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1. Introduction

The Learning Community Trust has determined the admissions to all its academies for applications for places for the academic year of 2026 2027.

The Trust has grown significantly over recent years to include mainstream primary and secondary academies, alongside specialist provisions:

Primary Academies	Secondary Academies	Specialist Education*
Allscott Meads Primary Crudgington Primary Hadley Learning Community – Primary Lantern Academy Wrekin View Primary	Burton Borough School Charlton School Ercall Wood Academy Hadley Learning Community – Secondary New Road Academy	Kickstart Academy (PRU)* Queensway School * Severndale Specialist Academy* *Separate admissions criteria

Details of the catchment areas for each of our primary and secondary academies can be found on Telford & Wrekin Council's [website](#).

If there are more applications received than places for our academies, then the following oversubscription criteria apply, which are slightly different for each academy:

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2. Definitions Used in the Criteria

Distance: If there are insufficient places for all children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and the academy as measured by straight line distance with those children closest to the academy having priority. Distances are measured using Telford & Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.

Siblings: A sibling connection is defined as a brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother or half-sister living at the same address as part of the same family unit and of compulsory schooling age. Adopted siblings are also included. Older siblings must be attending the academy on the date the younger sibling is due to start. However, cousins or

other relatives who take up residence in a home in order to establish an 'in-catchment' address will not be given priority under the sibling criterion.

Looked After and Previously Looked After Children: A looked after child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order, including those who have been in a state of care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. 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 (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

3. Appeals

The appeals process for parents/carers who have not been offered a place at one of our academies is through the Admissions Team at Telford & Wrekin Council, who manage the appeals process on behalf of the Learning Community Trust.

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Parents/carers who have not been offered a place will receive correspondence from the Admissions Team explaining the process and timescales for appeals. Our Headteachers/Principals are part of the process – they attend and present to the Appeals Panel for the relevant academy.

https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions/12/appeal_against_a_school_decision

4. Allscott Meads Primary

Children with Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR 2026/2027 FOR ALLSCOTT MEADS PRIMARY

1. Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after.
And then
2. Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.
If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:
 - a. Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;
And then
 - b. Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;
 - c. Children in receipt of Early Years Premium or Pupil Premium at the point of submitting the application request;
 - d. Other children living in the school's attendance area.
3. Children of staff at the academy
 - a. Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or
 - b. Where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2 a)-c).

If there are insufficient places for children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and the academy, as measured by straight line distance with those children closest to the academy having priority. Distances are measured using Telford & Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.

5. Crudgington Primary

Children with Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR 2026/2027 FOR CRUDGINGTON PRIMARY

1. Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after.
And then
2. Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.
If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:
 - a. Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;
And then
 - b. Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;
 - c. Children in receipt of Early Years Premium or Pupil Premium at the point of submitting the application request;
 - d. Other children living in the school's attendance area.
3. Children of staff at the academy
 - a. Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or
 - b. Where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2 a)-c).

If there are insufficient places for children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and the academy, as measured by straight line distance with those children closest to the academy having priority. Distances are measured using Telford & Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.

6. Hadley Learning Community Primary

Children with Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR 2026/2027 FOR HADLEY LEARNING COMMUNITY PRIMARY

1. Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after.
And then
2. Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.
If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:
 - a. Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;
And then
 - b. Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;
 - c. Children in receipt of Early Years Premium or Pupil Premium at the point of submitting the application request;
 - d. Other children living in the school's attendance area.
3. Children of staff at the academy
 - a. Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or
 - b. Where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2 a)-c).

If there are insufficient places for children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and the academy, as measured by straight line distance with those children closest to the academy having priority. Distances are measured using Telford & Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.

Part of Hadley Learning Community's attendance area is shared with Teagues Bridge Primary School. If one of these is oversubscribed with in-area applications, the places will be allocated up to the admission number in accordance with the priority order. Any parents/carers living in the shared area who cannot be offered a place at their preferred school will then be considered for a place at the other school in the shared area if that is one of their preferences.

Once all applications from within the shared area to both schools have been considered, any remaining places at either school will be allocated to out-of-area applicants in accordance with the priority order.

7. Lantern (Primary) Academy

Children with an Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA 2026/27 FOR LANTERN ACADEMY

1. Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after.
And then
2. Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area. If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:
 - a. Those children who have exceptional health and/or social reasons where there is written evidence from a medical practitioner or social worker that admission to the academy is essential for their wellbeing (applications will be subject to verification);
And then
 - b. Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;
 - c. Children in receipt of Early Years Premium or Pupil Premium at the point of submitting the application request;
 - d. Other children living in the school's attendance area.
3. Children of staff at the academy
 - a. Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or
 - b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2a) - c).

