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Essential Guide to North Tyneside Schools

School Admission 2012



North Tyneside Council

Contact Telephone Numbers

Early Years Service	
Families Information Service	0345 2000 108
Childcare for Children 0 – 14 years	
Families Information Service	0345 2000 108
Admission to Nursery Education	The School direct
Admission to Community and Trust Schools	
Children, Young People and Learning	643 8724
Admission to Voluntary Aided Schools	
Roman Catholic and Church of England	The School direct
School Meals and Milk	
School Meals Hotline	643 8355
Your Catchment area school	log onto: www.northtyneside.gov.uk Or ring 643 8724
Exclusions from School	
Children, Young People and Learning	643 8725
School Governors	
Children, Young People and Learning	643 8715
Transport (special schools)	
Children, Young People and Learning	643 8726
Transport (School Bus Passes)	
Children, Young People and Learning	643 8726
Choice Advice	
Families Information Service	0345 2000 108

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Foreword by Cllr David Lilly Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning

Dear Parent/Carer

As a parent, I understand how important it is to choose the right school for your child. You want that school to be a place where your child will be valued and encouraged, challenged and supported, and feel safe and happy.

North Tyneside is a place where we set high standards for all of our children and young people, at every stage of their learning journey.

We encourage high aspiration and work tirelessly to provide the teaching, experiences, opportunities and support our young people need to fulfil their potential.

As a result, our borough-wide attainment at GCSE and A-level continues to rise and exceeds the national average, year after year.

It's also a place where we value each child as an individual, helping them to flourish personally, socially and spiritually, and develop their understanding of the world around them and their place within it. This guide should provide you with the information you need when considering which school you would like your child to attend next September.

Our Headteachers will be pleased to make an appointment for you to visit their school, and provide you with a copy of their prospectus. I hope this guide helps you to make the right choice for the next step in your child's education.

I wish your child all the very best for their learning journey.

Ways to apply for your child's school place

From **Friday 9th September 2011** you can apply for your child's school place online.

Advantages of applying online:

- Applying online is quicker, as well as safe and secure
- There are clear simple prompts to guide you through making your application
- You will get an email confirmation that we have received your application
- By making a note of your reference number you can change the details on your application up until the deadline dates
- Your application cannot get lost in the post
- Available 24 hours a day 7 days a week up until our deadline dates

****If you apply online you do not need to submit a paper application form**

To complete your online application

Access the internet on your computer and type in www.northtyneside.gov.uk/schooladmission

- Click on **Children, Schools and Families** on the menu at the left hand side

- Click on **'Schools'** then **'School Admissions'**
- Click on **'online admissions'** and follow the instructions for completing the form
- Check that you have clicked on the correct school(s)
- Press the **'submit application'** button
- You will then receive an email confirmation with the schools you have applied for
- If you do not receive an email confirmation this means that you have not submitted your application correctly

If you want to change anything on your application prior to the deadline dates you can do so by accessing your application form by typing in the website address:

northtyneside.gov.uk/schooladmission and click **'online admissions'** as before, and making the changes.

Remember you must then click **'submit application'** you will get an email confirmation to say that your application form has been re-submitted successfully.

If you have any problems applying contact the Access Team on telephone number 0191 643 8724.

You will not be able to apply online after the deadline dates
Monday 31 October 2011 for Middle and High Schools
And
Monday 16 January 2012 for First and Primary Schools

Important Dates – What happens when?

Timetable for First & Primary Schools

Friday 9 September 2011	Information pack issued to parents via Nursery Classes/Schools We recommend that you apply online
Friday 9 September 2011	Application process opens
Monday 16 January 2012	Application deadline You must apply by this date either online or by returning your paper application to the Access Team
Monday 16 April 2012	'Offer Day' the day the letters are sent out informing parents which school their child has been offered (sent out by 2nd class post). *We are unable to inform you of the decision over the telephone
Monday 30 April 2012	Deadline for parents to accept the school place
Monday 30 April 2012	Deadline for parents to request to place their child's name on a waiting list
Friday 11 May 2012	Any places that become available will be offered from the waiting list
May – June 2012	Appeals to be heard

Timetable for Middle and High Schools

Friday 9 September 2011	Information pack issued to parents via First and Primary Schools We recommend that you apply online
Friday 9 September 2011	Application process opens
September - October	Schools hold their open evenings
Friday 31 October 2011	Application deadline You must apply by this date either online or by returning your paper application to the Access Team
Thursday 1 March 2012	'National Offer Day' the day the letters are sent out informing parents which school their child has been offered (sent out by 2nd class post). *We are unable to inform you of the decision over the telephone
Thursday 15 March 2012	Deadline for parents to accept the school place
Thursday 15 March 2012	Deadline for parents to request to place their child's name on a waiting list
Friday 30 March 2012	Any places that become available will be offered from the waiting list
May – June 2012	Appeals to be heard

** Remember it is your responsibility to return your application form by the deadline date, we recommend that you apply online

Points to remember before completing your application form

- Do read the information in this booklet very carefully before completing your application form.
- Check your catchment area school by logging onto www.northtyneside.gov.uk or by contacting the Access Team on telephone number (0191) 643 8724.
- Look at the statistics from the previous year in this booklet this will show you which schools received more applications than places available and the number of appeals that were heard. These figures should not be taken as a guarantee that your child will automatically transfer to that school; you should also be aware that these figures could change significantly from year to year.
- Sometimes living near to a school is not enough to guarantee admission. You need to consider the oversubscription criteria, consider very carefully about which schools you wish to apply for a place and assess accurately at which school you have the best chance of being offered a place for your child.
- There is no automatic guarantee that your child will be offered a place at your catchment area school.
- It is possible that your child may not be offered a place at any of your preferred schools especially if you apply for very popular schools and don't have a high priority under the oversubscription criteria.
- Once the closing date has passed you **cannot** change your preferences unless you have moved address.
- Voluntary Aided and Trust Schools have different Admissions Policies to Community Schools in North Tyneside, which decide how they will offer their places.
- All Schools in North Tyneside operate an **equal preference system** for processing parental preferences (please refer to page 10).
- If your child qualifies for a place at more than one school your highest ranked preference will be offered and any lower ranking offers will be disregarded.
- We strongly advise that you name more than one school.
- Putting down more than one school does not affect how your application is dealt with.
- There is no need to put down the same school more than once.
- Your child won't automatically be given a place at your local school, it is essential that you apply.
- If there is anything in this booklet that you do not understand or require any further advice or assistance in completing your application form contact the Access Team on telephone number (0191) 643 8724.
- Remember it is your responsibility to ensure your application is received by the closing date.

Introduction

North Tyneside Local Authority is responsible for all admissions to all Community Schools. As a parent or carer you have the right to express a preference for the school you would like your child to attend. Parental preference will be followed as far as possible but this clearly depends on the number of places available. We will admit pupils to each school up to the Published Admission Number (PAN) shown in the schools list included in this booklet. If a school is not oversubscribed all pupils who apply will be given a place. Individual governing bodies are responsible for determining admissions to Trust, Roman Catholic and Church of England Schools. Copies of their admission arrangements are published in this booklet.

School Organisation

North Tyneside has two school systems

A **two tier system** consisting of:

- Primary Schools - for children aged from 5 to 11
- High Schools - for children aged from 11 to 16 (18+)

The two tier system operates in the areas of North Shields, Longbenton, Seaton Burn, Killingworth and Wallsend.

There are: -
48 Primary Schools

Below is a breakdown of the organisation of our schools

24 Community Schools
9 Roman Catholic Schools
3 Church of England Schools
12 Learning Trust Schools

There are 9 High Schools
1 Community School
1 Roman Catholic School
7 Learning Trust Schools

A **three tier system** consisting of:

- First Schools - for children aged from 5 to 9
- Middle Schools - for children aged from 9 to 13
- High Schools - for children aged from 13 to 16 (18+)

The three tier system operates in the areas of Monkseaton and Whitley Bay.

There are: -
8 First Schools
4 Middle Schools
2 High Schools

Below is a breakdown of the organisation of our schools

1 Learning Trust First School
7 Community First Schools

There are 4 Community Middle Schools

There are 2 High Schools
1 Learning Trust High School
1 Trust High School

You can move your child/children between the two systems if you wish, provided there are places available and you meet any admissions criteria.

Types of Schools

Learning Trust School

The North Tyneside Learning Trust School is a Local Authority maintained school which is supported by a charitable Trust which appoints some of the Governors. It remains part of the Local Authority family of schools. However, it does mean that the school becomes its own admission authority and has its own admission policy. The Governing Body becomes the employer and land, building and assets are transferred from the Local Authority and held by the Trust. The North Tyneside Learning Trust was established on 3 September 2010.

Trust School

A Trust School is a state-funded foundation school supported by a charity, referred to as the Trust. The Trust is made up of partners working together for the benefit of the school. The Governing Body decide their own admissions using their own admission policy, which may be different to Community Schools in North Tyneside.

Voluntary Aided Schools (VA)

Governing Bodies of Roman Catholic and Church of England Schools decide their own admissions using their own policies and admission criteria, which will be different to Community Schools in North Tyneside. Their admission policies can be found in this booklet or in the individual school prospectuses.

Community Schools

The Local Authority decides on the admissions and places are allocated using the Council's admission criteria published in this booklet.

Other Admission Authorities

Additional information about **Roman Catholic Schools** in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle can be obtained from –

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
Schools Commission St Vincent's,
The Roman Way, West Denton,
Newcastle Upon Tyne.
NE15 7PY.
Tel: 0191 243 3310

Additional information about **Church of England Schools** in the Diocese of Newcastle can be obtained from:-

Diocese of Newcastle Education Board
St Johns Terrace,
North Shields,
Tyne and Wear.
NE29 6HS
Tel: 0191 270 4141

Early Years Provision for 3 and 4 Year Olds

North Tyneside Local Authority has a responsibility to provide free part-time early years education for all three and four year olds, for a maximum of five school terms before the child reaches compulsory school age. A place can be provided in a nursery class or reception class in a school, in the private sector, in the Voluntary sector (for example a playgroup), or in the Council's childcare facility. A child becomes eligible for a free part-time education place from the term after their third birthday. This does not affect the arrangements for the admission of four year olds to full-time education in a reception class. **Further information can be obtained from the Families Information Services on telephone number: 0345 2000 108.**

Nursery Schools with Nursery Classes

North Tyneside has one (1) nursery school, which is managed by the Local Authority. Children are admitted from 3 years old, attendance is part-time in school term time only. North Tyneside has fifty one (51) nursery classes, which are attached to First and Primary Schools. Children can be admitted from 3 years old, attendance is part-time in school term time only.

Private and Voluntary Sector Nurseries

These include a variety of different types of provision, all offering full and part-time care and

education for children aged 0-5 years. Charges can vary from full fees to subsidised fees. Most day nurseries and eligible playgroups will offer parents a free nursery education place without having to take up any additional childcare hours. This is subject to availability. **The Families Information Service can assist you in finding a vacant place, please ring 0345 2000 108.**

Local Authority Childcare Nurseries

North Tyneside is well resourced in terms of full day care provision (nurseries) known as North Tyneside Childcare Nurseries. They offer full and part-time care and education for children aged 0-5 years. All North Tyneside Childcare Nurseries have a mixture of free and fee-paying places. Free places are available to children who meet certain criteria. All North Tyneside Childcare nurseries will offer parents a free nursery education place without additional childcare hours (subject to availability).

Contact: The Families Information Service for assistance on telephone 0345 2000 108.

Admission to Nursery Education

The Local Authority has an extensive system of nursery provision, which helps prepare children for the reception class. As well as a Nursery School, the majority of North Tyneside's First and Primary Schools have Nursery classes attached. You should apply as soon as possible to the Headteacher of your local nursery, First or Primary School who will be able to give you more details about admissions. Children may be admitted to a nursery class the term after they reach their third birthday but this will depend upon the availability of places in particular areas. Part-time attendance allows the maximum number of children to benefit from nursery education. Full-time places may be available in special circumstances. Part-time attendance (usually 5 mornings or 5 afternoon sessions per week) allows the maximum number of children to benefit from nursery education. This will be the maximum amount of funding allocated. One nursery session is based on three hours in length. Full-time places may be available in special circumstances. If you live in North Tyneside, admission to a nursery class is not dependent on the area you live in. Pre-school children with special educational needs may receive advice and help in their own home from a pre-school teacher. Children with special educational needs have priority for places in nursery schools and nursery classes throughout North Tyneside.

Admission Arrangements for Community, Nursery School and Nursery Classes

Applications for nursery places should be made directly to the school before the end of January preceding admission in September. Offers of a place should be made as soon as possible after this date.

Where demand for places at nursery schools and classes exceeds the number of places available, the following admission arrangements are used to decide which children will be admitted to the nursery.

Oversubscription Criteria For Nursery Schools and Nursery Classes

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs where the statement names the school will take priority

1. 'Looked After Children' meaning children who are in the care of a Local Authority or accommodated by that authority
2. Children living within the catchment area
3. The presence of a brother or sister already in the nursery school/class or in the main school
4. Any remaining places are allocated to children living nearest the school as measured by a straight line from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school using the Council's GIS/ONE system, with those living closer to the school receiving

higher priority. It is not the distance travelled by a bus or car.

Priority will be given to children who live within the catchment area and who will have a brother or sister attending the nursery at the time of admission.

The distance measurement will be used as a tie-breaker within each criterion, where necessary

Preference may be given to children where there is a referral made by Social Services Department or Health Professionals i.e. special, social or medical reasons.

Where places cannot be offered Schools will hold a waiting list up to the start of the Autumn Term. Children are placed on the waiting list according to the oversubscription criteria with no reference to the date of the application, and within each criterion their place is ordered by shortest distance measured in a straight line from the centre of the parent's home address to the centre of the school. If a place becomes available it will be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list.

If you do not get a place in your preferred nursery school or nursery class you cannot appeal against the decision. There is a complaints procedure, which is published in this booklet if you are not satisfied with the outcome of your application. For admission to a Voluntary Aided Nursery Class you should contact the Headteacher direct for a copy of the school's admission policy.

** Parents should note that attendance at a nursery or co-located children's centre does not guarantee admission to the school.

When your child reaches First/Primary school age you **MUST** make an application for your child to attend the reception class.

Admission Arrangements Community Schools

In determining admissions, priority will be given to those applications received by the deadline date. All Community Schools operate an **equal preference system** for processing parental preferences.

Where we receive more applications than places available the following admission criteria are used to decide on admission to Community First, Primary, Middle and High Schools.

In accordance with the Education Act 1996, children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs are required to be admitted to the school named in the statement. Thereafter the following oversubscription criteria will apply.

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Children who are 'Looked After' meaning children who are in the care of a Local Authority or accommodated by that authority
2. Children living within the catchment area
3. If places remain, priority is given to children with an older brother or sister attending the school in September 2012. The sibling link does not apply to pupils proposing to return to years 12 and 13 of a school (6th Form)
4. Any remaining places are allocated to children living nearest the school measured in a straight line from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school using the Council's GIS/ONE system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority

Priority will be given to children who live within the catchment area and who will have an older brother or sister attending the school in September 2012.

The above distance measurement will also be used as a 'tiebreaker' within each criterion, if necessary.

At anytime in the procedures, consideration can be given to applications made on special grounds e.g. medical conditions or social needs.

How does the Equal Preference System work? Stage 1

All first, second and third preference applications are considered equally against the admission criteria. At this stage there is no distinction between first, second and third preference applications. For example, if a school has 120 places and there are 300 first, second and third preference applications all applications are considered equally against the admission criteria.

Stage 2

If a pupil qualifies for a place at more than one school the parent's highest ranked preference will be offered and any lower ranking offers will be disregarded. For example, the parent's first and third preferences might both qualify for a place, in which case the parent would be offered their first preference, leaving the place at the third preference school available for another child.

Explanation of Oversubscription Criteria

A 'Looked After' Child

A 'Looked After' child is a child who is in the care of a Local Authority or provided with accommodation by an Authority (**this does not include Voluntary Care**). We give 'Looked After' children priority in our oversubscription criteria. This means that when a place becomes available in the school year it can be offered to these children to ensure that they are quickly placed in an appropriate school. It is a statutory requirement that Admission Authorities give top priority to 'Looked After' children in their oversubscription criteria.

Catchment Areas

All Community and Trust Schools in North Tyneside have a defined geographic area called a catchment area. You can find out which particular school's catchment area you live in by logging onto www.northtyneside.gov.uk alternatively you can call the Access Team on telephone number **0191 643 8724**.

Sibling Link

If your child has a brother or sister residing at the same address (including adoptive siblings, half siblings, step siblings, and long term fostered children) attending your preferred school in September 2012, we will consider this as a sibling link. However, no guarantee is given that siblings can transfer to the same school where the school is oversubscribed.

Distance

We will measure in a straight line from the centre of the parental home address (including flats) to the centre of the school using the Council's GIS/ONE system. Those living closer to the school will receive higher priority.

'Tiebreaker' – Distance Measurement

Where there are not enough places to admit all the children falling within a particular criterion a distance measurement will also be used as a tiebreaker using the Council's GIS/ONE system. We will measure in a straight line from the centre of the parental home address (including flats) to the centre of the school and those living closer to the school will receive higher priority.

Parental Home Residence

When considering your application the Local Authority will use the parental home residence of the Parent/Carer who receives the child benefit for the child/ren. Your home address is an important factor as school places are allocated on the basis of the home address of each child. This must be the child's permanent home address where he/she lives with a person of parental responsibility as the main carer (as defined by the Children Act 1989). If the address on your application form is **not** your child's normal address, you must provide a Residence Order issued by a court, if you wish that address to be considered. We reserve the right to request independent confirmation of a child's place of residence, as felt appropriate.

Parental Responsibility

Who is a 'parent' in relation to education legislation? Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines the term parent as:

- All natural parents married or not
- Any person who has obtained 'parental' responsibility (**we will require documentary evidence**)
- Any person without being a natural parent or having 'parental responsibility' who has care of the pupil (**we will require documentary evidence**)

Shared Parental Responsibility

Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility each for part of the week the Local Authority will use the parental home residence of the Parent/Carer who receives the child benefit for the child/ren. Documentary evidence will be requested.

Advice for Parents

Deciding Your Child's School

The most important decision you will make in your child's education will be to decide on the right school. Making the right choice for you and your child will involve a lot of research and planning. The most important thing you can do before deciding on a school for your child is to find as much information as possible about the school you are interested in. Please follow the advice below before completing your application form for your child/ren.

