Studio Schools. UTCs are set up by universities and business and specialise in one or two technical subjects. In Years 10 and 11 they offer a similar GCSE curriculum to a typical secondary school, including English and Maths, as well as their specialist subject.

Studio Schools are similar to UTCs in that they have employer involvement in the curriculum and focus on developing skills needed for employment, involving personal coaching and work experience. They have a similar curriculum to a typical secondary school.

You can find further information and contact details in the Manchester area at: <https://get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/>

Schools and academies in Manchester



Abraham Moss Community School

Type

Manchester Community All-Through School
(proposed to convert to academy status for September 2023)

Address

Crescent Road, Manchester M8 5UF

Contact

Secondary Tel: 0161 532 5400
Email: (Secondary phase): admin@abrahammoss.manchester.sch.uk
Primary Tel: 0161 532 5401
Email: (Primary phase): primaryadmin@abrahammoss.manchester.sch.uk
Web: www.abrahammoss.manchester.sch.uk

Interim Executive Head Teacher

Mr Andrew Shakos

Year 7 places available
270

Map location 

Age range

3-16

School capacity

Nursery 52 places
Primary 420 places
Secondary 1,350 places



Burnage Academy for Boys

Type

Academy in Manchester

Address

Burnage Lane, Manchester M19 1ER

Contact

Tel: 0161 432 1527

Email: office@burnage.manchester.sch.uk

Web: www.burnage.manchester.sch.uk

Head teacher

Mr Karl Harrison

Year 7 places available

210

Age range

11-16

Map location 2

School capacity

900



Cedar Mount Academy

Type

Academy in Manchester

Address

Gorton Education Village, 50 Wembley Road, Manchester M18 7DT

Contact

Tel: 0161 248 7009

Fax: 0161 231 1831

Email: office@cma.bfet.uk

Web: www.cedarmount.manchester.sch.uk

Principal

Mr K Hodgson

Year 7 places available

180

Age range

11-16

Map location

3

School capacity

900



Chorlton High School

Type

Academy in Manchester

Address

Nell Lane, Manchester M21 7SL

Contact

Tel: 0161 882 1150

Email: admin@chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk

Web: www.chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk

Head teacher

Ms Zoe Morris

Year 7 places available

300

Executive Head teacher

Mr Andy Park

Specialism

Performing Arts

Map location 4

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,500 places)



CHS South

Type

Free school in Manchester

Address

451 Mauldeth Road West, Manchester, M21 7SX

Contact

Tel: 0161 241 9930

Email: admin@chssouth.org.uk

Web: www.chssouth.org.uk

Head teacher

Mr David Prophet

Year 7 places available

240

Executive Head teacher

Mr Andy Park

Specialism

Arts

Map location 5

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,200 places)



Co-op Academy Belle Vue

Type

Free school in Manchester

Address

Hyde Road, Manchester M12 5AL

Contact

Tel: 0161 250 3101

Email: bellevue@coopacademies.co.uk

Web: <https://bellevue.coopacademies.co.uk/>

Head of School

Mr S. Fletcher

Year 7 places available

240

Executive Head teacher

Mr Steve Brice

Specialism

Business and finance

Map location

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,200 places)



Co-op Academy Manchester

Type

Academy in Manchester

Address

Plant Hill Road, Manchester M9 0WQ

Contact

Tel: 0161 795 3005

Email: manc-enquiries@coopacademies.co.uk

Web: <https://manchester.coopacademies.co.uk/>

Principal

Mr Christopher Beard

Year 7 places available

330

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,650 places)

Specialism

Business and finance

Map location 



Co-op Academy North Manchester

Type

Academy in Manchester

Address

300 Victoria Avenue East, Manchester M9 7SS

Contact

Tel: 0161 681 1592

Email: noma-enquiries@coopacademies.co.uk

Web: northmanchester.coopacademies.co.uk

Head of School

Ms Sharon Hands

Year 7 places available

240

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,100 places)

