

## Consultation on change to admissions policy for Albany Academy for 2024 Admissions.

### Background

Albany Academy and Chorley New Road Primary Academy are both part of a tight knit academy trust. Since 2020 the schools have developed an 'all through' curriculum based of developing a child's personal effectiveness. Both schools teach the explicit, evidence base behaviours of High-Performance Learning, chimp management and student leadership. In recognition of this work introducing High-Performance Learning, both schools have been accredited with the *HPL World Class School Award*.

In addition, every subject in our curriculum is carefully sequenced from EYFS to Year 11 between the two schools.

Classroom staff work closely together on their teaching and developing a shared curriculum and the schools share the same approaches and policies relating to teaching and learning.

This shared ethos and curriculum has led us to seek to change our admissions policy to enable more children to benefit from this all through curriculum and the behaviours that we teach all the way through their school years.

Many of these high-performance learning behaviours are collaborative and having children experienced from primary school in these strategies would support children joining from other schools, in acquiring these behaviours rapidly and effectively.

We have balanced this proposal with the need to continue to serve the community of Chorley and surrounding villages.

### Proposal

Therefore, we would aim to offer a maximum of **15** places to children currently attending Chorley New Road Primary Academy. This would be a maximum of 10% of our total admission number.

It would provide a core group of students who have experienced the 'all through curriculum' and at the same time retain the breadth of admissions from the many primary schools that we currently have.

Oversubscription in this criterion would be dealt with in the same way as current oversubscription – distance from school.

We would also balance this change by changing our geographical priority area. The areas of Horwich, Blackrod and Haigh would be removed.

Numbers of children offered a place from these parishes have declined in recent years. The majority have only been admitted if they are siblings have an EHCP or are looked after.

		Admission Year					
		2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Parish	Blackrod	3	5	6	4	3	13
	Horwich	2	5	5	7	5	19
	Haigh						
	Total	5	10	11	11	8	32

These areas are to the south of Albany Academy. They are in a different local authority (Bolton) and are served by two Bolton secondary schools; Rivington & Blackrod High School and St Joseph's Catholic School.

Chorley New Road Primary Academy is located in Horwich and families living in Horwich, or the neighbouring Blackrod or Haigh would continue to be able to gain admission in a higher criterion by attending Chorley New Road Primary Academy.

## Proposed Changes

We are proposing a change to our over subscription criteria and our geographical priority area. The proposed changes are below, with changes illustrated.

### Proposed Oversubscription criteria - Inserting point 4.

All children whose education, health and care (EHC) plans name the school will be admitted before any other places are allocated.

If the school is not oversubscribed, all applicants will be offered a place.

In the event that the school receives more applications than the number of places it has available, places will be given to those children who meet any of the criteria set out below, in order until all places are filled.

1. Highest priority will be given to looked after children and all previously looked after children who apply for a place at the school.
2. Priority will next be given to children for whom the Governors accept, based on the written opinion of professional experts, that there are exceptional medical or social circumstances affecting the child and where these needs can **only** be met at Albany Academy. (See note (i) below)
3. Priority will next be given to children of staff at the school, in either of the following circumstances:
  - a) The member of staff has been employed at the school for 2 or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or
  - b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage

4. [A maximum of 15 places will be allocated to children attending Chorley New Road Primary Academy who have been attending the school for at least 3 consecutive school years (Years 4, 5 and 6).]

5. Children living within the school's geographical priority area with older brothers or sisters attending the school when the younger child will start, (see note (iii) below) then
6. Children living within the school's geographical priority area, then
7. Children living outside the school's geographical priority area with older brothers or sisters still attending the school when the younger child will start (See note (iv) below) then
8. Children living outside the school's geographical priority area.

### Proposed Geographical Priority Area – removing Horwich, Blackrod and Haigh

Parishes of Charnock Richard, Coppull, Euxton (part\*), Astley Village, Whittle-le-Woods, District of Chorley, Withnell, Wheelton, Heapey, Anglezarke, Heath Charnock, Anderton, Adlington and Rivington. [, Horwich, Blackrod and Haigh.]

\*Euxton south of railway line.

**Consultation Timeline**

11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - Consultation to begin

17<sup>th</sup> January 2023- Consultation to end (10 weeks)

7<sup>th</sup> February 2023- LGC to review consultation

w/b 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Trust Admissions committee to determine arrangements

28<sup>th</sup> February – Deadline for determination

15<sup>th</sup> March – Deadline for submission to LA

**We would value your views.**

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## Map Legend

 GPA Boundary