You do not have a right to choose the school your child will go to, you do however have a right to express a preference. Our ability to meet your preference will depend upon not only the demand for places at an individual school but also on the number of places available.

Visit the School

One of the best ways to assess the school is by visiting it in person. You should make an appointment with the Headteacher. Consider the distance and accessibility of the school. When your child is older, will they be able to safely walk to the school? A visit to a school does not mean that your child will be offered a place, nor does it give priority for places. Parents should not assume that an offer of a visit by a school constitutes any obligation on the part of the school or the Local Authority. The school cannot offer your child/ren a place.

Obtain the School Prospectus

Each year, every school publishes a brochure called a prospectus. The prospectus can tell you more about a particular school than the Local Authority booklet. You can obtain a copy from the school direct. It is an important document, so be sure to receive the prospectuses from all the schools you are interested in.

Check the Performance Tables

Every year the Department for Education (DfE) publishes performance tables for schools. Though they cannot give a complete picture of a school, performance tables provide a guide to how well a school is doing. You can obtain a copy of the school's performance tables by contacting telephone number **0800 24 23 22** or you can download copies from **www.dcsf.gov.uk/performance**

Research Ofsted Reports

It may also be helpful to read the Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) reports, which are produced by the Government's School Inspectors. A report is available for every school and copies of the reports are available from the schools direct or by logging onto www.ofsted.gov.uk you may also find it useful to visit www.parentscentre.gov.uk

Check your Catchment Area School

You should not assume that you live within a particular schools catchment area, some streets are split and therefore it is always best to check. You can check which catchment area you live in by logging onto www.northtyneside.gov.uk catchment area maps are also available on our website. You can also contact the Access Team to find out which catchment area school you live, **telephone 0191 643 8724**.

Consider the Admission Policy

A school admission policy lays down the method by which a school will allocate its places. Admission Authorities have a legal responsibility to publish a clear admission policy and to implement it rigorously when considering applications. This is to ensure that the process is fair and transparent. You can find the admission policy for all schools in this booklet. **Before completing your application form consider the admission policy for all the school(s) at which you are applying for and estimate your realistic chance of being offered a place at a particular school.** You can assess this by working out how high up in the oversubscription criteria your child will be.

Medical and Social Need

At any time in the procedures we can consider individual applications made on special grounds in cases involving exceptional medical or social needs. If you are applying under this category **your application must be supported by a letter from a relevant registered health professional i.e. a doctor or social worker.** The evidence must demonstrate why the chosen school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child were to attend another school e.g. where one or both parents of the child has a disability that may make travel to a school further away more difficult. **We will not consider such applications if the relevant evidence is not provided.** If provided the evidence will be assessed by the Local Authority Admission Panel. No assumption should be made that submission of the relevant evidence will, in itself, be

sufficient to allocate a place. Illness such as asthma or a child's nervousness at starting school will not be considered.

Check the Published Admission Number (PAN) for the School

All schools have a published admission number largely based on the size of the school buildings and their capacity to accommodate pupils. Once a published admission number has been set, the Admission Authority must respect that number. Pupils should not normally be admitted above the published admission number unless exceptional circumstances apply for example where a child is given a Statement of Special Educational Need which names the school which is oversubscribed. Each school's published admission number is on **page 62** of this booklet.

Look at the Statistics from the Previous Year

You can check which schools were oversubscribed from the statistical information (**please see page 23**), this will tell you the number of applications which were received and the number of appeals that were heard. However, parents should note that these figures could change dramatically from year to year.

The Parental Partnership and Choice Advice Service

This service provides advice and assistance to parents (including parents of vulnerable children and to those with special educational needs and disabilities) to enable them to make informed decisions and choices about their child's education including preferred choice of school. The Parental Partnership and Choice Advice Officer does not take decisions for parents and cannot guarantee a place at a particular school. **For more information, please contact the Families Information Service on telephone 0345 2000 108.**

Use all Three Preferences

In North Tyneside you can apply for up to three schools in order of preference. If you only apply for one school, you will not be considered for other schools. Schools do not know the order you have ranked them on your application form or which schools you have applied for. This information is confidential prior to the allocation of school places.

Be Realistic

The more realistic you are when deciding which schools to apply for, the more likely it is that you will get one of your preferred schools.

Completing your Application Form

When completing your application form, you need to consider very carefully at which school(s) you wish to apply for a place and assess accurately at which school you have the best chance of being offered a place for your child. You can submit only one application form for consideration and can apply for up to three schools. You may include school(s) in other authorities. We strongly recommend that you name more than one school. We do not operate a feeder school system for Community and Trust Schools you **must apply** for your child's school place. If you have a preference for a Voluntary Aided School you must list it on your application form. There is no need to put the same school down more than once. Putting down more than one preference **does not** affect how your application is dealt with. If you would like your child to attend your catchment area school you must specify the school as a preference on your application. Where your catchment area school is oversubscribed, those living in the catchment and not identifying it as a preference will forfeit a place at the school. **If you have medical or social reasons for wanting a place at a school you must include with your application a letter of support from a relevant registered health professional i.e. a doctor or social worker. The evidence must demonstrate why the chosen school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child were to attend another school. Illness such as asthma or a child's nervousness at starting school will not be considered.**

The Local Authority is not in a position to guarantee a place being offered at any school including your catchment area school in response to your preferences

Applying for a Voluntary Aided School

If you are applying for a Voluntary Aided School you need to include it on your application. Everyone must complete the Local Authorities application form you should also **complete Section B of the form** as well as any other supplementary form which may be required as part of the school's own admission process. You need to be aware that Voluntary Aided Schools have different admission policies and oversubscription criteria to Community and Trust Schools which decide how they will offer their places; their Admission Policies can be found on **page 31** of this booklet. You will need to consider

the admission policy for any Voluntary Aided School you express a preference for; in order to determine what criteria each individual school will use to consider your application. Requests for Voluntary Aided Schools will be forwarded to the individual school so the Governing Body can consider your application.

Twins and Multiple Birth Children

Where parents have twins and only one school place is available on **'offer day'** the parent will be notified in writing and the decision will lie with the parent as to whether they will take up the school place, or decide to send their children to different schools. The same will apply to parents with triplets. However, where parents do not take up the school place, the place will be offered to the next child on the waiting list.

Contacts in Other Authorities

You can seek advice about admission to schools in neighbouring authorities on the following telephone numbers: -

Gateshead Local Authority	0191 433 2775
Newcastle Local Authority	0191 277 7428
Northumberland Local Authority	01670 533 697

Returning your Application Form

It is your responsibility to make sure that your application form is received by the closing date. We recommend that you apply online at **www.northtyneside.gov.uk/schooladmission** as it is quicker and easier and it cannot get lost in the post. **If you decide to complete a paper application you may want to return it by recorded delivery as in the event that we do not receive your application, proof of posting will be required.** Allegations from 'Late' applicants stating that their application form has been lost in the post or lost by the Local Authority will not be considered without proof of receipt from you. **Remember it is your responsibility to ensure your application is received on time paper applications should be returned to: The Access Team, Floor 3, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant West, Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY.**

If you submit a 'Late' application you may not be offered a place at your preferred school.

What happens if someone uses a Fraudulent Address or gives other false information on their application?

Every year we have cases where parents give false information about their home address to get a place at a particular school. This includes cases where parents take out a short term let or buy property solely to use its address on their application form without intention of taking up permanent residence there. We do all we can to make sure that this does not happen because this can prevent genuine applicants from getting a place at a school. In fairness to all parents, the Local Authority will investigate all allegations of fraudulent addresses brought to their attention and, where appropriate, may seek further proof of residency. If you have any concerns or information about the use of fraudulent addresses, please contact the Access Team in confidence on telephone number 0191 643 8724.

Fraudulent address claims may lead to a school place being withdrawn. Where a place is withdrawn the application will be considered afresh, and a right of appeal offered if a place is refused.

Change of Address after the Closing Date (moving into a particular schools catchment area)

It is your responsibility to notify the Local Authority of any change of address. We cannot reserve places for pupils moving into a catchment area. **Therefore if you have not exchanged contracts or have not signed a tenancy agreement we cannot use your new address to allocate a school place.** Any school place offered would be on the assumption that your child will still be living at this address in September 2012. We may ask for supporting documentation if necessary.

You should note if you move into a particular schools catchment area and do not notify us by 18 January 2012 for Middle and High School applications and 28 February 2012 for First and Primary applications your new address will not be considered before the 'offer day'

Change of Address after the Closing Date (moving out of a particular schools catchment area)

It is your responsibility to notify the Local Authority of any change of address. If you move out of a particular schools catchment area you must contact us in writing immediately as this may affect the offer

of your child's school place. Any school place will be on the basis of the address on the application and the assumption that your child will be still living at this address in September 2012

Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs

The Admission Authority (even when it is the Governing Body) must admit a child with a statement of special educational needs that names the school whether they have places or not. This is not an oversubscription criterion. If your child has a statement of special educational needs you will still need to complete your application form to express your preference(s). Children with statements naming schools count towards the published admission number. The admission arrangements for children with a statement of special education needs are specifically excluded from the usual arrangements, including appeal arrangements; under section 424 (3)b of the Education Act 1996. The appeal in the case of a child with a statement is to the First Tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs & Disability), which is different from an appeals panel. If your child has special needs but not a statement your application for a school place will be considered on the basis of the published admission arrangements.

Home to School Transport

It should be noted that eligibility for assistance with home to school transport is in accordance with the Local Authority home to school transport policy (**please see page 51**) and will only be considered in relation to the nearest school

Admission to First and Primary Schools

At What Age is my child Admitted?

By law a child must attend school at the beginning of the term following his/her fifth birthday or on the fifth birthday if that is the first day of term, If your child's birthday falls between **1 September 2007** and **31 August 2008** you should complete an application form for admission to Reception Class.

Do I have a choice of which school I can send my child to?

You do not have a right to choose which school your child will go to, **you only have a right to express a preference.** Our ability to meet your preference will depend upon not only the demand for places at an individual school but also on the number of places available.

How do I get an Application Form?

From **9 September 2011** you can apply online at www.northtyneside.gov.uk/schooladmission this is a quick and easy process and will provide you with immediate notification of receipt of your application form, please ensure you apply by the deadline date **16 January 2012**. Alternatively you can complete a paper application; these are available from your child's current nursery class/school. If your child does not attend a nursery class or school **you should** contact the **Access Team on telephone number 0191 643 8724 before 16 January 2012**.

****You can submit only one application form therefore there is no need to submit both an online and paper application.**

Number of Preferences to include on your application

You can apply for up to three schools we strongly advise that you name more than one school in case your choice of school is oversubscribed. If you do not name more than one school we will not know which other schools you may have been interested in.

Returning your Application Form

If you have applied online you will have received notification that we have received your application. If you have chosen to complete a paper application you must return it to: **The Access Team, Floor 3, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant West, Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY by the deadline date 16 January 2012.** ****Please ensure that you put the correct postage on your envelope. If you do not, the post office will not deliver your application and it will not be received in time and will therefore be considered 'Late'.**

Do NOT return your application to your child's Nursery Class/School.

What happens if you do not reside in North Tyneside?

If you do not reside in North Tyneside and would like your child to attend one of our First or Primary Schools you will need to contact your **'home'** Local Authority and complete their application form. However, if you are not offered the North Tyneside School you applied for; we will not automatically offer you an alternative school in North Tyneside, if no other preferences were expressed. It is up to

your **'home'** Local Authority to ensure your child has a school place.

Where we receive more applications than places available at a particular Community School the oversubscription criteria on page 10 will be applied.

Infant Class Size Limit (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Infant classes of 5, 6 and 7 year olds must not contain more than 30 pupils with a single qualified teacher. Class size prejudice will arise if more children are admitted into a particular year group. Class size prejudice means that the admission authority would have to take qualifying measures, such as employing an additional teacher or introducing or increasing mixed age group teaching, to ensure that children are not taught in classes of more than 30 pupils.

We provide the opportunity for all children to start schooling earlier where parents wish on the following basis: -

- children with fifth birthdays between 1st September and 31st December are offered places from the start of the Autumn Term.
- children with fifth birthdays between 1st January and 30th April are offered admission part-time from the beginning of the Autumn Term. (Staggered if necessary, up to half term) and full time from the beginning of the Spring Term.
- children with fifth birthdays between 1st May and 31st August are offered part-time places after the Autumn Half Term holiday and full-time from the start of the Spring Term.

Headteachers have some discretion to offer provision earlier in the Autumn Term. Please contact the Headteacher of your preferred school for details.

Parents should not assume that admission to a particular nursery class or co-located children's centre gives priority for subsequent admission to the reception class of that school.

Deferred Entry to First and Primary School

Where admission authorities offer places in reception class to parents before their child/ren is of compulsory school age admission authorities must allow parents to request that their child's entry be deferred until later in the same school year. The effect is that the school place is held for that child and is not available to be offered to another child. The parent would not be able to defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the beginning of the academic year for which the original application was accepted.

The Procedure

Co-ordinated Admission Scheme

North Tyneside operates a Co-ordinated Admission Scheme with other Admission Authorities within the borough i.e. Voluntary Aided and Trust Schools and with our neighbouring Authorities. These Authorities are Gateshead, Newcastle and Northumberland. This means that we compare applications we receive against those submitted to the authorities above to ensure that we have received only one application for each child who is due to transfer into Reception Class. This procedure makes it simpler for parents to apply on one form for schools administered by different Admission Authorities. All parents will be sent an offer of a school place on **Monday 16 April 2012**. You can download a full copy of our Co-ordinated Admission Scheme on our website at www.northtyneside.gov.uk or a copy can be sent out to you by telephoning the Access Team on telephone number **0191 643 8724**.

Proof of Address

If you have listed a school which is normally oversubscribed on your application form (**please see statistics on page 23**) you may be asked to provide us with proof of your address to confirm that you are residing within the schools catchment area. Every year admission authorities have to withdrawn offers of places because parents give false information about their child's true residence. If the address on your application is not your child's normal address, you must provide us with a Residence Order issued by a court, if you wish that address to be considered.

What happens if I want to change the school I have applied for?

Once you have submitted your application form and the closing date has passed you **cannot** change your preference(s) without a genuine reason i.e. you have

moved address proof of ownership or tenancy agreement will be required. **Your original application will be cancelled and a new application must be submitted which will be classed as 'Late'**. You should be aware that this **will reduce** your chance of gaining a place at the school(s) you prefer. If you change your preference(s) after the 'offer' day any place previously offered at a school in North Tyneside will be withdrawn and you will be notified of the outcome.

Late Applications

If you return your application **after Monday 16 January 2012** your application will be considered as **'Late'** unless exceptional circumstances exist. You should be aware that this **will reduce** your chance of gaining a place at your preferred school. Parents returning their application after **Monday 16 January 2012 must** give a reason why their application was 'Late'. The Local Authority will consider your reasons and if they are exceptional will consider your application along with those received on time. Applications received before **28 February 2012** for a good reason or in exceptional circumstances may be considered. Examples of what may be considered as a good reason or exceptional circumstances include when a family has just moved into the North Tyneside area (proof of ownership or tenancy agreement will be required), other cases may be considered and each case decided on its own merits. Applications which are not deemed to be exceptional will not be processed until after **16 April 2012**. However, parents will receive an offer of a school place on 16 April at their catchment area school if a vacancy exists or at the nearest appropriate school measured by direct distance.

You are much less likely to be offered a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply 'Late'.

No Application Received

If you do not complete an application form on **16 April 2012** your child will be allocated a place at your catchment area school if a vacancy exists or at the nearest appropriate school with a vacancy measured by direct distance from the centre of your home address (including flats) to the centre of the school using the Local Authority's GIS/ONE System.

16 April 2012 – 'Offer Day'

On Monday 16 April 2012 a letter will be **sent out**

to you by **2nd class post** informing you which school your child has been offered (this means you may not receive your letter until 18 April). Parents who have not been allocated a place at any of their preferred schools, will be allocated a place at their catchment area school if a vacancy exists or at the nearest appropriate school with a vacancy measured by direct distance. If parents are dissatisfied with the response to their preferences they have the right to present their case to the Independent Appeals Panel (**please see page 21**).

If you have not been offered your preferred school, you are advised to accept the school place you have been offered to ensure that your child has a place for September 2012. Accepting the school place offered will not affect your chances of getting a place at a school you prefer more, either through the waiting list process or through an appeal.

On 16 April 2012 parents should not contact the Access Team as we are unable to inform you over the telephone which school your child has been offered. You must wait until you have received your letter.

Acceptance Slip - deadline date Monday 30 April 2012

It is important that you return your acceptance slip by the deadline date **30 April 2012**. **Failure to return your acceptance slip will result in the school place being withdrawn and offered to the next child on the waiting list.**

Waiting Lists

If your child has not been allocated a place at any school you ranked higher on your application form than the school you were offered on 16 April you may request to place your child's name on the waiting list by completing and returning the waiting list slip to: **The Access Team, Floor 3, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant West, Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY.**

****Please note your child's name will not automatically be placed on the waiting list you must complete and return the waiting list slip by Monday 30 April 2012.**

How do the Waiting Lists Operate?

The Local Authority holds waiting lists for all schools including Voluntary Aided and Trust Schools. If you

have been refused any of your preferred school(s) you will have the opportunity to place your child's name on the waiting list. You may place your child's name on a waiting list for more than one school. Waiting lists are established after 16 April 2012. Children are placed on the waiting list according to the oversubscription criteria regardless of when their application was received and within each criterion their place is ordered by shortest distance measured by direct distance from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school. If pupil numbers fall below the published admission number the place will be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list. **This means a child who is on the waiting list will move down the list if another 'Late' application is received that falls within a higher priority under the oversubscription criteria.** Waiting lists for all schools will be held for one term in the academic year i.e. **14 December 2012**; no list will be kept for any individual school thereafter, either by the Local Authority or by any individual school. If the school is a Voluntary Aided School you should contact the school direct to discuss their admission policy.

Withdrawing Offers of a School Place

When considering your application only the address of the parent/carer with whom the child normally lives with and who is in receipt of the child benefit will be taken into account. The address of childminders or other relatives or friends who may help you look after your child must not be used on your application form. If the address on your application is not your child's normal address, you must provide a Residence Order issued by a court, if you wish this address to be considered. We reserve the right to seek proof of your address and it should be noted that an offer of a school place may be withdrawn if information is supplied by you on your application is intentionally misleading or fraudulent (for example a false claim to a residence in the catchment area). Where a place is withdrawn on the basis of misleading information the application will be considered afresh, and a right of appeal offered if a place is refused.