If there are insufficient places for children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and the academy, as measured by a straight line distances with those children closest to the academy having priority. Distances are measured using Telford & Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.

8. Wrekin View Primary

Children with an Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA 2026/27 FOR WREKIN VIEW ACADEMY

1. Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after.
And then
2. Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.
If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:
 - a. Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;
And then
 - b. Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;
 - c. Children in receipt of Early Years Premium or Pupil Premium at the point of submitting the application request;
 - d. Other children living in the school's attendance area.
3. Children of staff at the academy
 - a. Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or
 - b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2 a) - c).

If there are insufficient places for children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and the academy, as measured by straight line distance with those children closest to the academy having priority. Distances are measured using Telford & Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.

9. Burton Borough School

Children with an Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA 2026/2027 FOR BURTON BOROUGH SCHOOL

1. Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after
And then
2. Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.
If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:
 - a. Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;
And then
 - b. Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;
 - c. Other children living in the school's attendance area.
3. Children of staff at the academy
 - a. Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or
 - b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2 a) – b).

If there are insufficient places for children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and the academy, as measured by straight line distance with those children closest to the academy having priority. Distances are measured using Telford & Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.

10. Charlton School

Children with an Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR 2026/2027 FOR CHARLTON SCHOOL

1. Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after
And then
2. Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.
If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:
 - a. Children living in a rural community entitled to transport provided by the local authority specifically for the academy. These are namely the villages of Roden, Poynton, High Ercall, Walton, Cotwall, Osbaston, Ellerdine, Ellerdine Heath, Eytton-upon-the-Weald Moors, Cold Hatton Heath, Waters Upton, Great Bolas, Bolas Heath, Shirtlowe, Rodington Heath, Todington, Rodway, Crudgington, Longdon-on-Tern, Kynnersley, Preston-upon-the-Weald Moors, Wrockwardine, Walcot and Allscott Heath, encompassing parts of the civil parishes of Bolas Magna and Ercall Magna.
And then
 - b. Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;
And then
 - c. Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;
 - d. Other children living in the school's attendance area.
3. Children of staff at the academy.
 - a. Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or
 - b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2 b) - c).

If there are insufficient places for children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and the academy, as measured by a straight-line distance with those children closest to the academy having priority. Distances are measured using Telford & Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.

11. Ercall Wood Academy

Children with an Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR 2026/2027 FOR ERCALL WOOD ACADEMY

1. Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after
And then
2. Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.
If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:
 - a. Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;
And then
 - b. Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;
 - c. Other children living in the school's attendance area.
3. Children of staff at the academy.
 - a. Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or
 - b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2 a) - b).

If there are insufficient places for children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and the academy, as measured by a straight-line distance with those children closest to the academy having priority. Distances are measured using Telford & Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.

Part of Ercall Wood Academy's attendance area is shared with Telford Langley School. If one of these is oversubscribed with in-area applications, the places will be allocated up to the admission number in accordance with the priority order. Any parents/carers living in the shared area who cannot be offered a place at their preferred school will then be considered for a place at the other school in the shared area if that is one of their preferences.

Once all applications from within the shared area to both schools have been considered, any remaining places at either school will be allocated to out-of-area applicants in accordance with the priority order.

12. Hadley Learning Community – Secondary Phase

Children with an Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR 2026/2027 FOR HADEY LEARNING COMMUNITY - SECONDARY PHASE

1. Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after
And then
2. Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.
If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:
 - a. Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;
And then
 - b. Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;
 - c. Those children attending Hadley Learning Community – Primary Phase in Year 6 on the date the admissions application was made;
 - d. Other children living in the school's attendance area.
3. Children of staff at the academy.
 - c. Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or
 - d. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2 a) - c).

If there are insufficient places for children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and the academy, as measured by a straight-line distance with those children closest to the academy having priority. Distances are measured using Telford & Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.

13. New Road Academy

Children with an Education Health Care Plan which specifically names the academy will be allocated places.

After which applications will be considered and in the case of over-subscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied:

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR 2026/2027 FOR NEW ROAD ACADEMY

1. Children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin Council, or any other local authority, and children who were previously looked after
And then
2. Children who live in the academy's defined attendance (catchment) area.
If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:
 - a. Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the academy is essential for their medical wellbeing;
And then
 - b. Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step-brother(s), step-sister(s), half-brother(s) or half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the academy;
 - c. Other children living in the school's attendance area.
3. Children of staff at the academy
 - a. Where the member of staff has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or
 - b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Any places which remain available will be allocated to children living outside the academy's attendance area on the priority order 2 a) - b).

If there are insufficient places for children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and the academy, as measured by straight line distance with those children closest to the academy having priority. Distances are measured using Telford and Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.



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