



St Wilfrid's
Church of England Academy

ADMISSIONS

to St Wilfrid's C of E Academy

...IN 3 EASY STEPS!

1

Select **Saint Wilfrid's** as one of your 3 preferences on the Local Authority application form (found online) **before 31st October**.

2

Complete the Academy's own application form (if applying under a faith criteria) and submit to the Academy **before 31st October**. Please ensure that your faith leader signs the form. We will determine the **successful applications** based on the criteria overleaf.

3

Formal offers of places will then be sent out by your Local Authority **on the 1st March**. **Appeals** will be processed in line with the procedures listed in our *Admissions Policy*.

Over the last 7 years, applications made to St Wilfrid's C of E Academy under criterion 2-11, where the parent(s)/carer(s) have attended Church or the child was on roll at one of the named primary schools, have proven to be successful.

St Wilfrid's Church of England Academy is managed by the Academy Trust to serve parents who wish their children to receive a secondary education in a setting where principles and daily life are based on Christianity in the Anglican tradition. The Academy does not have a catchment area, but mainly serves the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen and parts of Pennine Lancashire.

Admissions Criteria

1. (a) 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 its social services functions.
- (b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school. Professional supporting evidence from a professional, e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school in question is the most suitable school and the impact if the child had to attend another school.

Within the criteria below, first priority within each criteria will be given to brothers and sisters of pupils who are on the Academy roll, including the sixth form, both at the closing date for applications (31st October) and the date of admission (1st September). Brothers and sisters' means full, step, half, foster and adopted brothers and sisters and the child/ren of the parent/carer's partner living with the same family at the same address and full brothers and sisters living apart.

Category 13 (distance) will be used as a "tie break" in categories 2 - 12 if the admission number of 246 is reached during consideration of applications in any of these categories.

In categories 2 to 8, the child's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) (see note c) must show evidence of being active member(s) of the Church of England, or any church in membership (see note d) of Churches Together in England, the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance by a worship attendance of: -

2. not less than weekly over a period of two years leading up to 1 September in the year of application.
3. not less than fortnightly over a period of two years leading up to 1 September in the year of application.
4. not less than monthly over a period of two years leading up to 1 September in the year of application.
5. not less than weekly over a period of one year leading up to 1 September in the year of application.
6. not less than fortnightly over a period of one year leading up to 1 September in the year of application.
7. not less than monthly over a period of one year leading up to 1 September in the year of application.

Followed by:-

8. Children with a parent(s) (see note c) who is an occasional worshipper at the Church of England or a church in membership of (see note d) Churches Together in England, the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance. Occasional worshipping is defined as a minimum of six times for a period of at least one year leading up to 1st September in the year of application.

In category 9, the child must show evidence of being an active member of the Church of England, or any church in membership (see note d) of Churches Together in England, the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance by a worship attendance of: -

9. Children who are occasional worshippers at the Church of England or a church in membership of (see note d) Churches Together in England, the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance. Occasional worshipping is defined as a minimum of six times for a period of at least one year leading up to 1st September in the year of application.

10. Children with a parent employed by the Academy on a permanent contract, either on a full or part-time basis for at least two years prior to 1st September in the year of application.

11. Children who have attended The Redeemer Church of England Primary School, Blackburn, Mellor St Mary's Church of England Primary School, St Aidan's Church of England Primary School, St Francis Church of England Primary School, St Gabriel's Church of England Primary School, St Paul's Church of England Primary School Huddlesden, St Oswald's Church of England Primary School, Knuzden and Belthorn Academy, for the whole of year 5 in the school year before the closing date for applications.

In category 12, the child's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) (see note c) must show evidence of being an active member of the major world faiths who are in membership of the UK Interfaith Network (www.interfaith.org.uk): -

12. Children with a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) (see note c) who shows evidence of being active members of the major world faiths who are in membership of the UK Interfaith Network (www.interfaith.org.uk); in addition to Christians, it includes Buddhists, Baha'is, Hindus, Jains, Jews, Muslims, Sikhs, Zorastrianes. The parent must meet the normal religious obligations of the faith. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or worship leader.

13. Other children on the basis of distance from the front door of their home to the Academy, measured by a straight line from the Duckworth Street pedestrian gate, giving highest priority to those living nearest the academy. (The distance is calculated by the local authority's computerised system.)