Cancelling your School Place

If you move out of North Tyneside or your child will be attending a Private School you should notify the Access Team immediately in writing as you may be holding a place at an oversubscribed school. This will enable the Admission Authority to offer the place to the next child on the waiting list.

Reserved Places

Places in North Tyneside Schools will not be held

back or reserved in the expectation of further applications from families moving into the area.

Admission to Middle and High Schools

At what Age does my child Transfer School? First to Middle School

If your child is in the last year of a First School and their date of birth is between **1 September 2003 to 31 August 2004** you will need to complete an application form for admission to year 5 of a Middle School.

Primary to High School

If your child is in the last year of a Primary School and their date of birth is between **1 September 2001 to 31 August 2002** you will need to complete an application form for admission to year 7 of a High School.

Middle to High School

If your child is in the last year of a Middle School and their date of birth is between **1 September 1999 to 31 August 2000** you will need to complete an application form for admission to year 9 of a High School.

Do I have a choice of which school I can send my child to?

You do not have a right to choose which school your child will go to, **you only have a right to express a preference.** Our ability to meet your preference will depend upon not only the demand for places at an individual school but also on the number of places available.

How do I get an Application Form?

From **9 September 2011** you can apply online at www.northtyneside.gov.uk/schooladmission this is a quick and easy process and will provide you with immediate notification of receipt of your application form, please ensure you apply by the deadline date **Monday 31 October 2011**. Alternatively you can complete a paper application; these are available from your child's current school.

****You can submit only one application form therefore there is no need to submit both an online and paper application.**

Number of Preferences to include on your application

You can apply for up to three schools we strongly advise that you name more than one school in case your choice of school is oversubscribed. If you do

not name more than one school we will not know which other schools you may have been interested in.

Returning your Application Form

The preference period lasts for 6 weeks, from **9 September 2011 to 31 October 2011** and it is your responsibility to ensure that your application form is received on time. If you have applied online you will have received notification that we have received your application. If you have chosen to complete a paper application you must return it to: **The Access Team, Floor 3, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant West, Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY** by the deadline date **Monday 31 October 2011**. ****Please ensure that you put the correct postage on your envelope. If you do not, the post office will not deliver your application and it will not be received in time and will therefore be considered 'Late'.**

Do NOT return your application to your child's current school.

What happens if you do not reside in North Tyneside?

If you do not reside in North Tyneside and would like your child to attend one of our Middle or High Schools you will need to contact your **'home'** Local Authority and complete their application form. However, if you are not offered the North Tyneside School you applied for, we will not automatically offer you an alternative school in North Tyneside, if no other preferences were expressed. It is up to your **'home'** Local Authority to ensure your child has a school place.

Admission to a particular First/Primary School does not guarantee a place at the Middle/High School to which most children from that school normally transfer. Where we receive more applications than places available at a particular Community School the oversubscription criteria on page 10 will be applied.

The Procedure

Co-ordinated Admission Scheme

North Tyneside operates a Co-ordinated Admission Scheme with other Admission Authorities within the borough i.e. Voluntary Aided and Trust Schools and with our neighbouring Authorities. These Authorities are Gateshead, Newcastle and Northumberland. This means that we compare applications we receive against those submitted to the authorities above to ensure that we have received only one application for each child who is due to transfer into a Middle or High School. This procedure makes it simpler for parents to apply on one form for schools administered by different Admission Authorities. All parents will be sent an offer of a school place on 'National Offer Day' **Thursday 1 March 2012**. You can download a full copy of our Co-ordinated Admission Scheme on our website at www.northtyneside.gov.uk or a copy can be sent out to you by telephoning the Access Team on telephone number **0191 643 8724**.

Proof of Address

If you have listed a school which is normally oversubscribed on your application form (**please see statistics on page 23**) you may be asked to provide us with proof of your address to confirm that you are residing within the schools catchment area. Every year admission authorities have to withdraw offers of places because parents give false information about their child's true residence. If the address on your application is not your child's normal address, you must provide us with a Residence Order issued by a court, if you wish that address to be considered.

What happens if I want to change the School I have applied for?

Once you have submitted your application form and the **closing date** has passed you **cannot** change your preference(s) without a genuine reason i.e. you have moved address proof of ownership or tenancy agreement will be required. Your original application will be cancelled and a new application must be submitted which will be classed as 'Late'. You should be aware that this **will** reduce your chance of gaining a place at the school(s) you prefer. If you change your preference(s) after the 'offer' day any place previously offered at a school in North Tyneside will be withdrawn and you will be notified of the outcome.

Late Applications

If you return your application after **Monday 31 October 2011** your application will be considered

as 'Late' unless exceptional circumstances exist. You should be aware that this will reduce your chance of gaining a place at your preferred school. Parents returning their application after **Monday 31 October 2011** must give a reason why their application was 'Late'. The Local Authority will consider your reasons and if they are exceptional will consider your application along with those received on time. Applications received before **18 January 2012** for a good reason or in exceptional circumstances may be considered. Examples of what may be considered as a good reason or exceptional circumstances include when a family has just moved into the North Tyneside area (proof of ownership or tenancy agreement will be required), other cases may be considered and each case decided on its own merits. Applications which are not deemed to be exceptional will not be processed until after **1 March 2012**. However, parents will receive an offer of a school place on 1 March at their catchment area school if a vacancy exists or at the nearest appropriate school measured by direct distance.

You are much less likely to be offered a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply 'Late'.

No Application Received

If you do not complete an application form on **1 March 2012** your child will be allocated a place at your catchment area school if a vacancy exists or at the nearest appropriate school with a vacancy measured by direct distance from the centre of your home address to the centre of the school measured by the Local Authority's GIS/ONE System.

1 March 2012 – 'National Offer Day'

On Monday **1 March 2012** a letter will be **sent out** to you by **2nd class post** informing you which school your child has been offered (this means you may not receive your letter until 3 March). Parents who have not been allocated a place at any of their preferred schools, will be allocated a place at their catchment area school if a vacancy exists or at the nearest appropriate school with a vacancy measured by direct distance. If parents are dissatisfied with the response to their preferences they have the right to present their case to the Independent Appeals Panel (**please see page 21**).

If you have not been offered your preferred school, you are advised to accept the school place you

have been offered to ensure that your child has a place for September 2012. Accepting the school place offered will not affect your chances of getting a place at a school you prefer more, either through the waiting list process or through an appeal.

On 1 March 2012 parents should not contact the Access Team as we are unable to inform you over the telephone which school your child has been offered. You must wait until you have received your letter.

Acceptance Slip - deadline date Monday 15 March 2012

It is important that you return your acceptance slip by the deadline date **15 March 2012**. Failure to return your acceptance slip will result in the school place being withdrawn and offered to the next child on the waiting list.

Waiting Lists

If your child has not been allocated a place at any school you ranked higher on your application form than the school you were offered on 1 March you may request to place your child's name on the waiting list by completing and returning the Waiting List slip to: **The Access Team, Floor 3, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant West, Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY.**

****Please note your child's name will not automatically be placed on the waiting list you must complete and return the waiting list slip by Thursday 15 March 2012.**

How do the Waiting Lists Operate?

The Local Authority holds waiting lists for all schools including Voluntary Aided and Trust Schools. If you have been refused any of your preferred school(s) you will have the opportunity to place your child's name on the waiting list. You may place your child's name on a waiting list for more than one school. Waiting lists are established after 1 March 2012. Children are placed on the waiting list according to the oversubscription criteria regardless of when their application was received and within each criterion their place is ordered by shortest distance measured by direct distance from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school. If pupil numbers fall below the published admission number the place will be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list. **This means a child who is on the waiting list will move down**

the list if another 'Late' application is received that falls within a higher priority under the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists for all schools will be held for one term in the academic year i.e. 14 December 2012; no list will be kept for any individual school thereafter, either by the Local Authority or by any individual school. If the school is a Voluntary Aided School you should contact the school direct to discuss their admission policy.

Withdrawing Offers of a School Place

When considering your application only the address of the parent/carer with whom the child normally lives with and who is in receipt of the child benefit will be taken into account. The address of childminders or other relatives or friends who may help you look after your child must not be used on your application form. If the address on your application is not your child's normal address, you must provide a Residence Order issued by a court, if you wish this address to be considered. We reserve the right to seek proof of your address and it should be noted that an offer of a school place may be withdrawn if information is supplied by you on your application is intentionally misleading or fraudulent for example a false claim to a residence in the catchment area. Where a place is withdrawn on the basis of misleading information the application will be considered afresh, and a right of appeal offered if a place is refused.

labelling your School Place

If you move out of North Tyneside or your child will be attending a Private School you should notify the Access Team immediately in writing as you may be holding a place at an oversubscribed school. This will enable the Admission Authority to offer the place to the next child on the waiting list.

Reserved Places

Places in North Tyneside Schools will not be held back or reserved in the expectation of further applications from families moving into the area.

Open Evenings

It is strongly recommended that parents/carers attend the open evenings for the schools that they are interested in. Open evenings give parents and pupils the opportunity to gain a good overview of the school by meeting staff and pupils and gathering information about the school. Parents should note that these dates were correct at the time of print; however, you are advised to ensure that the dates below have not changed before your visit.

Dates and Times of School Open Evenings

School	Date	Time
Marden Bridge Middle	Monday 3 October 2011	6pm – 8pm
Monkseaton Middle	Wednesday 5 October 2011	6pm – 8pm
Valley Gardens Middle	Tuesday 4 October 2011	6pm – 8pm
Wellfield Middle	Thursday 6 October 2011	6pm – 8pm
Burnside Business Enterprise College	Tuesday 11 October 2011	6pm
Churchill Community College	Contact school direct	
George Stephenson High	Thursday 22 September 2011	5pm – 8pm
John Spence Community High	Contact school direct	
Longbenton Community College	Tuesday 13 September 2011	6pm and 7.15pm
Marden High	Thursday 6 October 2011	6pm – 8pm
Monkseaton High	Monday 10 October 2011	6pm -8pm
Norham Community Technology College	Tuesday 4 October 2011	5pm – 6.30pm
Seaton Burn Community College	Contact school direct	
Whitley Bay High	Tuesday 11 October 2011	6pm – 8pm
St Thomas More RC High	Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 September 2011 for Catholic Partnership Schools and Tuesday 27 September for parents who have expressed an interest	Contact school direct

Education Appeals

If parents are dissatisfied with the response to their preferences, they have the right to present their case to an Independent Appeal Panel. Before deciding to appeal you may want to think about the admission policy and your reasons for wanting your child to attend the school, your child's view of what school he/she should attend and how strong a case you have.

Panel Members

The Appeal Panel will be made up of 3 or 5 members, including lay members, who must not have had any personal experience in the management or the provision of education in any school and members with educational experience, as a teacher, parent or governor of another school. The Panel members must not have any connection with the Local Authority or the school in question. A clerk will also be in attendance to organise the meeting, give procedural advice to the Panel and record its decisions.

Informing appellants of the hearing

You will be given at least ten school days notice in writing of the place and time of the meeting of the Appeal Panel at which the appeal will be heard. If you have any additional documents such as a letter or medical report, which you want to bring to the

attention of the Appeal Panel, please send a copy to the Democratic Services, Floor 3, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant East, Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY as soon as possible. If new issues are raised for the first time at the hearing it may be necessary to adjourn the hearing to allow the other party to consider them. However, it may not be possible for the evidence to be considered at all.

Attendance

You will be given the opportunity to appear before the Appeals Panel to present your case. You may be accompanied by a friend, family member or representative to help you say what you want to say, or speak for you, or to simply give you support. A member of staff or governor from the school in question or a member of the admission authority cannot attend with you. Legal representation is not necessary. It is not necessary for your child to attend. However you do not have to attend and you can elect to allow the appeal to be considered on the basis of the statement contained in your appeal. It is better if you can attend as you are the best person to tell the Panel why you want your child to go to the school. If you choose not to attend, the appeal will be decided upon the information available.

Before the Hearing

At least seven working days before the hearing by the Appeals Panel you will be sent a written statement from the Admission Authority summarising how the admission policy applies to your case in question, and the reasons for the decision. At least three working days before the hearing you will also be given the names of the panel members and clerk who will be in attendance.

The Procedure

There are two different procedures that are followed in determining education admission appeals. One applies to admission to Key Stage 1 (reception class and years 1 & 2) and the other to all other year groups.

Key Stage 1 Appeals – Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2

Admission to Key Stage 1 year groups has to be in accordance with the statutory class size limit, which restricts classes of Reception, Year one and Year two to no more than 30 pupils in a class with a single qualified teacher. There are special rules on appeals where class size limit applies. In these cases the admission authority will submit that Class size prejudice will arise if more children are admitted into a particular year group. Class size prejudice means that the admission authority and school would have to take qualifying measures, such as employing an additional teacher or introducing or increasing mixed age group teaching, to ensure that children are not taught in classes of more than 30 pupils. In these circumstances, the Panel can only review the admission authority's decision not to give your child a place. It may only uphold an appeal if -

- the child would have been offered a place if the admission arrangements had been properly implemented;
- the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had not been contrary to the mandatory provisions in the School Admissions Code and the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998; and/or
- the decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable Admission Authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

Appeals for Year Groups other than Key Stage 1

First Stage – establishing the facts

The admission authority representative will explain why your child has not been offered a place at the school you preferred. He or she will seek to prove that the year group is already full. The technical term

is: "That to admit a further pupil to the school year would prejudice the provision of efficient education and / or the efficient use of resources" (prejudice). You will have the opportunity to ask questions and express your views about whether the school year group is full. If there is more than one appeal for the same school, other parents appealing may also be present at this stage. The Panel then considers whether the admission authority has proved its case as described above in private. The Panel will take into account your preference and the published admission arrangements. If the Panel does not find prejudice, your child (and others appealing at the same time for the same school year) will be admitted to the school. If the Panel does find prejudice then it will move to the second stage of the appeal.

Second Stage – balancing the arguments

The Panel will consider whether your personal wishes and the individual circumstances of your child outweigh the grounds put forward by the admission authority and school representative(s). You will have the opportunity to explain why you want your child to be admitted to the school you prefer. The Panel and the admission authority representative may also ask questions or make comments.

Formality

Although the procedure may sound formal, we follow these stages to make sure that appeals are heard efficiently and fairly. The Panel wants you to feel comfortable and have the opportunity to say everything that is relevant to your appeal. When you put your case to the Panel, draw their attention to your reasons for appealing (as stated in your papers) that you feel the Panel should take into account. The decision of the Panel is binding upon the admission authority and the school. The Panel will not give their decision at the hearing. You will be notified in writing of the Panel's decision, normally within five working days after the hearing. During the Summer Term, when many appeals are held, hearings for a school can extend over several days due to the number of appeals received. The Panel do not make a decision on any appeal until all of the appeals before them have been heard. Therefore if your appeal is one of the first to be heard at the second stage, it could be longer before you receive the Panel's decision.

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Further Appeals

If your appeal is unsuccessful you cannot appeal again until the next academic year unless there has been a major change in the circumstances of the parent, child or school, since the original application e.g. you have changed address.

What can I do if I'm unhappy about the Panel's Decision?

There is no further right of appeal either to the authority, the appeal panel or the Secretary of State for Education. You are entitled to write to the Secretary of State about any aspect of your child's education. The Local Government Ombudsman can investigate written complaints about maladministration on the part of an admission appeals panel. This is not a right of appeal and has to relate to issues such as a failure to follow correct procedures or a failure to act independently, rather than just the person making the complaint thinks the decision is wrong. The information you provide as part of the appeals process may be disclosed to the Local Government Ombudsman as part of their investigation into complaints submitted by other appellants. This personal information will

not be disclosed to the complainant. Under Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1974 the Local Authority is legally required to provide this information to the Ombudsman if requested.

For further information please call the Advice Line on Lo-call 0845 602 1983 or visit the website www.lgo.org.uk

The Governing Body manages pupil admissions to Voluntary Aided Schools and any appeals should be made directly to the Chair of the Governors at the school address.

6th Form Appeals

Pupils seeking admission or transfer to the 6th form of a school may be selected on the basis of academic ability usually a requirement to have attained a specified number of GCSEs and/or specified grade. These requirements should be set out in the schools prospectus. However, the fact that a child has been assessed as being suitable for entry to a 6th form does not necessarily guarantee them a place if the school is oversubscribed. For further information on appeals please refer to the individual school 6th Form prospectus.