Map location



Dean Trust Ardwick

Type

Academy in Manchester

Address

345 Stockport Road, Manchester M13 0LF

Contact

Tel: 0161 972 2988

Email: admin@deantrustardwick.co.uk

Web: www.deantrustardwick.co.uk

Head teacher

Mr S. Worthington

Year 7 places available

270

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,350 places)

Map location

9



Didsbury High School

Type

Free school in Manchester

Address

4 The Avenue, Manchester M20 2ET

Contact

Tel: 0161 507 5600

Email: enquiries@didsburyhighschool.org.uk

Web: www.didsburyhighschool.org.uk

Head teacher

Miss Katie Houghton

Year 7 places available

210

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,050 places)

16-18 (300 places)

Map location

10



Dixons Brooklands Academy

Type

Academy in Manchester

Address

Moor Road, Manchester M23 9BP

Contact

Tel: 0161 998 3992

Email: info@dixonsbk.com

Web: www.dixonsat.com/brooklands

Principal

Mr Kevin Green

Year 7 places available

210

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,050 places)

Map location 11



Dixons Newall Green Academy

Type

Academy in Manchester

Address

Greenbrow Rd, Manchester M23 2SX

Contact

Tel: 01274 089780

Email: info@dixonsat.com

Web: www.dixonsat.com

Executive Principal

Mark Harrison

Principal Designate

Stephen Garvey

Age ranges/capacities

11-16

School capacity

700 - The school will open in September 2023 to Year 7 students and will grow year by year until it has students aged 11 to 16 by 2027

Year 7 places available

140

Map location 12



Eden Boys' Leadership Academy, Manchester

Type

Free school in Manchester

Address

38 Rayburn Way, Manchester M8 8DT

Contact

Tel: 0161 329 7301

Email: info@ebmanchester.staracademies.org

Web: www.edenboysmanchester.com

Principal

Mr Shabir Fazal

Year 7 places available

124

Age ranges/capacities

11-18

Map location

School capacity

800



Eden Girls' Leadership Academy, Manchester

Type

Free school in Manchester

Address

40 Rayburn Way, Manchester M8 8DT

Contact

Tel: 0161 329 7300

Email: info@egmanchester.staracademies.org

Web: www.edengirlsmanchester.com

Principal

Mr Shabir Fazal

Year 7 places available

124

Age ranges/capacities

11-18

Map location 13

School capacity

800



Levenshulme High School

Type

Academy in Manchester – Greater Manchester Education Trust

Address

Crossley Road, Manchester M19 1FS

Contact

Tel: 0161 224 4625

Email: office@levenshulmehigh.co.uk

Web: www.levenshulmehigh.co.uk

Academy Co-Head teachers

Miss D Johnson &

Mr N Johnson

Chief Executive Officer

Mr Damian Owen

Age range

11-16

School capacity

1,000

Year 7 places available

200

Map location

14



Loreto High School

Type

Manchester Roman Catholic High School

Address

Nell Lane, Manchester M21 7SW

Contact

Tel: 0161 881 9448

Fax: 0161 882 0164

Email: welcome@loretochorlton.manchester.sch.uk

Web: www.loretochorlton.co.uk

Head teacher

Mrs Catherine Hughes

Year 7 places available

160

Age range

11-16

Map location

15

School capacity

800



Manchester Academy

Type

Academy in Manchester

Address

Moss Lane East, Manchester M14 4PX

Contact

Tel: 0161 232 1639

Fax: 0161 232 1640

Email: office@manchester-academy.org

Web: www.manchester-academy.org

Principal

Mr James Eldon

Year 7 places available

240

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,200 places)

Map location

16



Manchester Communication Academy

Type

Academy in Manchester

Address

Silchester Drive, Manchester M40 8NT

Contact

Tel: 0161 202 0161

Fax: 0161 205 0847

Email: admin@mca.manchester.sch.uk

Web: www.manchestercommunicationacademy.com

Principal

Suan Watmough

Specialism

Communication

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,200 places)

