

Standing Together, Learning Together

10 December 2021

Proposed Reduction in the PAN for Southlands High School, Chorley

The Trustees of Mosaic MAT have consulted with the Governors of Southlands High School in respect of the PAN for Southlands High School.

The Trust intend to apply a reduced PAN from September 2023 of 200 in place of the current 220.

The reasons for doing this are to

- 1. Provide a more consistent education for students at Southlands High School by maintaining a more uniform size for year groups and minimising mobility of students within year groups.
- 2. To provide a more consistent staff complement in the school rather than have significant variations in staff numbers from year to year as pupil numbers fluctuate.

At the same time the Trust will remove the former criteria 7 which stated

"Children who wish to attend a Mosaic Academy Trust School".

This is not required with the other admission arrangements that are applied for the school.

There is no intention to vary the admission criteria in any other way.

The criteria currently are:

- 1. Looked after children and those who have been previously looked after, then
- 2. Children for whom the Governing Body accepts that there are exceptional medical, social or welfare reasons which are directly relevant to the school concerned.
- 3. Children living within the school's geographical priority area with older brothers or sisters attending the school when the younger child will start,
- 4. Children living within the school's geographical priority area, then
- 5. Children living outside the school's geographical priority area with older brothers or sisters still attending the school when the younger child will start then
- 6. Children living outside the school's geographical priority area below. Where there are more applicants received than places available under any of the above criteria then the distance between the school and the home will be used as the final determining factor. The distance criterion is a straight line (radial) measured centre of building to centre of building. Where the cut-off point is for addresses within the same building, then the single measure between address points will apply and the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s) as an effective, clear and fair tie breaker.

Geographical priority area

Parishes of Charnock Richard, Coppull, Euxton, Buckshaw Village, Astley Village, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley, Withnell, Wheelton, Heapey, Anglezarke, Heath Charnock, Anderton, Adlington, Rivington, Horwich, Blackrod and Haigh

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The Trust recognises that from year to year there will be some variation in the number of pupils requiring spaces in Chorley schools. To facilitate this the Trust is happy to discuss with LCC and the other Chorley schools on an annual basis how best these additional students could be accommodated. In the event that the Trust agrees to accept more than 200 students in any Year 7 intake, it would not agree to those spaces above 200 being re-filled were students to leave the school.

Consultation period

The consultation period will run from 10th December to 21st January 2022.

Comments on these proposals should be sent to

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by email to <u>hardya@mosaicmat.net</u>

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