Statistics

Admission in September 2011. ****Please note that 2011 was a low year group**

Community First Schools (numbers as at 31 July 2011)

School Name	No. of Preferences				No. of Places Offered				Places offered under Criteria							
	PAN	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	SEN	LAC	Special/Medical	Catchment	Sibling	Distance	No. Refused
Appletree Gardens	60	46	24	19	89	46	2	0	48	0	0	0	29	2	17	0
Coquet Park	30	23	55	42	120	23	3	4	30	0	0	0	10	4	16	0
Langley	60	64	57	27	148	60	0	0	60	0	1	0	43	6	10	7
Marine Park	75	85	67	46	198	81	2	0	83	0	1	0	44	9	29	4
Southridge	60	64	64	37	165	60	0	0	60	0	0	0	30	9	21	9
South Wellfield	60	54	31	25	110	54	2	1	57	0	1	0	13	4	39	0
Whitley Lodge	45	50	30	37	117	46	0	0	46	0	0	32	6	8	0	8

Education Appeals

School Name	No. of appeals lodged	No. of appeals withdrawn	No. of appeals heard by Appeals Panel	No. of appeals Upheld	No. of appeals Rejected	Total Pupils Admitted
Langley First	2	1	1	0	1	60
Marine Park First	6	6	0	0	0	83
Whitley Lodge First	4	1	3	1	2	46

Learning Trust - First School (numbers as at 31 July 2011)

School Name	No. of Preferences					No. of Places Offered				Places offered under Criteria						
	PAN	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	SEN	LAC	Special/Medical	Catchment	Sibling	Distance	No.Refused
Rockcliffe First	41	36	23	16	75	36	1	0	37	0	2	0	22	5	8	0

Community Primary Schools (numbers as at 31 July 2011)

School Name	No. of Preferences					No. of Places Offered				Places offered under Criteria						
	PAN	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	LAC	Special/Medical	Catchment	Sibling	Distance	No.Refused	
Backworth Park	30	15	12	11	38	15	0	1	16	0	0	15	0	1	0	
Bailey Green	60	52	38	15	105	52	0	2	54	1	0	13	11	30	0	
Balliol	30	13	9	7	29	12	2	0	14	0	0	10	3	1	0	
Benton Dene	60	66	50	7	123	57	2	1	60	0	0	37	8	15	9	
Burradon Community	27	27	12	4	43	27	0	0	27	0	0	17	2	8	0	
Collingwood	60	43	21	13	77	43	0	0	43	0	0	31	8	4	0	
Cullercoats	60	50	57	33	140	50	9	1	60	0	0	22	15	23	1	
Denbigh Community	60	54	41	10	105	54	1	1	56	1	0	32	8	16	0	
Fordley Community	60	44	7	2	53	44	0	0	44	0	0	43	0	1	0	
Forest Hall	30	21	27	25	73	21	2	1	24	0	0	9	6	9	0	
Hadrian Park Community	45	36	23	14	73	36	3	0	39	0	0	28	4	7	0	
Holystone	60	64	50	15	129	57	3	0	60	0	0	37	4	19	8	
Ivy Road	30	17	6	7	30	17	0	0	17	0	0	15	1	1	0	
King Edward	60	66	42	29	137	60	0	0	60	1	0	37	12	10	2	
Monkhouse	30	17	18	22	57	17	3	0	20	0	0	11	4	5	0	
New York	44	27	8	8	43	27	1	0	28	0	0	15	5	8	0	
Percy Main	30	27	4	6	37	27	0	1	28	0	0	20	3	5	0	
Preston Grange	30	30	24	17	71	26	3	1	30	0	0	17	4	9	3	
Priory	60	72	47	29	148	59	0	1	60	0	0	39	9	12	10	
Richardson Dees Community	30	38	26	19	83	30	0	0	30	0	0	21	6	3	5	
Riverside Community	30	34	26	17	77	29	1	0	30	1	0	5	4	20	4	
Shiremoor	60	50	22	7	79	50	1	0	51	0	0	38	3	10	0	
Spring Gardens	60	57	55	24	136	57	1	0	58	0	0	28	9	21	0	
Waterville	30	28	33	11	72	27	1	1	29	0	0	11	7	11	0	
Westmoor	45	46	62	43	151	43	2	0	45	0	0	28	7	10	4	
Whitehouse	30	13	5	3	21	13	0	0	13	0	0	9	0	4	0	

Education Appeals

School Name	No. of appeals lodged	No. of appeals withdrawn	No. of appeals heard by Appeals Panel	No. of appeals Upheld	No. of appeals Rejected	Total Pupils Admitted
Benton Dene Primary	4	1	3	0	3	60
Cullercoats Primary	1	0	1	1	0	60
Holystone Primary	2	0	2	0	2	60
King Edward Primary	3	3	0	0	0	60
Priory Primary	2	1	1	0	1	60
Richardson Dees Primary	4	2	2	0	2	30
Riverside Primary	3	2	1	0	1	30
Westmoor Primary	2	1	1	0	1	45

Learning Trust - Primary Schools (numbers as at 31 July 2011)

School Name	No. of Preferences					No. of Places Offered				Places offered under Criteria					
	PAN	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	LAC	Special/Medical	Catchment	Sibling	Distance	No.Refused
Amberley Community	60	58	38	25	121	57	1	1	59	0	0	46	3	10	0
Battle Hill Community	45	49	25	7	81	48	0	0	48	0	0	27	13	8	0
Carville	30	21	13	10	44	19	1	0	20	0	0	8	2	10	0
Greenfields Community	55	36	25	6	67	36	0	4	40	0	0	21	6	13	0
Hazlewood Community	44	25	15	1	41	25	0	1	26	1	0	16	2	7	0
Moor Edge Community	30	10	7	8	25	10	0	0	10	0	0	5	2	3	0
Redesdale Community	30	28	35	13	76	28	1	0	29	0	0	16	6	7	0
Stephenson Memorial Community	60	53	32	14	99	53	3	0	56	0	0	44	5	7	0
Wallsend Jubilee Community	60	36	26	20	82	36	1	1	38	0	0	21	7	10	0
Western Community	60	58	27	27	112	56	3	0	59	0	0	21	6	32	0

Education Appeals

School Name	No. of appeals lodged	No. of appeals withdrawn	No. of appeals heard by Appeals Panel	No. of appeals Upheld	No. of appeals Rejected	Total Pupils Admitted
Battle Hill Community Primary	2	2	0	0	0	48

Roman Catholic Primary Schools (numbers as at 31 July 2011)

School Name	No. of Preferences					No. of Places Offered				Places offered under Criteria												
	PAN	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	1	2*	2	3*	3	4	5*	5	6*	6	7*	7	No.Refused
Holy Cross RC	30	32	23	19	74	29	1	0	30	0	7	6	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	4	7	2
St Bernadette's RC	45	46	34	15	95	44	1	0	45	1	5	13	6	11	0	2	4	0	0	1	2	6
St Columba's RC	30	31	44	15	90	29	1	0	30	0	4	7	0	5	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	4
St Cuthbert's RC	30	20	21	24	65	20	1	0	21	0	3	5	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	2	4	0
St Joseph's RC	45	40	19	6	65	40	0	0	40	0	2	4	0	0	0	2	5	0	1	11	15	0
St Mary's RC (North Shields)	30	50	43	10	103	30	0	0	30	0	8	13	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
St Mary's RC (Forest Hall)	30	21	20	9	50	22	3	1	26	0	3	8	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	9	0
St Stephen's RC	30	22	12	5	39	22	3	1	26	0	1	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	11	0	
Star of the Sea RC	60	52	49	21	122	50	9	1	60	0	10	25	6	14	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	3

(* sibling link)

Education Appeals

School Name	No. of appeals lodged	No. of appeals withdrawn	No. of appeals heard by Appeals Panel	No. of appeals Upheld	No. of appeals Rejected	Total Pupils Admitted
St Mary's RC (North Shields)	6	0	6	0	6	30
Star of the Sea RC Primary	1	0	1	0	1	60

Church of England Primary Schools (numbers as at 31 July 2011)

School Name	No. of Preferences					No. of Places Offered				Places offered under Criteria									
	PAN	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	No.Refused	
Christ Church C of E	30	22	13	15	50	22	0	1	23	0	0	8	0	4	0	0	11	0	
St Bartholomew's C of E	30	32	12	14	58	28	1	1	30	10	8	0	0	2	0	10	0	6	
Wallsend St Peter's C of E	30	33	13	12	58	30	0	0	30	14	0	0	6	0	10	0	0	2	

Education Appeals

School Name	No. of appeals lodged	No. of appeals withdrawn	No. of appeals heard by Appeals Panel	No. of appeals Upheld	No. of appeals Rejected	Total Pupils Admitted
Wallsend St Peter's C of E Primary	2	0	2	0	2	30

Community Middle Schools (numbers as at 31 July 2011)

School Name	No. of Preferences					No. of Places Offered				Places offered under Criteria						
	PAN	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	SEN	LAC	Special/Medical	Catchment	Sibling	Distance	No.Refused
Marden Bridge	177	109	59	20	188	105	1	0	106	1	0	0	65	7	33	0
Monkseaton	96	57	41	29	127	57	1	1	59	0	1	0	30	9	19	0
Valley Gardens	180	188	101	14	303	180	0	0	180	5	0	0	111	17	47	4
Wellfield	60	69	51	20	140	68	0	0	68	0	0	0	22	4	42	0

Education Appeals

School Name	No. of appeals lodged	No. of appeals withdrawn	No. of appeals heard by Appeals Panel	No. of appeals Upheld	No. of appeals Rejected	Total Pupils Admitted
Valley Gardens Middle	4	2	2	0	2	180

Community High School (numbers as at 31 July 2011)

School Name	No. of Preferences					No. of Places Offered				Places offered under Criteria						
	PAN	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	SEN	LAC	Special/Medical	Catchment	Sibling	Distance	No.Refused
Burnside Business Enterprise College	260	213	113	25	351	212	1	0	213	4	1	0	103	13	92	0

Learning Trust High Schools (numbers as at 31 July 2011)

School Name	No. of Preferences					No. of Places Offered				Places offered under Criteria						
	PAN	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	SEN	LAC	Special/Medical	Catchment	Sibling	Distance	No.Refused
Churchill Community College	190	121	77	16	214	121	0	0	121	0	2	0	103	4	12	0
George Stephenson	228	193	82	28	303	187	4	0	191	0	1	0	145	7	38	0
John Spence Community	177	169	129	47	345	167	0	1	168	2	2	0	96	16	52	0
Longbenton Community	180	146	113	21	280	142	3	0	145	0	3	0	109	7	26	0
Marden	181	181	129	31	341	174	2	0	176	3	1	0	85	23	64	0
Norham Community Technology College	179	78	46	21	145	77	1	0	78	2	0	0	51	11	14	0
Seaton Burn Community College	169	80	14	9	103	80	2	4	86	0	0	0	74	12	0	0
Whitley Bay	350	401	120	12	533	351	2	0	353	3	2	0	207	23	118	45

Education Appeals

School Name	No. of appeals lodged	No. of appeals withdrawn	No. of appeals heard by Appeals Panel	No. of appeals Upheld	No. of appeals Rejected	Total Pupils Admitted
Whitley Bay High	38	1	37	3	34	353

Trust High School (numbers as at 31 July 2011)

School Name	No. of Preferences					No. of Places Offered				Places offered under Criteria						
	PAN	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	SEN	LAC	Special/Medical	Catchment	Sibling	Distance	No.Refused
Monkseaton	240	157	232	19	408	152	27	11	190	3	1	0	51	10	125	0

Roman Catholic High School (numbers as at 31 July 2011)

School Name	No. of Preferences					No. of Places Offered				Places offered under Criteria								
	PAN	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	SEN	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	No.Refused
St Thomas More RC	270	251	83	38	372	242	3	0	245	3	150	4	21	40	7	1	19	0

Admission Policies

First & Primary Learning TRUST Schools

SCHOOL	PAN	
Amberley Community Primary School East Bailey, Killingworth, NE12 6SQ	60	School has a nursery class
Battle Hill Community Primary School Berwick Drive, Battle Hill, NE28 9DH	45	School has a nursery class
Benton Dene Primary School Halisham Avenue, Longbenton, NE12 8FD	60	School has a nursery class
Carville Primary School The Avenue, Wallsend, NE28 6AX	30	School has a nursery class
Greenfields Community Primary School Taylor Avenue, Wideopen, NE13 6NB	55	School has a nursery class
Hadrian Park Primary Addington Drive, Wallsend, NE28 9RT	45	School has a nursery class
Hazlewood Community Primary School Canterbury Way, Wideopen, NE13 6JJ	44	School has a nursery class
Moor Edge Community Primary School Grasmere Court, Killingworth, NE12 6TS	30	School has a nursery class
Redesdale Community Primary School Wiltshire Drive, Wallsend, NE28 8TS	30	School has a nursery class
Rockcliffe First School Grafton Road, Whitley Bay, NE26 2NR	41	School has a nursery class
Stephenson Memorial Community Primary School Martin Road, Wallsend, NE28 0AG	60	School has a nursery class
Wallsend Jubilee Community Primary School Mullen Road, Wallsend, NE28 9HA	60	School has a nursery class
Western Community Primary Rutland Road, Wallsend, NE28 8QL	60	School has a nursery class

The North Tyneside Admissions Policy and Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme has been formally adopted by the governing bodies of the above Trust First and Primary Schools in North Tyneside.

In each school the governing body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for determining the school's admissions policy. The Published Admission Number (PAN) for each school is given in the above table. Pupils will be able to go to their preferred school unless there are more applications to that school than there are places available.

If there are more applications than places available at 1st, 2nd, or 3rd preference stages the following oversubscription criteria will be used (in the order shown below) to allocate places.

In accordance with the Education Act 1996, children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs are required to be admitted to the school named in the statement. Thereafter the following oversubscription criteria will apply.

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Children who are 'Looked After' meaning children who are in the care of a Local Authority or accommodated by that authority
2. Children living within the catchment area
3. If places remain, priority is given to children with an older brother or sister attending the school in September 2012
4. Any remaining places are allocated to children living nearest the school measured in a straight line from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school using the Council's GIS/ONE system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority

Priority will be given to children who live within the catchment area and who will have an older brother or sister attending the school in September 2012.

The above distance measurement will also be used as a 'tiebreaker' within each criterion, if necessary.

At anytime in the procedures, consideration can be given to applications made on special grounds e.g. medical conditions or social needs.

Children with Statements

Children with statements of special educational needs, as identified under the Code of Practice that names the school are required to be admitted to

that school. The Admission Authority (even when it is the Governing Body) does not have the right to refuse admission. Children with statements naming the school count towards the admission number.

Sibling Link

If your child has a brother or sister residing at the same address (including adoptive siblings, half siblings, step siblings, and long term fostered children) attending your preferred school in September 2012, the governors will consider this as a sibling link. However, no guarantee is given that siblings can transfer to the same school where the school is oversubscribed.

Medical/Social

At anytime in the procedures, consideration can be given to applications made on special grounds e.g. medical conditions or social needs. If you are applying under this category **your application must be supported by a letter from a relevant registered health professionals i.e. a doctor or social worker.** The evidence must demonstrate why the chosen school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child were to attend another school e.g. where one or both parents of the child has a disability that may make travel to a school further away more difficult. **We will not consider such applications if the relevant evidence is not provided.** If provided the evidence will be assessed by an Admission Panel. No assumption should be made that submission of the relevant evidence will, in itself, be sufficient to allocate a place. Illness such as asthma or a child's nervousness at starting school will not be considered.

Parents with Twins and Multiple Birth Children

Where parents have twins and only one school place is available on 'offer day' the parent will be notified in writing and the decision will lie with the parent as to whether they will take up the school place, or decide to send their children to different schools. The same will apply to parents with triplets. However, where parents do not take up the school place, the place will be offered to the next child on the waiting list.

The Equal Preference System

Stage 1

All first, second and third preference applications are considered equally against the admission criteria. At this stage there is no distinction between first, second and third preference applications. For example, if a school has 120 places and there are 300 first, second and third preference applications all applications are considered equally against the admission criteria.

Stage 2

If a pupil qualifies for a place at more than one school the parent's highest ranked preference will be offered and any lower ranking offers will be disregarded. For example, the parent's first and third preferences might both qualify for a place, in which case the parent would be offered their first preference, leaving the place at the third preference school available for another child.

Waiting List

If your child has not been allocated a place at any school you ranked higher on your application form than the school you were offered on Offer Day you may request to place your child's name on the waiting list. The Local Authority holds waiting lists for all schools. Children are placed on the waiting list according to the oversubscription criteria regardless of when their application was received and within each criterion their place is ordered by shortest distance measured by direct distance from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school. If pupil numbers fall below the published admission number the place will be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list.

This means a child who is on the waiting list will move down the list if another 'Late' application is received that falls within a higher priority under the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists for all schools will be held for one term in the academic year i.e. **14 December 2012**; no list will be kept for any individual school thereafter, either by the Local Authority or by any individual school.

Admission Policies - Church of England Schools

Christ Church C of E Primary School

The governing body of Christ Church Voluntary Aided Church of England School is the Admissions Authority for the school and they intend to admit up to 30 pupils to the Reception year group in September. This arrangement follows consultation between the governing body, the LA, all other schools in the area and all other Admissions Authorities in the area. The school is open to receive applications for admissions from the parents of all children. The School is required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child with a statement of special educational needs that names the school. However, in the event of the number of applications exceeding the number of places available priority will be given to applications in the order of priority indicated below.

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Children who are Looked After Children (in the care of the local authority).
2. Children who have special or medical needs or other special circumstances which make attendance at Christ Church vital. Evidence from a doctor or other registered professional must set out why this school is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.
3. Children with a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister or relative through a parents partner living at the same address at the time they would be admitted to the school.
4. Children of one parent worshipping weekly at the Parish of Christ Church.
5. Children of parents worshipping in another Christian Church who wish their child to attend this school because of its Christian foundation.
6. Children of parents of another faith seeking a faith based ethos.
7. Children who live in the Parish of Christ Church.
8. Other children.

Tie-breaker

Where there are places available for some but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from home to school will be the deciding factor, with preference given to those whose home address is nearest to the school, when measured in a straight line (i.e. As the crow flies, using the local authorities GIS/ONE computerised measuring system). Distance will be measured from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school.

Waiting list

If you have been refused a place at Christ Church C of E Primary School you may request to place your child's name on the waiting list. Children are placed on the waiting list according to the oversubscription criteria regardless of when their application was received and within each criterion their place is ordered by shortest distance measured by direct distance from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school. If pupil numbers fall below the published admission number the place will be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list. **This means a child who is on the waiting list will move down the list if another 'Late' application is received that falls within a higher priority under the oversubscription criteria.** The

Waiting list will be held by the Local Authority for one term in the academic year i.e. 14 December 2012; no list will be kept for any individual school thereafter, either by the Local Authority or by any individual school.

The school finds it very helpful to have an early indication of the number of children to be admitted to the reception class the following September. However, it must be stressed that formal written applications for admission must be made on the form provided by the local authority and returned to the authority by the stated date. Places will then be allocated by strict application of the criteria, with no reference to the date of application. Parents will be notified as to whether or not their child has been allocated a place by the Local Authority.

St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School

The Governing Body of St. Bartholomew's Voluntary Aided Church of England School is the Admissions Authority for the school and they intend to admit up to 30 pupils to the Reception Year Group in September 2012/2013. This arrangement follows consultation between the Governing Body, the Local Authority, and all other schools in the area and all other Admission Authorities in the area.

The school is open to receive applications for admissions from parents of all children. We must give highest priority to **Children in Public Care** (i.e. children in the care of the Local Authority) and those with a **Statement of Special Educational Needs** that names St. Bartholomew's C of E Primary School.

In the event of the number of applications exceeding the number of places available priority will be given to applications in the order of the oversubscription criteria.

Oversubscription criteria

1. Children of parents worshipping regularly and frequently at St. Bartholomew's Parish Church.
2. Children with a sibling at the school at the time when they would be admitted to the school.
3. Anglicans who worship regularly and frequently at other Churches and also live in St. Bartholomew's Parish.
4. Anglicans who worship regularly and frequently at other Churches.
5. Members of other Christian denominations

who worship regularly and frequently at other Churches.

6. Children who have special medical needs or other special circumstances which is supported by medical/professional opinion.
7. Other children.