Map location

17

Year 7 places available

240



Manchester Enterprise Academy

Type

Academy in Manchester

Address

Simonsway, Manchester M22 9RH

Contact

Tel: 0161 499 2726

Email: admin@meacad.org.uk

Web: www.manchesterenterpriseacademy.org.uk

Principal

Kyra Jones

Specialism

Enterprise and Business

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,200 places)

Map location

18

Year 7 places available

240



Manchester Enterprise Academy Central

Type

Free School in Manchester

Address

Lytham Road, Manchester M14 6PL

Contact

Tel: 0161 499 2736

Email: admissions@meacentral.org.uk

Web: www.meacentral.org.uk

Headteacher

Emily Reynard

Year 7 places available

210

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,050 places)

Map location

19



Our Lady's RC High School

Type
Manchester Roman Catholic High School

Address
Alworth Road, Manchester M9 0RP

Contact
Tel: 0161 507 9640
Email: admin@olsc.manchester.sch.uk
Web: www.olhs-manchester.org.uk

Head teacher
Mr Lee Ormsby

Year 7 places available
180

Age range
11-16

Map location 

School capacity
840

Contributory parishes
St Anne's (Crumpsall)
St Chad's, St Clare's
St Thomas of
Canterbury
St Malachy's, St Patrick's

Associated primary schools
St Anne's (Crumpsall)
St Chad's, St Clare's
St Malachy's, St Patrick's
St Thomas of
Canterbury (Salford)



Parrs Wood High School

Type

Academy in Manchester - Greater Manchester Education Trust

Address

Wilmslow Road, Manchester M20 5PG

Contact

Tel: 0161 446 8640

Email: admin@pwhs.co.uk

Web: www.parrswood.manchester.sch.uk

Head teacher

Mr Mark McElwee

Chief Executive Officer

Mr Damian Owen

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,530 places)

16-18 (400 places)

Year 7 places available

300

Map location

21



St Matthew's RC High School

Type

Manchester Roman Catholic Academy

Address

Nuthurst Road, Manchester M40 0EW

Contact

Tel: 0161 681 6178

Email: contact@smrchs.com

Web: www.smrchs.com

Head teacher

Mrs Helen Murden

Age range

11-16

School capacity

1,500

Year 7 places available

270

Map location

22

Contributory parishes

Christ the King

Mount Carmel

St Dunstan's, St

Edmund's

St John Bosco

St John Vianney

St Margaret Mary's

Associated primary schools

Christ the King

Mount Carmel

St Dunstan's, St

Edmund's

St John Bosco

St Mary's (Failsworth)

St Margaret Mary's



St Paul's Catholic High School

Type

Manchester Catholic Academy

Address

Firbank Road, Manchester M23 2YS

Contact

Tel: 0161 499 0000

Email: admin@st-paulshigh.net

Web: www.st-paulshigh.net

Head teacher

Mr Alex Hren

Year 7 places available

180

Age range

11-16

Map location

23

School capacity

900

Contributory parishes

Sacred Heart (Baguley)

St Aidan's, St Anthony's

St Elizabeth's, St Hilda's

St John's (Benchill)

St Peter's (Newall

Green)

Associated primary schools

Sacred Heart (Baguley)

St Aidan's, St Anthony's

St Elizabeth's

St John Fisher and

St Thomas More

(Benchill)

St Peter's (Newall

Green)



St Peter's RC High School

Type

Manchester Roman Catholic High School

Address

Kirkmanshulme Lane, Manchester M12 4WB

Contact

Tel: 0161 248 1550

Email: office@stpetershigh.com

Web: www.stpetershigh.com

Head teacher

Mr Stephen Gabriel

Year 7 places available

200

Age range

11-16

Map location

24

School capacity

1,000

Contributory parishes

Sacred Heart (Gorton)