Tie- Breaker

Where there are places available for some but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from home to school will be the deciding factor. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school (using the Local Authority's GIS/ONE computerised measuring system) with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Waiting List

Children are placed on the waiting list according to the above oversubscription criteria regardless of when their application was received and within each criterion their place is ordered by shortest distance measured by direct distance from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school. If pupil numbers fall below the published admission number the place will be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list. This means a child who is on the waiting list will move down the list if another 'Late' application is received that falls within a higher priority under the oversubscription criteria. The Waiting list will be held by the Local Authority for one term in the academic year i.e. 14 December 2012; no list will be kept for any individual school thereafter, either by the Local Authority or by any individual school.

Notes

- Parents are asked to let the Head Teacher know at the time of application whether their child has a disability. Parents should be assured that the nature of the disability is not grounds for refusing the application. The school will make every reasonable adjustment to ensure that disabled children are not put at a
- substantial disadvantage in accessing a full curriculum and that they will not be treated less favourably, without reasonable justification, than their able-bodied peers.
- If applicants are seeking admission under criterion 1, 3, 4 and 5 they will be asked to provide appropriate evidence that they worship regularly and frequently, e.g. a letter from the incumbent. Regularly and frequently is defined

as attendance at least once per month over the last twelve months. It is sufficient for just one parent/carer to attend.

- If applicants are seeking admission under criterion 6 they will be asked to provide appropriate evidence, e.g. a letter from a doctor or specialist. The governors must be satisfied that there is a specified medical reason which makes attendance at this school essential.
- Sibling refers to brother or sister; half brother or sister; adopted brother or sister; step brother or sister; or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
- A map showing the parish boundaries can be inspected at the school.
- Parents who are refused a place have a statutory right of appeal. Further details of the appeals process are available by writing to the Chair of Governors at the school address.
- If a place is offered on the basis of false information (e.g. address or Church attendance) or if parents do not respond within the stated timescale to the offer of a place the Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw their offer.
- **Nursery Admissions are entirely separate and parents are asked to note that attendance at St. Bartholomew's Nursery does not guarantee a place in the Reception class.**

It must be stressed that formal written applications for Reception admissions must be made on the form provided by the Local Authority and returned to the Local Authority by the stated date. Places for Reception will then be allocated by strict application of the above criteria, with no reference to the date of any previous applications which are made to the school. Parents will be notified as to whether or not their child has been allocated a place by the Local Authority on 16 April 2012.

Wallsend St Peter's C of E Primary School

The governing body of Wallsend St Peter's (C of E) Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School is the Admissions Authority for the school and they intend to admit up to 30 pupils to the reception year group in September 2012. This arrangement follows consultation between the governing body, the LA, all other schools in the area and all other Admission Authorities in the area.

The school is open to receive applications for

admissions from the parents of all children. We must give priority to children in the care of the local authority (looked after children). In the event of the number of applications exceeding the number of places available priority will be given to applications in the order of priority indicated below.

Over-subscription Criteria

1. Children who are in Local Authority Care. (It is permitted to subdivide this criterion to give priority to children of Christian families who are in public care).
2. Children of parents worshipping regularly and frequently at the Parish Churches of St Peter's and St Luke's.
3. Children of parents worshipping in another Christian Church who wish their child to attend this school because of its Christian foundation.
4. Children with a brother or sister at the school at the time when they would be admitted to the school.
5. Children who live in the Parish of Wallsend St Peter's and St Luke's.
6. Children who have special medical needs or other special circumstances, (supported by medical/professional opinion)
7. Other children.

Tie Breaker

Where there are places available for some but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from home to school will be the deciding factor, with preference given to those whose home address is nearest to the school, when measured in a straight line (i.e. as the crow flies) from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school using the Local Authorities GIS/ONE System.

Waiting List

If you are refused a place at the school you may request to place your child's name on the waiting list. Children are placed on the waiting list according to the above oversubscription criteria regardless of when their application was received and within each criterion their place is ordered by shortest distance measured by direct distance from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school. If pupil numbers fall below the published admission number the place will be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list. This means a child who is on the waiting list will move down the list if another 'Late' application is received that falls within a higher priority under the

oversubscription criteria. The Waiting list will be held by the Local Authority for one term in the academic year i.e. 14 December 2012; no list will be kept for any individual school thereafter, either by the Local Authority or by any individual school.

Notes

- Parents are asked to let the Headteacher know at the time of application whether their child has a disability. Parents should be assured that the nature of the disability is not grounds for refusing the application. The school will make every reasonable adjustment to ensure that disabled children are not put at a substantial disadvantage in accessing a full curriculum and that they will not be treated less favourably, without reasonable justification, than their able-bodied peers.
- If applicants are seeking admission under criterion 3 and 5 above they will be asked to provide evidence that they worship regularly and frequently, e.g. a letter from the incumbent.
- If applicants are seeking admission under criterion 6 above they will be asked to provide appropriate evidence, e.g. a letter from a doctor or specialist. The governors must be satisfied that there is a specified medical reason which makes attendance at this school essential.
- A map showing the parish boundaries can be inspected at the school office.
- Nursery admissions are entirely separate and parents are asked to note that attendance at the school's nursery does not guarantee a place in the reception class.
- Parents who are refused a place have a statutory right of appeal. Further details of the appeals process are available by writing to the

Chair of Governors at the school address.

- If a place is offered on the basis of false information (e.g. address or Church attendance) or if parents do not respond within the stated timescale to the offer of a place the governing body reserves the right to withdraw their offer.

The school finds it very helpful to have an early indication of the number of children to be admitted to the reception class the following September. However, it must be stressed that formal written applications for admission must be made on the form provided by the Local Authority and returned to the Local Authority by the stated date. Places will then be allocated by strict application of the criteria, with no reference to the date of application. Parents will be notified as to whether or not their child has been allocated a place by the Local Authority. This Admissions policy has been formally adopted by the Governing Bodies of the above Catholic Primary schools in North Tyneside. In each school the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for determining the school's admissions policy. The Published Admission Number (PAN) for each school is given in the above table. The Admissions Policy Criteria will be applied on an Equal Preference basis.

How and When to apply

Applications must be made on the Local Authority Common Application Form. Parents applying to a Voluntary Aided Catholic school should also complete the supplementary information form. All forms must be returned by the closing date set by the Local Authority.

Late Applications

Any applications received after the closing date will be accepted but considered only after those received by the closing date.

Admission Policy - Voluntary Aided Roman Catholic Primary Schools

SCHOOL	PAN	Parish(es) Served
Holy Cross RC Primary School Conniston Road, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear; NE28 0EP Tel: 0191 2007357	30	Our Lady and St. Aidan's, Wallsend
St. Bernadette's RC Primary School Rising Sun Cottages, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear; NE28 9JW Tel: 0191 2007363	45	St. Bernadette's, Wallsend
St. Columba's RC Primary School Station Road Wallsend, Tyne and Wear; NE28 8EN Tel: 0191 2007235	30	Our Lady and St. Columba's, Wallsend
St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School Lovaine Place, North Shields, Tyne and Wear; NE29 0BU Tel: 0191 2005620	30	St. Cuthbert's, North Shields
St. Joseph's RC Primary School Wallsend Road, North Shields, Tyne and Wear; NE29 7BT Tel: 0191 2005077	45	St. Joseph's, North Shields
St. Mary's RC Primary School Great Lime Road, Forest Hall, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 7AB Tel: 0191 2008381	30	St. Mary's, Forest Hall
St. Mary's RC Primary School Farringdon Road, North Shields, Tyne and Wear; NE30 3EY Tel: 0191 2008812	30	Our Lady and St. Oswin's, Tynemouth
St. Mary's, Cullercoats St. Stephen's RC Primary, Bardsey Place, Longbenton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 8NU Tel: 0191 2007425	30	St. Stephen's, Longbenton
Star of the Sea RC Primary School Seatonville Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear; NE25 9KG Tel: 01912008728	60	St. Edwards, Whitley Bay The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Whitley Bay St. Edmond's,

Oversubscription Criteria

Children who have a statement of **Special Educational Need** which names our school will be admitted to the school.

Parents are asked to note that admission to the Nursery unit is no guarantee of entry into the main school.

Where there are insufficient places available to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given to applications in the following order:

First priority in each category will be given to children who will have older siblings attending the school in September 2012

1. Catholic Children in the care of a Local Authority.
2. Catholic Children whose home address is within the parish(es) served by the school.
3. Catholic Children whose home address is outside of the parish(es) served by the school.
4. Other Children in the care of a Local Authority.

5. Children, who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian Churches as recognised by Churches Together in England (see note 4).
6. Children of other Faith traditions.
7. Other children.

Joint Council for Anglo-Caribbean Churches
Lutheran Council of Great Britain
The Methodist Church
United Reform Church
Wesleyan Holiness Church

If applicants are seeking admission under criteria 5 & 6 above, they will be asked for a letter of support to confirm their church membership from their minister or Faith leader, or suitable equivalent.

Tie-breaker

Where there are places available for some, but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from home address to the school entrance will be the deciding factor. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre of the child's home address (including flats) to the centre of the school, [using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system], with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. Definition of Catholic

Children who have been baptised as Catholics or have been formally received into the Catholic Church. All applicants seeking admission under criteria 1,2 or 3 will be asked to provide evidence that the child has been baptised as a Catholic or has been received into the Catholic Church. A baptismal certificate or a letter from their priest confirming their baptism or reception into the Catholic Church will suffice.

2. Definition of Children in the Care of a Local Authority

A child, who is looked after by a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989(b) at the time application for admission to the school is made and who the Local Authority can confirm, will still be looked after at time of admission to the school.

3. Definition of Sibling

Sibling refers to brother or sister; half brother or sister; adopted brother or sister; step brother or sister; or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

4. Churches Together in England

(See www.churches-together.org.uk for further details on membership)

The Baptist Union
British Antiochian Orthodox Church
Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches
The Church of England
Church of God Prophecy
Church of Scotland (in England)
Congregational Federation
Coptic Orthodox
Council of African and Caribbean Churches
Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches
Ichthus Christian Fellowship
Independent Methodist Churches

Right of Appeal

Where a parent has been notified that a place is not available for a child, every effort will be made to help the parent to find a place in a suitable alternative school. Parents who are refused a place have a statutory right of appeal. Further details of the appeals process are available by writing to the Chair of Governors at the school address.

Home Address

It is the parental address which will be used in applying the admission criteria. This means that, when stating your choice of school, you should give the parental/guardian address at the time of application. The address of childminders or other family members who may share in the care of your child should not be quoted as the home address.

Waiting Lists

If your child has been refused admission, a waiting list is available where priority will be given according to the above criteria based on the information provided at the time of application. The waiting list will be open for one term in the academic year i.e. 14 December 2012.

Application Information

It is very helpful to have an early indication of the number of children to be admitted to the Reception class in the following September. However, it must be stressed that formal written applications for admission must be made on the form provided by the Local Authority and returned to them by the stated date. Places will then be allocated by strict application of the criteria, with no reference to the date of application. Parents will be notified as to whether or not their child has been allocated a place on 16 April 2012.

Admission Policy - Learning Trust High Schools

SCHOOL	Published Admission Number	
Churchill Community College Churchill Street, Wallsend, NE28 7TN	190	School has sixth form
George Stephenson High Southgate, Killingworth, NE12 6SA	228	School has sixth form
John Spence Community College Preston North Road, North Shields, NE29 9PU	177	
Longbenton Community College Halisham Avenue, Longbenton, NE12 8ER	180	School has sixth form
Marden High Hartington Road, North Shields, NE30 3RZ	181	
Norham Community Technology College Alnwick Avenue, North Shields, NE29 7BU	179	
Seaton Burn Community College Dudley Lane, Seaton Burn, NE13 6EJ	169	School has sixth form
Whitley Bay High Deneholm, Whitley Bay, NE25 9AS	350	School has sixth form

The North Tyneside Admissions Policy and the Secondary Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme has been formally adopted by the governing bodies of the above Learning Trust High Schools in North Tyneside.

In each school the governing body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for determining the school's admissions policy.

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for each school is given in the above table.

A separate policy exists for admission into the sixth form at the individual schools listed above.

Pupils will be able to go to their preferred school unless there are more applications to that school than there are places available.

If there are more applications than places available at 1st, 2nd, or 3rd preference stages the following oversubscription criteria will be used (in the order

shown below) to allocate places after any children with a statement of special educational needs where the statement names a specific school:

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Children who are 'Looked After' meaning children who are in the care of a Local Authority or accommodated by that authority
2. Children living within the catchment area
3. If places remain, priority is given to children with an older brother or sister attending the school in September 2012. The sibling link does not apply to pupils proposing to return to years 12 and 13 of a school (6th Form)
4. Any remaining places are allocated to children living nearest the school measured in a straight line from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school using the Council's GIS/ONE system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority

Priority will be given to children who live within the catchment area and who will have an older brother or sister attending the school in September 2012.

The distance measurement will also be used as a 'tiebreaker' within each criterion, if necessary.

At anytime in the procedures, consideration can be given to applications made on special grounds e.g. medical conditions or social needs.

Children with Statements

Children with statements of special educational needs, as identified under the Code of Practice that names the school are required to be admitted to that school. The Admission Authority (even when it is the Governing Body) does not have the right to refuse admission. Children with statements naming the school count towards the admission number.

Sibling Link

If your child has a brother or sister residing at the same address (including adoptive siblings, half siblings, step siblings, and long term fostered children) attending your preferred school in September 2012, the governors will consider this as a sibling link. However, no guarantee is given that siblings can transfer to the same school where the school is oversubscribed.

Medical/Social

At anytime in the procedures, consideration can be given to applications made on special grounds (e.g. medical conditions or social needs. If you are applying under this category **your application must be supported by a letter from a relevant registered health professionals i.e. a doctor or social worker.** The evidence must demonstrate why the chosen school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child were to attend another school e.g. where one or both parents of the child has a disability that may make travel to a school further away more difficult. **We will not consider such applications if the relevant evidence is not provided.** If provided the evidence will be assessed by the Local Authority Admission Panel. No assumption should be made that submission of the relevant evidence will, in itself, be sufficient to allocate a place. Illness such as asthma or a child's nervousness at starting school will not be considered.

Parents with Twins and Multiple Birth Children

Where parents have twins and only one school

place is available on 'offer day' the parent will be notified in writing and the decision will lie with the parent as to whether they will take up the school place, or decide to send their children to different schools. The same will apply to parents with triplets. However, where parents do not take up the school place, the place will be offered to the next child on the waiting list.

The Equal Preference System

Stage 1

All first, second and third preference applications are considered equally against the admission criteria. At this stage there is no distinction between first, second and third preference applications. For example, if a school has 120 places and there are 300 first, second and third preference applications all applications are considered equally against the admission criteria.

Stage 2

If a pupil qualifies for a place at more than one school the parent's highest ranked preference will be offered and any lower ranking offers will be disregarded. For example, the parent's first and third preferences might both qualify for a place, in which case the parent would be offered their first preference, leaving the place at the third preference school available for another child.

Waiting List

If your child has not been allocated a place at any school you ranked higher on your application form than the school you were offered on Offer Day you may request to place your child's name on the waiting list. The Local Authority holds waiting lists for all schools. Children are placed on the waiting list according to the oversubscription criteria regardless of when their application was received and within each criterion their place is ordered by shortest distance measured by direct distance from the centre of the home address (including flats) to the centre of the school. If pupil numbers fall below the published admission number the place will be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list. **This means a child who is on the waiting list will move down the list if another 'Late' application is received that falls within a higher priority under the oversubscription criteria.** Waiting lists for all schools will be held for one term in the academic year i.e. 14 December 2012; no list will be kept for any individual school thereafter, either by the Local Authority or by any individual school.

Admission Policy - Trust School Monkseaton High School

1. Aims

- to produce clear, objective and fair admission arrangements that do not disadvantage one student over another;
- to ensure a system where all parents feel they have the same opportunities to apply to the school;
- to enable parents' preference for this school to be met to the maximum extent possible;
- to provide information and guidance to governors, staff and parents about application to the school.

2. Principles underlying the Policy

(a) Consultation and Compliance

The governors are aware of their responsibility to consult on their admission arrangements and will cooperate with the local admission forum in consulting on:

- admission numbers for years in which it is planned to admit students;
- application procedures;
- oversubscription criteria to be used;
- any separate criteria for year 12;
- information about whether a waiting list will be maintained, and for how long after 1st September;
- information about how late applications can be made and will be handled.

The school will participate in the local co-ordinated admission scheme.

The school will comply with all statutory provisions, and will follow the guidance in The School Admissions Code;

The school will comply with any agreements reached in the local admission forum.

However, the School remains the legal Admission Authority and has the power to admit students according to its admission policy, acting in accordance with the School Admissions Code and

any other guidance from the Secretary of State.

(b) Fair Access

The governors have expressed the intention that the school will actively promote equity in the admissions process;

In conformity with the Code the school will give the highest priority to looked after children who are in the care of the local authority or provided with accommodation by the authority.

The school will co-operate with the local authority's Fair Access protocol for admitting students hard to place. We will also cooperate fully with arrangements regarding Managed Move students.

(c) School Uniform

The school will have regard to the Department for Education (DFE) guidance on school uniform.

The governing body aims to ensure that no family feels unable to apply for admission on account of uniform cost;

Further information on school uniform can be found in the school's brochure or on our website.

(d) School Visits and Other Activities

The school supports the educational value of school visits and encourages all students to participate in appropriate off-site activities.

The school will make it clear in the brochure that school visits, for which a parental contribution is required, are not compulsory.

Any voluntary contribution to school activities will not be mandatory, and it is the governing body's expectation that low income families will only contribute a small amount, or in some cases nothing at all.

The school will set out information to parents in the Charging and Remissions policy.

(e) School Transport

The school is obliged to indicate to parents whether school transport to and from school is provided, and if so what the cost will be. Parents must have the information at least six weeks before making an application

The school will make known to parents that the Education Act 2006 extended the right to free home to school transport for low income families

to one of the three nearest schools, where they are between 2 and 6 miles away.

(f) Extending Opportunity

It is the governors' intention that extended activities with educational benefit, and supported study after school will be available to students from families on low incomes as well as other students

Working in the Community

The school will work with local first and middle schools, and any other organisation working in deprived areas, to encourage applications from poorer families.

(g) Special Educational Needs

The school will admit any student with a statement of special educational needs whose application names Monkseaton High School as the preferred choice. Students who have been identified as having special educational needs but do not have a statement will be treated as fairly as other applicants.

(h) Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities will not be treated less fairly than other students. There are currently 10 places available for students at Monkseaton High School with a physical/medical disability. When the school is oversubscribed the needs of such applicants for a place will always be considered on a case-by-case basis. The school will provide details of adjustments in place for disabled students, and the accessibility of the premises, facilities and curriculum for disabled students as outlined in the school's accessibility plan

(i) Students with Challenging Behaviour

The school will not refuse to admit a student on the basis of his/her behaviour, except where:
(in accordance with the Code) a student has been excluded from two or more schools.

(j) Year 12 The admission number for new students in Year 12 (i.e. students joining Monkseaton in the September following Year 11) is 75. For some courses there are specific entry requirements (these are publicised in the school brochure). The school will also take the advice of the Admission Forum.

(k) Admissions Outside the Normal Age Range

The school will consider each such application on its own merits.

(l) Waiting List

The Local Authority will maintain a waiting list on behalf of the school. This list will stay open until the end of the Autumn Term December 2012.

Students on the waiting list will be ranked in the same order as the published oversubscription criteria. Where a place becomes available before admission appeals are heard the school will fill such a vacancy from the waiting list.

3. The Schools Procedure

(a) Application Form

A brochure and prospectus are available from the school; however the application form is available from the Access Team on telephone number: 0191 643 8724.

Once completed the form should be returned to the LA at the above address in accordance with the timescales as stated in the Local Authority co-ordinated admission scheme.

Applicants should give reasons for choosing Monkseaton High School in the appropriate section of the application form.

The school will not ask for any supplementary information except where such information has a direct bearing on decisions about acceptable oversubscription criteria (e.g. proof of residence) in accordance with the School Admission Code.

(b) Oversubscription Criteria

In the event of oversubscription the governors aim to apply fair oversubscription criteria. Priority will be applied in the following order:

1. Looked-after children who are in public care in accordance with s22 of the Children's Act 1989
2. Students living within the designated catchment area for the school as defined by North Tyneside LA (proof of residence will be required)
3. Siblings (1) of students who will be registered students at the school when the applicant student would be joining the school (2)
4. The school reserves the right to ask for proof of residence and parental control.
5. Students who live nearest to the school. The determination of distance will be a measurement from the centre of the applicant's main place of residence (including flats) to the centre of the school, this measurement to be a straight line between the two.

(c) Procedure for Applications

The admission number for Years 9, 10 and 11 is 240. This number will not be exceeded. The school will

follow the procedures in accordance with the North Tyneside Coordinated Scheme. The school will use the common application form. North Tyneside LA will provide the school with all the application forms naming Monkseaton High School as 1st, 2nd or 3rd preference. By the date specified in the local scheme the school will provide the local authority with a list of all students who applied for places, showing each child ranked in their order of priority, and showing which criteria apply to which child. Parents who are unsuccessful in their application for a place at the school for their child will be informed in writing and reasons given. These reasons will relate to the specified admissions criteria. They will also be informed of their right to an independent appeal.

(d) In Year applications

In accordance with the Admissions Code, all in-year applications will be coordinated by North Tyneside LA.

(e) Withdrawal of Offers

The school will only withdraw any offers where lawful, and in compliance with the relevant paragraphs of the Code.

(f) Independent Appeals

The school procedure with regard to appeals is in accordance with North Tyneside Local Authority:

- A refusal letter will be sent from LA on the school's behalf
- Any appeals will come to the school as the Admissions Authority
- The school will organise an independent Appeals Panel to deal with all appeals.

NOTES:

1 Definition of sibling: a brother or sister, or adopted brother or sister or a step brother or sister living in the same household.

2 Clarification of 'registered student at the school': The sibling must be likely on the best evidence available to the school to be a registered student at Monkseaton School on the day the applicant student will join the school. If the registered student subsequently leaves the school between the time of the decision to admit the student was made and the date of his/her joining the school, this will have no effect on the decision to admit.

Equal Opportunities

In implementing this policy full account will be taken of the school's equal opportunity policy.

Admission Policy Roman Catholic High School

St Thomas More RC High

The Governing Body of St Thomas More R C High School is the Admission Authority for this school. The Governing Body intends to admit up to 270 pupils to Year 7 in September 2012. The admission number for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 is the number on roll at the start of the academic year in question. There are separate arrangements for admission to Year 12 and 13.

The school is supported by the R C Deanery of St Oswin. This consists of the parishes of **St Columba's, St Bernadette's, Our Lady and St Aidan's** in Wallsend, **St Joseph's and St Cuthbert's** in North Shields, **St Oswin's and St Mary's** in Tynemouth, **St Edward's** in Whitley Bay, **Immaculate Heart** in West Monkseaton, and **St Edmund's** in Backworth. These parishes support the following Primary schools - **St Columba's, St Bernadette's, Holy Cross, St Joseph's, St Cuthbert's, St Mary's (Tynemouth)** and **Star of the Sea**.

The Governors participate in the North Tyneside Council Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme and operate an equal preference allocation system.

Oversubscription Criteria

Children who have a statement of Special Educational Need which names our school will be admitted to the school.

When there are not enough places to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given in accordance with the categories given below. These are the Oversubscription Criteria.

1. Catholic children who are in the care of a Local Authority (see Note 1).
2. Catholic children who attend one of the Deanery primary schools listed above (see Note 1).
3. Catholic children who attend other schools within the Parishes of the Deanery (see Note 1).
4. Other children who are in the care of a Local Authority.
5. Children who are members of Christian (as recognised by Churches Together in England – see Note 2) and other faith traditions who attend the primary schools listed above. Membership to be confirmed by Minister/Faith

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leader (see Note 3).

6. Other children who attend the Deanery primary schools listed above.
7. Catholic children who attend R C schools outside the Deanery (see Note 1).
8. Children who are members of Christian (as recognised by Churches Together in England – see Note 2) and other faith traditions and do not attend the Deanery primary schools listed above. Membership to be confirmed by Minister/Faith leader (see Note 3).
9. Children whose families wish them to attend the school.

Within each category listed above, priority will be given to those with siblings (see Note 4) still in the school at the time of admission, then those with social or medical needs (see Note 5) and finally distance from the school (see Note 6).

Waiting List – If a student is refused admission, a waiting list is available where priority will be given according to the above criteria based on the information provided at the time of application. The waiting list will be open until the end of the Autumn term.

Notes

1. Definition of Catholic – Children who have been baptised as Catholics or have been formally received into the Catholic Church. All applicants seeking admission under categories 1, 2, 3 and 7 will be required to provide evidence that the child has been baptised as a Catholic or has been received into the Catholic Church and it is the parents' responsibility to provide this evidence. A baptismal certificate or a letter from their priest confirming their baptism or reception into the Catholic Church will suffice. Evidence should be sent to Clerk of Governors, St Thomas More R C High School, Lynn Road, North Shields, NE29 8LF.
2. Churches Together in England (see www.churches-together.org.uk for further details on membership):
 - The Baptist Union
 - British Antiochian Orthodox Church
 - Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches
 - The Church of England
 - Church of God Prophecy
 - Church of Scotland (In England)

Congregational Federation
Coptic Orthodox
Council of African and Caribbean Churches
Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches
Ichthus Christian Fellowship
Independent Methodist Churches
Joint Council for Anglo-Caribbean Churches
Lutheran Council of Great Britain
Salvation Army
The Methodist Church
United Reform Church
Wesleyan Holiness Church

3. A letter from the relevant Minister/Faith Leader should be sent to the **Clerk of Governors c/o the school (address as above)**.
4. Definition of siblings – sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
5. Documentary evidence is required for medical or social reasons from a registered health professional such as a doctor or social worker. The evidence should set out the particular reasons why the school is considered to be the most suitable and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school. The evidence should be sent to the Clerk of Governors c/o the school (address as above).
6. Distance from the school – this will be measured in a straight line from the centre of the student's home address (including flats) to the centre of the school with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
7. Parents/carers have the right to appeal against admission decisions made by the Governing Body.
8. The Governing Body will arrange meetings for parents/carers in school in September, in order to explain the admissions position and procedures, and to answer questions.
9. **We would ask you to fill in the application carefully, accurately, and as fully as possible.**
10. The deadline for application is **31 October 2011**.

AIMS

A statement of our aims is given below. Governors and staff are committed to working together to make them a reality in the daily, working life of the school.

St Thomas More High is a Catholic School, and as such we attempt to follow the example of Jesus Christ in our work, worship and relationships.

Our aims are:

To be a prayerful community based on Christian values, notably Love, Justice, Peace, Truth and Tolerance, and to encourage individuals in their commitment to these ideals.

To provide a secure, welcoming and ordered environment in which individuals learn to value and respect both themselves and others.

To give individuals the opportunities to develop their full potential as human beings, and to encourage and challenge them to do so.

To encourage everyone to strive to do their best and to strive for the highest standards in all areas of activity.

To help children to grow into confident, open, resourceful young people with a sense of responsibility and of service.

**Admission Policy
St Mary's Catholic High School
(Newcastle)**

The Governors intend to admit up to 196 pupils into year 7 in September 2012. Children must be eleven years of age as at 31st August 2012.

Children who have a statement of **Special Educational Needs** which names our school will be admitted to the school.

The school will normally admit pupils in the following categories in order of priority: (First priority in each category will be given to siblings, that is, children who will have an older sibling in the school in 2012) (See note 3)

1. Catholic children in the care of a Local Authority. (See note 2)
2. Catholics living in the promoter parishes or attending the partner primary schools. (See note 1)
3. Catholics living in other parishes or attending other schools.
4. Other Children in the Care of a Local Authority.
5. Children in the partner primary schools not covered by 2 or 3.
6. Children who have a sibling in the school not covered by 1 to 5. (See note 3)
7. Children who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian Churches as recognised by Churches Together. (See note 4)
8. Children of other Faith traditions.
9. Other Children.

The promoter parishes are:

Holy Name	Jesmond
Sacred Heart	Gosforth
St Aidan's	Benton
St Anthony of Padua	Walker
St Charles'	Gosforth
St Dominic's	Shieldfield
St Francis of Assisi	Walkergate
St Lawrence's	Byker
St Mary's	Forest Hall
Ss Peter and Paul	Longbenton
St Teresa's	Heaton
St Vincent's	Walker

The partner primary schools are those which serve the promoter parishes, namely:

St Alban's	Walker
St Catherine's	Shieldfield
St Charles'	Gosforth
St Lawrence's	Byker
St Mary's	Forest Hall
St Oswald's	Gosforth
St Stephen's	Longbenton
St Teresa's	Heaton
St Vincent's	Walker

Applications will be co-ordinated by the Local Authority according to their published time-table. Parents or carers wishing to apply for a place for their child must complete the application form provided by the Local Authority and return it to the 'Home' Local Authority by the stated date.

If applicants are seeking admission in category 1, 2 or 3 above, they may be asked to provide evidence that the child is a baptised Roman Catholic or has been formally received into the Roman Catholic Church.

If applicants are seeking admission in category 7 and 8 above, they may be asked for evidence that the child is baptised or a letter of support from their minister or Faith leader, or suitable equivalent.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. Definition of Catholic

Children who have been baptised as Catholics or have been formally received into the Catholic Church. All applicants seeking admission under criteria 1, 2 or 3 will be asked to provide evidence that the child has been baptised as a Catholic or has been received into the Catholic Church. A baptismal certificate or a letter from their priest confirming their baptism or reception into the Catholic Church will suffice.

2. Definition of Children in the care of a Local Authority

A child, who is looked after by a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989(b) at the time application for admission to the school is made.

3. Definition of Sibling

Sibling refers to brother or sister; half brother or sister; adopted brother or sister; step brother or sister; or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

4. Churches Together in England

(See www.churches-together.org.uk for further details on membership)

The Baptist Union
British Antiochian Orthodox Church
Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches
The Church of England
Church of God Prophecy
Church of Scotland (in England)
Congregational Federation
Coptic Orthodox
Council of African and Caribbean Churches
Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches
Ichthus Christian Fellowship
Independent Methodist Churches
Joint Council for Anglo-Caribbean Churches
Lutheran Council of Great Britain
The Methodist Church
United Reform Church
Wesleyan Holiness Church

Tie-breaker

Where there are places available for some, but not all applicants within a particular category, distance from home address to school will be the deciding factor, with preference being given to those whose home address is nearest to the school, when measured by GEO CODE available through Newcastle LA. GEO CODE uses the measure of the straight line distance from a fixed point at the school to a point in the centre of the home address of the child, using the Local Land and Property Gazetteer or a suitable alternative geographical information system.

Right of Appeal

Where a parent has been notified that a place is not available for a child, every effort will be made to help the parent to find a place in a suitable alternative school. Parents who are refused a place have a statutory right of appeal. Further details of the appeals process are available by writing to the Chair of Governors at the school address.

Home Address

It is the parental address which will be used in applying the admission criteria. This means that, when stating your choice of school, you should give the parental/guardian address at the time of application. The address of childminders or other family members who may share in the care of your child should not be quoted as the home address.

Waiting Lists

If your child has been refused admission, you can request that your child's name be placed on the school's waiting list. If places become available, we will consider all relevant applications based on the waiting list which will be maintained for the full academic year.

All admissions are determined by the Governing Body. The Governing Body supports the LA's co-ordinated approach to admissions and will adopt the equal preference principle. Appeals against any decision of the Governing Body should be submitted to: **The Secretary of the Appeals Board**, C/o St. Mary's Catholic Comprehensive School, Benton Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7PE. The written appeal must set out the grounds on which the appeal is made.

6th Form Admission Policies

Burnside Business Enterprise College - please contact school direct on telephone number: 0191 259 8500

Churchill Community College

Churchill Community College is a Trust school and maintained by North Tyneside Council.

Our Vision is to maximise the achievement of everyone through highly motivated and effective staff and the active involvement with parents and the community and motivated, safe and successful students.

Our values are to expect excellence, require commitment and respect and we will achieve this through communication, teamwork, innovation, community and recognition.

The Governing Body of Churchill Community College is the Admission Authority for this school. Whilst giving priority to the admission of existing Churchill Community schools. When determining admissions to our sixth form, we seek to preserve the character and ethos of our College.

Admission Criteria

1. Year 11 students from Churchill Community College have an entitlement to entry into the Sixth Form if they meet the entry requirements (see page 4 of School Prospectus).
2. Students from other schools are invited to apply if they meet relevant entry requirements (see page 4 of School Prospectus). The

published Admission Number (PAN) for admissions to Yr12 in September 2012 from external applications is 20.

3. The anticipated capacity for Yr12 is 210 (this takes into account both internal and external candidates).

Oversubscription Criteria

Students from Churchill Community College who meet the general requirements and subject specific criteria will be offered a place in Sixth Form. Any student who has a Statement of Special Education Need, which names the school will be admitted to Yr12 provided the student also meets the general and course specific requirements. With regard to external applications, when there are not enough places to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given in accordance with the categories below. These are the Oversubscription Criteria.

1. Students who are in the care of the Local Authority.
2. Students who live within Hadrian Park, Battle Hill, Howden and Wallsend.
3. Students who attend other secondary schools and live outside Hadrian Park, Battle Hill, Howden and Wallsend.
4. Other students who wish to attend the Sixth Form.

Within each category listed above priority will be given to those with siblings still in the school at the time of admission and then distance from the school (see additional notes).

Waiting List

If a student is refused admission, a waiting list is available where priority will be given according to the above criteria based on the information provided at the time of application. The waiting list will be open until the end of the second week of the autumn term.

Additional notes:

- Definition of Students in the care of a Local Authority – students who are looked after by a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the children's Act 1989(b) at the time application for admission to the Sixth Form is made and who the Local Authority can confirm, will still be looked after at time of admission.
- Definition of siblings – sibling refers to brother

or sister; half brother or sister; adopted brother or sister; or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

- Distance from the school – this will be measured in a straight line from the centre of the student's home address (including flats) to the centre of the school with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

General Entry Requirements

A summary of the academic requirements for entry to Sixth Form is given below. Detailed information regarding course specific entry requirements can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus which should be consulted before making a formal application.

- Students studying AS subjects and/or choose level 3 vocational courses must have achieved 5 or more GCSEs at grade C or above.
- Students who expect to achieve 4 or less A* to D grades may be considered for level 2 courses.
- For all courses students must meet subject specific entry requirements as outlined in our Prospectus.

How and When to apply

All queries surrounding entry to Sixth Form should be directed to Marie Conroy via marie.conroy@ntlp.org.uk

Late Applications

Any applications received after the closing date will be accepted but considered only after those received by the closing date.

George Stephenson High

1. Year 11 students from George Stephenson High School have an entitlement to entry into the Sixth Form if they meet the entry requirements (see School Prospectus).
2. Students from other Schools are invited to apply if they meet relevant entry requirements (see School Prospectus). The Published Admission Number (PAN) for admissions to Yr 12 in September 2012 from external applications is 30.

Oversubscription Criteria

Students from George Stephenson High School who meet the general entry requirements and subject specific criteria will be offered a place in Sixth Form.

Any student who has a Statement of Special Educational Need, which names the school will be admitted to Yr 12 provided the student also meets the general and course specific entry requirements. With regard to **external** applications, when there are not enough places to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given in accordance with the categories below. These are the Oversubscription Criteria.

1. Children in public care (looked after children)
2. Pupils living within the designated catchment area for the school (proof of address will be required)
3. Any remaining places are allocated to children living nearest the school measured in a straight line from the centre of the school to the centre of the home address measured by the Council's GIS/ONE system.
4. Other students who wish to attend the Sixth Form.

Longbenton Community College

Year 11 students from Longbenton Community College have an entitlement to entry into the Sixth Form if they meet the entry requirements (see College Prospectus).

Students from other Schools are invited to apply if they meet relevant entry requirements (see School Prospectus). The Published Admission Number (PAN) for admissions to Year 12 in September 2012 from external applications is 30.

Oversubscription Criteria

Students from Longbenton Community College who meet the general entry requirements and subject specific criteria will be offered a place in Sixth Form. Any student who has a Statement of Special Educational Need, which names the school will be admitted to Year 12 provided the student also meets the general and course specific entry requirements.

With regard to **external** applications, when there are not enough places to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given in accordance with the categories below.

These are the Oversubscription Criteria.

1. Children in public care (looked after children)
2. Pupils living within the designated catchment area for the college (proof of address will be required)
3. Any remaining places are allocated to children living nearest the college measured in a straight line from the school to the home address measured by the Council's GIS/ ONE system.
4. Other students who wish to attend the Sixth Form.