St Francis

St Mary's (Levenshulme)

St Richard's, St Edward's

St Joseph's, St Anne's

(Ancoats), St Anne's

(Fairfield), St Brigid's

St Vincent's, St Willibrord's

St Augustine's

Associated primary schools

St Anne's (Ancoats)

Sacred Heart (Gorton)

St Francis

St Mary's (Levenshulme)

St Richard's, St Joseph's

St Brigid's, St Willibrord's

The Divine Mercy



The Barlow RC High School

Type

Manchester Roman Catholic High School

Address

Parrs Wood Road, Manchester M20 6BX

Contact

Tel: 0161 445 8053

Email: admin@thebarlowrchigh.co.uk

Web: www.thebarlowrchigh.co.uk

Head teacher

Ms C Wallace

Year 7 places available

180

Age range

11-16

Map location

25

School capacity

900

Contributory parishes

St Ambrose, St Bernard's

St Bernadette (east of

Princess Parkway)

St Catherine of Siena

St Cuthbert's

St Mary's

St Winifred's

Associated primary schools

St Ambrose, St

Bernard's

St Catherine's

St Cuthbert's



The East Manchester Academy

Type

Academy in Manchester - Greater Manchester Education Trust

Address

60 Grey Mare Lane, Manchester M11 3DS

Contact

Tel: 0161 230 8039

Fax: 0161 223 2245

Email: admin@temac.co.uk

Web: www.theeastmanchesteracademy.co.uk

Head teacher

Jackie Bowen BA

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1000 places)

Map location

26

Chief Executive Officer

Mr Damian Owen

Year 7 places available

200



The King David High School

Type

Manchester Jewish Academy

Address

Eaton Road, Manchester M8 5DY

Contact

Tel: 0161 740 7248

Email: admin@kdhigh.co.uk

Web: www.kdhs.org.uk

Head teacher

Mr John Dalziel

Map location 27

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (600 places)

16-18 (185 places)



Trinity Church of England High School

Type

Church of England Academy

Address

Higher Cambridge Street, Manchester M15 6HP

Contact

Tel: 0161 212 1900

Fax: 0161 227 9691

Email: admissions@trinityhigh.com

Web: www.trinityhigh.com

Head teacher

Mr Julian Nicholls

Year 7 places available

240

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,200 places)

16-18 (300 places)

Map location

28

School capacity

1,500



Whalley Range 11-18 High School

Type

Academy in Manchester – Greater Manchester Education Trust

Address

Wilbraham Road, Manchester M16 8GW

Contact

Tel: 0161 861 9727

Fax: 0161 881 0617

Email: head@wrhs1118.co.uk

Web: www.wrhs1118.co.uk

Head teacher

Ms Jackie Fahey

Chief Executive Officer

Mr Damian Owen

Age ranges/capacities

11-16 (1,350 places)

16-18 (300 places)

Year 7 places available

270

Map location

29



William Hulme's Grammar School Academy

Type

3-18 Academy in Manchester

Address

Springbridge Road, Manchester M16 8PR

Contact

Tel: 0161 226 2054

Email: enquiries@whgs-academy.org

Web: www.whgs-academy.org

Head teacher

Mrs Kate Heaton

Head teacher

Mr Thomas Copestake

Age ranges/capacities

Nursery (52 places)

Reception (60 places)

Year 1-Year 6

(360 places)

Year 7 places available

180

Sixth-form Year 12 places available

120

Specialism

Modern foreign languages

Map location

30



Wright Robinson College

Type

Academy in Manchester

Address

Abbey Hey Lane, Manchester M18 8RL

Contact

Tel: 0161 370 5121

Fax: 0161 371 8287

Email: admin@wrightrobinson.co.uk

Web: www.wrightrobinson.co.uk

Head teacher

Mr Martin Haworth
BA Hons (QTS) NPQEL

Year 7 places available

360

Map location 31

Age range

11-16

School capacity

1,800