Monkseaton High School.

Please contact School direct on telephone number (0191) 297 9700

Seaton Burn Community College

Year 11 students from Seaton Burn College have an entitlement to entry into the Sixth Form if they meet the entry requirements (see College Prospectus).

Students from other schools are invited to apply if they meet relevant entry requirements (see School Prospectus). The Published Admission Number (PAN) for admissions to Year 12 in September 2012 from **external** applications is 30.

Students from Seaton Burn College who meet the general entry requirements and subject specific criteria will be offered a place in Sixth Form.

Any student who has a Statement of Special Educational Need, and who names the school will be admitted to Year 12 provided the student also meets the general and course specific entry requirements.

With regard to **external** applications, when there are not enough places to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given in accordance with the categories below. These are the Oversubscription Criteria.

1. Children in public care (looked after children)
2. Pupils living within the designated catchment area for the College (proof of address will be required)
3. Any remaining places are allocated to children living nearest the college measured in a straight line from the centre of the school to the centre of the home address measured by the Council's GIS/ONE system.
4. Other students who wish to attend the Sixth Form.

Whitley Bay High

1. All Yr.11 students from Whitley Bay High School have an entitlement to entry into the Sixth Form if they meet the entry requirements (see below and Sixth Form Prospectus).
2. Any student who has a Statement of Special Educational Needs, which names the school will be admitted to Yr.12 provided they also meet the general and course specific entry requirements. (see below and Sixth Form Prospectus).
3. Any student who is in the care of the Local Authority, where it is believed Whitley Bay High School Sixth Form is the most appropriate Post 16 option, will be admitted provided they meet the general and course specific entry requirements. (see below and Sixth Form Prospectus).
4. Students from other schools are invited to apply to the Sixth Form if they meet the entry requirements (see below and the Sixth Form Prospectus). The minimum planned admission number (PAN) for admissions to Yr.12 from students from other schools is 50.
5. The anticipated capacity of Yr.12 is 350 (this includes both students from Whitley Bay High School and other schools)

Entry Requirements

Whitley Bay High School Sixth Form provision is made up of A Level courses only and we therefore apply the following entry requirements.

1. Students must achieve a minimum of 5 A* - C grades in separate subjects (see additional notes) at GCSE level.
2. All subjects have specific entry requirements that students must achieve to start the course.
3. Students must have an evidence based genuine interest in the subjects they wish to study.
4. We want to ensure that all students are enrolled on the most appropriate Post 16 course in order to allow them to be successful. Therefore we ask the student's current Head of Year to advise us whether:
 - An A level course is the most appropriate Post 16 Option
 - The student's commitment to their studies in Yr.10 and Yr.11 suggests they will meet

the work requirements needed to be successful on an A Level course.

Oversubscription Criteria

Students from Whitley Bay High School who meet the general entry requirements and subject specific criteria will be offered a place in the Sixth Form.

Regarding students from other schools, after the above admissions criteria has been applied, when there are more applications than places available the students average GCSE point score will then be considered. Those students with the highest average GCSE point score will be admitted.

Additional Notes

Separate subjects – Double Award Science will be classed as two separate GCSE subjects. English Language and English Literature will also be classed as two separate GCSE subjects. All other subjects, however, will be classed as a single GCSE even if they carry more than one grade. For example, Level 2 courses in ICT, Health and Social Care, Engineering, Business, Media etc will be classed as a single subject irrespective of the number of GCSE grades they carry.

St Thomas More RC High

St Thomas More High School and Sixth Form College is a Catholic school within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and as such we attempt to follow the example of Jesus Christ in our work, worship and relationships.

Our Aims Are:

- to be a prayerful community based on Christian values notably Love, Justice, Peace, Truth and Tolerance, and to encourage individuals in their commitment to these ideals.
- to provide a secure, welcoming and ordered environment in which individuals learn to value and respect both themselves and others.
- to give individuals the opportunities to develop their full potential as human beings, and to encourage and challenge them to do so.
- to encourage everyone to strive to do their best and to strive for the highest standards in all areas of activity.
- to help students grow into confident, open, resourceful young people with a sense of responsibility and of service.

The Governing Body of St. Thomas More is the Admission Authority for this school. Whilst giving priority to the admission of existing St. Thomas More Yr 11 students to Sixth Form, we warmly welcome applicants from other schools. When determining admissions to our Sixth Form, we seek to preserve the character and ethos of this Catholic, Voluntary Aided School and College.

Admission Criteria

1. Year 11 students from St Thomas More High School have an entitlement to entry into the Sixth Form if they meet the entry requirements (see page 4 in School Prospectus).
2. Students from other Schools are invited to apply if they meet relevant entry requirements (see page 4 in School Prospectus). The Planned Admission Number (PAN) for admissions to Yr 12 in September 2012 from external applications is 50.
3. The anticipated capacity for Yr 12 is 220 (this takes into account both internal and external candidates).

Oversubscription Criteria

Students from St. Thomas More who meet the general entry requirements and subject specific criteria will be offered a place in Sixth Form. Any student who has a Statement of Special Educational Need, which names the school will be admitted to Yr 12 provided the student also meets the general and course specific entry requirements. With regard to **external** applications, when there are not enough places to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given in accordance with the categories below. These are the Oversubscription Criteria.

1. Catholic students who are in the care of the Local Authority,
2. Catholic students who live within the parishes of the RC Deanery of St. Oswin.
3. Catholic students who attend other secondary schools and live outside the parishes of the RC Deanery of St. Oswin.
4. Other students who are in the care of the Local Authority,
5. Students who are members of other Christian Churches as recognised by Churches Together in England (see additional notes)
6. Students who are members of other faith traditions (see additional notes)

7. Other students who wish to attend the Sixth Form.

Within each category listed above priority will be given to those with siblings still in the school at the time of admission and then distance from the school (see additional notes).

Waiting List

If a student is refused admission, a waiting list is available where priority will be given according to the above criteria based on the information provided at the time of application. The waiting list will be open until the end of the second week of the autumn term.

Additional notes:

1. **Deanery of St. Oswin** – this consists of the parishes of St. Columba's, St. Bernadette's, Our Lady and St. Aidan's in Wallsend, St. Joseph's and St. Cuthbert's in North Shields, St. Oswin and St. Mary's in Tynemouth, St. Edward's in Whitley Bay, Immaculate Heart in West Monkseaton and St. Edmund's in Backworth.
2. **Definition of Catholic** – students who have been baptised as Catholics or have been formally received into the Catholic Church. All applicants seeking admission under criteria 1, 2, and 3 will be required to provide evidence of baptism or being received into the Catholic Church. A baptismal certificate or a letter from their priest confirming their baptism or reception into the Catholic Church will suffice. It is the parents' responsibility to provide this evidence.
3. **Definition of Students in the care of a Local Authority** – students who are looked after by a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989(b) at the time application for admission to the Sixth Form is made and who the Local Authority can confirm, will still be looked after at time of admission.

Members of other Christian Churches or other faith traditions – a letter from the relevant Minister/Faith Leader should be sent to the Clerk of Governors c/o the school.

Churches Together in England (see www.churches-together.org.uk for further details on membership):

The Baptist Union
British Antiochian Orthodox Church
Cherubim and Seraphim Council

of Churches
The Church of England
Church of God Prophecy
Church of Scotland (In England)
Congregational Federation
Coptic Orthodox
Council of African and Caribbean Churches
Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches
Ichthus Christian Fellowship
Independent Methodist Churches
Joint Council for Anglo-Caribbean Churches
Lutheran Council of Great Britain
Salvation Army
The Methodist Church
United Reform Church
Wesleyan Holiness Church

4. **Definition of siblings** – sibling refers to brother or sister; half brother or sister; adopted brother or sister; or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
5. **Distance from the school** – this will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the student's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

General Entry Requirements

A summary of the academic requirements for entry to Sixth Form is given below. Detailed information regarding course specific entry requirements can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus which should be consulted before making a formal application.

- The majority of students in Year 12 study 4 AS optional subjects and must have achieved 5 or more GCSEs at grade B or above.
- Some students study fewer than 4 AS subjects and/or choose vocational courses. These students must have achieved 5 or more GCSEs at grade C or above.
- For all courses students must meet subject specific entry requirements as outlined in our Prospectus.
- There are also available a small number of Level 2 courses.

How and When to apply

Applications must be made on the Sixth Form Application Form which can be obtained from the school together with the Sixth Form Prospectus, which details the academic entry requirements for admission to individual courses. Completed forms must be returned to the school by (please contact school direct). A provisional offer of a place, subject to confirmation of meeting the required academic entry requirements, will be made by (please contact school direct).

Late Applications

Any applications received after the closing date will be accepted but considered only after those received by the closing date.

General Information

In Year Admissions

In Year admissions are those that take place other than the normal time of entry to the school. The Local Authority will co-ordinate the transfer process on behalf of all schools in North Tyneside including Voluntary Aided and Trust. To transfer schools you must complete an 'In Year' application form which is available from your child's current school or the Access Team on telephone number **0191 643 8724**. This application **must** only be completed by North Tyneside residents. If the pupil is currently attending a North Tyneside school, the Headteacher of their current school **MUST** complete **Section B** of the application form this means that schools will always be aware of any transfer requests. **The application will not be processed unless that has happened.** You may express up to three preferences and may include schools in other areas. If your preferences are for schools other than North Tyneside we will contact the appropriate admission authority of that school to enable a decision to be made on your application. If there are places available the start date may not be immediate and would normally be at the beginning of a half term. If the year group is full, the admission authority will write to you and inform you of your right to appeal to the Independent Appeals Panel.

Admission of Children Outside their normal age group

Parents of gifted and talented children, or those who have experienced problems or missed part of the year, for example due to ill health, can seek places outside their normal year group. This option should be discussed with your child's Headteacher and be supported with written recommendation

from an Educational Psychologist. If your application for a place outside the normal age group is refused, you have the right to appeal against the decision however; your right of appeal does not apply if you are offered a place in another year group at the school.

Pupils with Disabilities

If your child has a disability he/she will be treated no less favourably than other applicants for admission. Schools are under a duty to make reasonable adjustments to ensure that pupils with disabilities are not placed at a substantial disadvantage. The Local Authority is now required to have an accessibility strategy and all schools an accessibility plan outlining proposals to improve physical access, access to the curriculum and access to written information.

Elective Home Education

Elective Home Education is where parents/carers decide to provide education for their child/ren at home instead of sending them to school. North Tyneside LA firmly believes that its schools offer a first class education. Nevertheless we recognise that you, as a parent, still have the right to offer your child an alternative to a school based education. We seek to respect and support this right, believing that we should work together as closely as possible to secure the most appropriate education for your child. Elective Home Education is a great responsibility and requires a considerable commitment in terms of time and energy.

For further information please contact Patricia Anzak, on telephone number 0191 643 8393.

Exclusion of Pupils from School

No Headteacher likes having to exclude pupils, but sometimes it is necessary if a pupil has been involved in a serious incident. The Headteacher will decide if the exclusion should be for a fixed term or if it should be permanent. Permanent exclusions are used as a last resort and are only given for very serious incidents. The Headteacher must inform you, in writing, of the period of the exclusion and the reason for the decision. If you are unhappy about the exclusion you have the right to state your case to the Governing Body Discipline Committee. If you wish to make representations to the Governing Body Discipline Committee you should write to the Chair of Governors c/o the school. A Local Authority Officer will visit you if your child has been permanently excluded. The purpose of the visit will be to explain the various options that are open to you for instance making representations to the Governing Body Discipline Committee if you

feel that the exclusion should not have taken place, or helping you to decide about alternative education for your child if the exclusion is confirmed. In certain circumstances you will also have the right to appeal to an independent panel. Schools are required to send work home if your child is excluded and must make arrangements for full-time education for fixed term exclusions over 5 days. Parents are legally responsible for the supervision of their children for the first five days of any exclusion. They may be subject to a £50 penalty notice if their child is found to be in a public place without good cause, for example on the way to or from the doctor's during a period of exclusion. **For further information please contact your child's Headteacher or Children, Young People and Learning Directorate Secondary Support Team on 643 7666**

Exceptions to the duty to Offer a School Place

If there are more places available than applicants, the Admission Authority must accept all the applications except in the circumstances below: -

Children who have been Permanently Excluded Twice

Where a child has been permanently excluded from two or more schools parents can still express a preference for a school place, but the requirement to comply is removed for a period of two years from the date on which the last exclusion took place. This does not apply to children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs; children who were below compulsory school age when excluded, children who were reinstated following a permanent exclusion; and children who would have been reinstated following a permanent exclusion had it been practicable to do so.

Children with Challenging behaviour

It is normally unacceptable for a school to refuse to admit a child on the basis of their behaviour elsewhere. It is also unacceptable for a school to refuse to admit a child thought to be potentially disruptive, or who has exhibited challenging behaviour, on the grounds that the child ought first to be assessed for Special Educational Needs. If a pupil, once admitted is found to be seriously disruptive then the school may consider disciplinary action, including exclusion procedures. Exceptionally outside the normal year of entry, and where an application is made outside arrangements covered by an In Year Fair Access Protocol, admission authorities may decide to refuse to admit a child with challenging behaviour even though there are places available, on the grounds that admission

would prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources. This will normally only be appropriate where a school has a particularly high concentration of pupils with challenging behaviour or previously excluded children and one or more of the following exceptional circumstances exists, namely that the school:

- a) requires special measures or has recently come out of them (within the last 2 years);
- b) has been identified by Ofsted as requiring significant improvement and therefore given 'notice to improve';
- c) is subject to a formal warning notice by the Council;
- d) is a Fresh Start school or Academy open for less than two years; or
- e) is a secondary school where fewer than 20 per cent of children are achieving 5 or more A* - C GCSEs including English and mathematics, or a primary school where fewer than 55% of pupils achieve Level 4 or above at Key Stage 2 in both English and mathematics for four or more consecutive years.

In Year Fair Access Protocols

In Year Fair Access Protocols exist to ensure that access to education is secured quickly for pupils who have no school place, and to ensure that all schools admit their fair share of pupils with challenging behaviour. All schools in North Tyneside participate in the protocol in order to ensure that unplaced children, especially the most vulnerable are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible. The protocol ensures that no school, including those with places available is asked to take an excessive or unreasonable number of pupils who have been excluded from other schools. Pupils placed by the Fair Access Panel are given priority for admission over others on a waiting list or awaiting an appeal.

Admission to 6th form

The majority of High Schools in North Tyneside provide courses of study for post 16 (6th form) students. The majority of students in school 6th forms have transferred from Year 11 in their current school, but all schools offering Post 16 education places have places available for external students. The entry requirements for 6th form are largely dependent on the course of study that the student wishes to access. They are the same for internal and external students. Details of specific requirements and courses available may be obtained from individual schools. All schools publish information about their Post 16 provision.

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Applicants refused admission to the 6th form are entitled to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel.

Education Welfare Service

Local Authorities (LAs) are responsible, by law, for making sure parents fulfil their responsibility of ensuring that their child receives an education either by regular attendance at school, or otherwise. In North Tyneside the Education Welfare Service (EWS) undertakes this responsibility. We exist to help parents and the LA meet the obligations and duties placed upon them by successive Education Acts and Child Care legislation. The Education Welfare Officer is involved with a variety of issues. The main focus of the work is dealing with problems which could prevent a child attending school.

We are also responsible for:

- Parenting Orders/Contracts, Parenting Support
- Issuing work permits for school age children
- Issuing performance licences for children
- Issuing licences for chaperones to children in entertainment
- Children educated other than at school
- Children missing from education

There is a duty officer available from 8-30am to 12-00pm Monday to Friday.

Telephone - 0191 843 8392

Public Examinations

It is the policy of the Council to provide appropriate opportunities for pupils to be entered for public examinations. Parents will need to discuss particular arrangements with the school.

If you have concerns regarding with your Child's School

If you are unhappy with what is happening at your child's school please discuss your concerns with staff at the school first. Please follow the steps below:-

1. Arrange to discuss your concerns informally with your child's teacher, head of year or the Headteacher.
2. If you are not satisfied with step 1 please contact either the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors formally. You can do this in writing. The school will give you details of how to contact the Chair of Governors.
3. If you are not satisfied that your concerns have been addressed request a copy of the schools

complaints procedure and follow the guidelines provided within the booklet.

School Leaving Date (Year 11 pupils)

The school leaving date for year 11 pupils is the last Friday in June and for 2012 it will be 29 June. Young People will not be able to leave school before that date even if they are already 16 years old.

Ethnic and Minority and Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS)

North Tyneside EMTAS aims to enable children whose home language is not English to have access to the whole curriculum and the social opportunities offered by their schools.

- English as an additional language support from experienced specialist teachers
- Bilingual assistants support home languages Bengali/Sylheti, Cantonese, Punjabi and Urdu
- Monitoring and Assessment of Ethnic Minority Pupils
- Comprehensive database on Additional Language Learners
- Advice to mainstream staff on curriculum, language and cultural issues
- Liaison with other LA Services and Officers, Health and Children's Services and other agencies
- Facilitating the admission of new arrivals, asylum-seeker and refugee children to school
- Liaison with other EMTAS services to address local and national issues
- Planning with mainstream colleagues in order to deliver effective provision
- Supporting schools in implementing National Strategy initiatives and guidance on appropriate provision for EM/EAL pupils
- Supporting schools and other agencies in appropriate assessment and grouping of EM/EAL pupils
- Training around issues related to EM/EAL pupils

For further information please contact EMTAS on telephone number 0191 643 8853.

School Transport

UNDER 16 YEARS

A free travel pass is only available for your child if they attend their catchment area school and a) your

child is under 8 years of age and lives more than 2 miles from the school or b) your child is 8 years of age or over and lives 3 miles or more (SHORTEST WALKING DISTANCE) from your nearest appropriate school. If you have chosen a different school, a free pass may not be available. If you move out of the area served by your child's school, free travel may be available at the discretion of the Head of Access and Inclusion until your child completes an examination course already started, for example in years 10 and 11. Free passes are not available in other cases of leaving the area. The Local Authority has a duty to ensure that suitable travel arrangements are made, free of charge, for certain, 'eligible children' in their area where it is considered necessary to facilitate their attendance at relevant educational establishments. Eligible children are:

- Children/students who are unable to walk to school by reason of their special educational needs, disability, or temporary medical condition
- Children/students who are unable to walk in safety to school because of the nature of the route
- Children/students living outside statutory walking distances (3 miles for children aged 8 or over; or 2 miles for younger pupils), attending their nearest qualifying school which has places available, where no suitable alternative arrangements have been made (for example, where their nearest school is within the statutory limits but has no places available, requiring them to travel to an alternative outside those limits).
- Children/students from low income families, i.e. those entitled to free school meals, or whose parents are in receipt of their maximum level of Working Tax Credit.

This applies to:

- Primary pupils aged between 8 and 11 from low income families attending a qualifying school more than 2 miles, but no more than 6 miles from their home.
- Secondary pupils aged between 11 and 16 from low income families attending 1 of their 3 nearest qualifying schools more than 2 miles but less than 6 miles from their home, from September 2008.
- Secondary pupils aged between 11 and 16 from low income families, from September 2008 attending the nearest suitable school preferred on grounds of religion or belief, where they live

more than 2 miles, but not more than 15 miles from that school.

In North Tyneside pupils attending special schools and units attached to mainstream schools who are unable to make their own way to school due to their special educational needs and/or live further than the minimum distance of 1 mile.

A pupils' home address is considered to be the one that is registered for the purpose of claiming Child Benefit/Working Tax Credit.

Authorities can provide or arrange transport in a number of ways, for example:-

- by providing pupils/students with passes to use on public transport,
- by providing buses for use by school, pupils/students,
- if circumstances warrant, by arranging for them to travel in taxis or hired cars,
- pay a cycling allowance where the parent agrees for their eligible child to cycle to and from school instead of using public transport,
- provide an escort to enable an eligible child with or without special educational needs to walk a short distance to school in reasonable safety, instead of making arrangements for a taxi to take them to and from school.
- pay a mileage allowance to a parent driving their eligible child to school,

All mentioned arrangements above require the relevant parental consent.

In the event of parents/carers choosing to fund a place for their child at an independent school not named by the Local Authority in a Statement of Special Educational Needs, parents/carers will also be responsible for any costs incurred in relation to home to school transport.

Post 16 Student Travel Assistance

For further information on Post 16 student travel assistance please refer to the home to School Transport Policy on the Council's website:

www.northtyneside.gov.uk

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs

Wherever possible, pupils/students with Special Educational Needs will be treated in the same way as those without such needs. Wherever possible, a

child, young person or young adult with Special Educational Needs will also be encouraged to travel on public transport, especially when this is considered to be a factor in developing their independence, life and social skills.

- a) The provision of Home to School/College Transport for pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs will be provided in line with the Home to School/College Transport Policy. This applies to pupils attending both mainstream schools and day special schools up to 19 years of age.
- b) Pupils living outside of the minimum distances but who are following an independence programme including making their own way to school are eligible for a free bus pass for use on public transport to facilitate free travel to and from school.
- c) Transport will be provided for pupils attending special schools and units attached to mainstream schools who:
 - i) are unable to make their own way to school due to their special education needs and or
 - ii) live further than the minimum distance of one mile.
- d) Pupils living within the minimum distances set out in the Home to School/College Transport Policy would be expected to make their own way to and from school unless prevented from doing so as a result of their Special Educational Need. It is recognised that for certain pupils/students, independent travel is not possible. Such pupils/students must be considered individually and according to their individual needs.
- e) An escort is provided, when necessary, to ensure pupils' safety and to supervise them during the journey. This may require the escort to sit with pupils/students, for example, in the rear seat of a taxi or it may be appropriate for the escort to sit in the front. This will be in response to the pupils'/students' needs.
- f) Pupils/students attending a residential provision as a result of their Statement of Special Educational Needs would be provided with free transport at the beginning and end of each term.

Tyne and Wear Independent Travel Programme for Young People in Education

In all instances North Tyneside will have regard to the Tyne and Wear Independent Travel Programme. The programme offers an independent travel

training programme for all students in full time education. This will help prepare the students for that period of time after they have completed their education.

The purpose of the project is to:-

- promote independent travel for all young people who are currently being provided with transport funded by public bodies.
- introduce independent travel programmes into the school and college setting.
- promote the 'Every Child Matters' message into the provision of transport by ensuring health and safety, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution and achieving economic well being.

For further information on transport please refer to the Home to School/ College Transport Policy at www.northtyneside.gov.uk

Pre School Age Children

A) A pre-school age child attending a specialist provision as a result of a Statement of Special Educational Need or for a special education needs assessment is entitled to free transport if required.

Arrangements for the transport provision should be addressed when the final Statement of Special Educational Needs is confirmed. The transport needs of children being assessed should be arranged at the point of agreement to the placement at the specialist provision. A pro forma setting out the child's transport needs would then be completed at the school, and forwarded to Children, Young People and Learning Directorate.

B) A child of nursery age that is attending a Child Care Nursery may be provided with assistance at the discretion of the social work team at Parental Engagement and Support Team. Any requests for transport assistance should be made directly to the social worker who will pursue the request. For further information please contact **Children, Young People and Learning Directorate on telephone number 0191 643 8726.**

Financial Help for Older Pupils (Educational Maintenance Allowance Scheme)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) scheme closed to new applicants on 1 January 2011. From September 2011 this will be replaced with a new 16 – 19 Bursary Fund. Details of the new scheme and how students can apply will be available from schools, colleges and the Connexions Service.

School Meals

School lunch is available in all schools. A multi-choice menu, including a vegetarian choice is available every day, allowing a child to choose a nutritious two-course meal in all first, primary and middle schools. All menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet the government standards for school food. High schools and community colleges have a cafeteria service. The cost of a two-course school lunch in first, primary and middle schools is £1.80. There is always a two-course meal available for £1.80 in all High schools and community colleges in addition to the full cafeteria service. Parents should inform Headteachers of any special dietary requirements. Bespoke menus can be developed for children with medically prescribed diets following discussions with parents.

Free School Lunch Entitlement

Children whose parents receive the following support payments are entitled to receive a free school lunch:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit provided they are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by H M Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit Children who receive Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance in their own right qualify as well.

You can apply for Free School Meals on telephone number: 0191 643 2288. Children can only receive a free school meal once it is approved.

Special Educational Needs

Provision to meet children's needs

North Tyneside has a wide range of provision for children who have special educational needs. The majority of children have their special educational needs met in local mainstream schools and receive help through their school's own special educational needs resources. The LA has a range of support services, which schools can call upon for advice and support. These resourced provisions are attached to mainstream schools and support children through specialist staff and facilities. It is not necessary to have a statement of Special Educational Needs in order to access these provisions. For those children whose needs are

more severe, there are also a number of special schools providing a range of specialist support and facilities. It is necessary to have a statement of Special Educational Needs in order to access these provisions.

How Children's needs are identified and met

Many children will experience difficulties at different times but for some these difficulties will continue throughout their school career. There is a National Special Educational Needs Code of Practice (2001) which all schools must follow when a child is experiencing difficulties in making progress at school.

Portage Service

The Portage and LEAPS Service is offered to children with special needs who are living in the borough of North Tyneside. It is based at Beacon Hill School. The Service is also represented on the Special Needs Team (a multi-disciplinary team which works with pre-school children who have additional support needs and their parents and carers) it is staffed by one full time teacher, with a team of Portage Home Visitors. The Portage Service is registered with the National Portage Association (NPA). **The Service Offers** specialist teaching to children by supporting parents or carers in promoting their child's early learning and development through play.

Provision includes

- Home visits usually one per week to two weeks working with parents to assess child's current development, then jointly to plan, demonstrate and review appropriate play activities.
- Support to parents when considering their child's future education options
- Assessment and written report on nursery/school entry
- Multi-disciplinary liaison to ensure a co-ordinated response to a child's identified needs Advice and support to staff in any pre-school setting that a child may attend
- Informal play sessions at Linskill Toy Library held fortnightly

North Tyneside promotes a positive partnership between parents, schools, the LA and other agencies to ensure effective identification, assessment and provision for pupils with special educational needs. If a child's special educational needs are significant, following a discussion with parents and the child's school the LA may feel it appropriate to carry out a formal assessment.

The LA would inform parents about this in writing. The assessment would take account of the child's educational, medical, social and other needs before determining whether or not to issue a Statement of special educational needs for the child. Within North Tyneside support is provided for a number of young people without the need for a Statement of special educational need. Schools have funding delegated to them for in school support. Pupils can also access additionally resourced provisions within a mainstream school without a statement of special educational need. These include provision for those with moderate learning difficulties, physical needs, language and communication difficulties and behavioural, emotional and social difficulties. Where the LA recommends school placement other than the child's local school, then we will usually provide transport to and from the school.

Details of eligibility for Home to School Transport are detailed in the Council's home to school transport policy, copies of which can be obtained from the Access Team on telephone number 0191 643 8726.

Statutory Assessment and Review Service What we are and what we do:

- Carry out the administration of the Statutory Assessment of Special Educational Needs (SEN) and placements in respect of additional educational needs (AEN) for children and young people. AEN placements are not dependent on a statement of special educational needs.
 - Issue outcomes of the statutory assessment and AEN process.
 - Monitor and revise Statements of special educational need and other placements through an annual review process.
 - Secure appropriate provision, placement and support for pupils with statements of special educational need and those with AEN but for whom placement is not reliant on the statutory process.
 - Liaise with parents, schools, professionals, other agencies, functions and Local Authorities in relation to the statutory assessment and AEN process, outcomes of assessments and the annual review process.
 - Provide support for mainstream school staff and governing bodies through involvement in a programme of SEN professional development.
- Represent the Local Authority at special educational needs and disability tribunals (SENDIST).
 - Act as the Local Authority contact on AEN and SEN issues.
 - Monitor AEN provisions for children and young people with and without Statements of special educational need.
 - Provide input into the strategic development of AEN and SEN resources and provision.
 - Assist in the promotion of high quality AEN and SEN services.
 - Support the LA in meeting the national and local AEN and SEN related targets.

Eligibility Criteria

- Requests for additional educational need provision or statutory assessment would normally be made by schools following input at School Action Plus as outlined in the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice (2001)
- Requests for statutory assessment can also be made by parents
- Referrals can also be made by other agencies eg. Social Services or Health. However, this would normally be where a child is under school age and/or has complex needs.

If you have any questions about any issues in relation to process or any other matter that you think we can help with do not hesitate to contact any of the team who will be happy to help. We can be contacted on **0191 643 8680**

Advice and Support for Parents

North Tyneside's Parent Partnership Service offers impartial support to parents of children with special educational needs. The service can provide independent parental supporters who are able to offer support to parents on an individual basis. All LA's have a statutory duty to provide Parent Partnership Services and to provide a disagreement resolution service.

For more information contact the Families Information Service on telephone number 0345 2000108.

Your Children's Health

North Tyneside Primary Care Trust employs Public Health Nurses (formerly School Nurses) to assist children and young people to gain the most from their education – by valuing and recognising good

health as an asset. Public Health Nurses work with schools, to plan and implement programmes of health related topics, which both complement the curriculum, and support individual young people through the various transition stages of adolescence. Key parts of this service include the immunisation programme offered to all school-aged children and young people, and arrangements to both offer and complete this programme are co-ordinated with schools. Community Paediatricians employed by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust work in close conjunction with Public Health Nurses to offer specialist advice to families where health related issues may impact on their children's education. They have close working links with child and Family Therapy Unit staff and the Paediatric Ward at North Tyneside General Hospital. They provide medical support on issues of special needs, audiology, immunisations and general health issues. Public Health Nurses plan individual programmes with schools, including weekly or monthly drop in services, additional parenting programmes in early years, identified individual support for families in crisis, where children need additional support or discussions on any health related topic which both parents, schools and advisors feel would be both useful and supportive. Home Visits can be arranged direct with Public Health Nurses and joint agency work with Education Welfare, Learning Mentors and Social Workers are a key factor to this service. Children and young people with Statements of special education needs are offered additional support and frequent liaison. Meetings to co-ordinate this across the school health service is encouraged. Telephone advice is available and parents are welcome to contact the service at the following clinics

Clinic	Telephone
Wallsend Health Centre	0191 220 5921
Monkseaton Clinic	0191 252 4264
Albion Road Resource Centre (North Shields)	0191 219 6683
Beacon Hill School (Secondary)	0191 643 3010
Beacon Hill School (Primary)	0191 643 3005
Woodlawn School (Whitley Bay)	0191 643 2590
Hutton Health Suite (North West/Longbenton)	0191 643 2866

Educational Psychology Service

The Educational Psychology Service aims to promote and support the educational development of children and young people in North Tyneside with Special Educational Needs using the application

of psychological principles to deliver the objectives within the North Tyneside Council Children and Young People's Plan.

What we do:

- We support with children and young people from birth to 25 years.
- We work in a range of settings including schools, colleges, Early Years settings and alternative educational provisions.
- We consult with parents and carers, teaching staff, Local Authority officers and other Children's Service and Health colleagues.
- We offer a range of skills and services including assessments, training activities, consultation with schools, parents and colleagues, advice to Local Authority panel meetings and guidance to school settings relating to resources and specialist learning support materials.
- We provide advice and recommendations for statutory assessment of Special Educational Need procedures under the terms and conditions of the 1996 Education Act.
- We contribute to Locality Area Teams.
- We allocate Service Level Agreements to determine the delivery of our time

Referral routes:

- Referrals to the Educational Psychology Service are usually made by schools, but can be made by parents and other agencies i.e. Health Partners, Area Teams.
- Referrals consist of the completion of formal referral records or written letters of request for support and intervention.
- All referrals to the Service require formal parental consent.

Who we are:

- The Educational Psychology Service consists of a team of qualified and experienced Educational Psychologists including a Principal and Senior Psychologist and Educational Psychologists undertaking Post-graduate training in Applied Educational Psychology.
- We work closely with Newcastle University to maintain high national standards.
- Each school and Children's Area Team has a

dedicated Educational Psychologist.

- On an annual basis we support the training of Educational Psychologists at Newcastle University.

School based activities we can deliver:

- Early intervention strategies, assessment, advice and guidance relating to the needs of children and groups of children.
- Individual statutory assessment activities involving assessment, offering monitoring and review recommendations and supporting children, young people and their parents and carers under the terms and conditions of the 1996 Education Act.
- Guidance to schools relating to resources and specialist learning support materials.
- Staff training and development.
- Strategic development work – particularly in the area of Special Educational Needs (SEN).
- Crisis response to sudden and traumatic events, e.g. sudden deaths.

Pre-School activities

- Assessment and guidance in relation to pre-school children from birth to Foundation years.
- Training to Early Years settings.
- Liaison with a range of early years providers, e.g. Children's Centres and nursery settings.

Community activities we can deliver:

- Work with parents, carers and other professionals who are involved with children and young people referred to the Educational Psychology Service.
- Educational Psychologists work alongside other colleagues in four Area Children's Teams. The main focus of this work is preventative, delivering multiagency and targeted support.
- Additional Educational Psychologist posts are supported by Local Area Agreements for Looked After Children, Autism Spectrum Disorder assessments and Early Years, Speech and Language difficulties.
- The Service contributes to strategic development initiatives as determined by the Children and Young People Plan.

Contribution of the Service to Every Child Matters

With reference to the five Every Child Matters outcomes Contribution of the Service to Every Child Matters With reference to the five Every Child Matters outcomes and the sixth North Tyneside Council outcome, the Service advocates for and directly supports the educational needs of all children in schools across the borough and through Area Team working practices in addition to all other professional activities. **For further information please contact: Educational Psychology Service 3rd Floor, Quadrant West, Cobalt Business Park Silverlink North. Tel: 0191 643 8739 or 0191 643 8740 or Email: educational.psychology@northtyneside.gov.uk**

Learning Support Services Service Structure

Learning Support Services are provided from special schools as well as centrally held services.

Provision from Special schools

A number of special schools have been commissioned to provide learning support services on behalf of the local authority. The following services are managed and delivered by special schools:

Service Users

- Children and Young People (0-19 years) with SEN and/or disabilities
- Children of transient families
- Parents/carers of the above groups
- Schools (mainstream and special)
- Early years settings
- Post-16 providers
- Range of professionals working with children and young people with SEN and disabilities, e.g. health, social services, voluntary agencies.

Contribution of the Services to Raising Standards and Increasing Inclusion

All teams within the service provide a range of support, key areas of which are outlined below:

- (i) Supporting schools and early years settings to develop their SEN policies, practices and provision in order to raise pupil achievement and increase levels of effective inclusion.
- (ii) Contributing towards the identification and assessment of the needs of children and young

Service/Team	Contact	Telephone Number
Language and Communication Team	Benton Dene School	0191 643 2730
Dene Communication Centre (Pre-school Language & Communication Resource Base)	Benton Dene School	0191 643 2730
Dyslexia Team	Southlands School	0191 200 1012
Moving on Vocational Support	Southlands School	0191 200 6348
Portage (Pre-school home teaching service)	Beacon Hill School	0191 643 3000
Local Early Years Action Plus Support (LEAPS)	Beacon Hill School	0191 643 3000
Motor Skills Co-ordinator Outreach	Woodlawn School	0191 643 2590
Sensory Service: Visual Difficulties Team Hearing Difficulties Team	Beacon Hill School	0191 643 3000
Deaf Support Centre	Marden High School	0191 200 6357
Provision from Central Services Teacher for Transient Children	Wallsend Health Centre, The Green, Wallsend	0191 643 8853

- people, including the statutory assessment and review process.
- (iii) Provision of advice and guidance regarding intervention and support programmes for early years settings, schools, post-16 providers and parents/carers.
 - (iv) Provision of specialist teaching programmes for identified children and young people.
 - (v) Development of resources to support teaching programmes and curriculum access.
 - (vi) Provision of specialist training and staff development programmes for early years settings, schools, post-16 providers and parents/carers.
 - (vii) Monitoring pupil progress and the quality and effectiveness of provision for identified children and young people with SEN and/or disabilities.
 - (viii) Identifying and disseminating good practice in the field of SEN and disabilities.
 - (ix) Working in partnership with other professionals and a range of services in order to provide a co-ordinated response to identified need.

Referral Criteria

Referrals may be made by the following: Schools, Early Years providers, Health, Social Services and Voluntary Agencies.

Eligibility Criteria

Children and young people must be identified as having special educational needs within the framework of the SEN Code of Practice.

Children's Disability Team

The Children's Disability Team provide assessment and support services for Disabled Children (aged 0-18 years) and their families to meet each child's developmental needs and aspirations to ensure inclusion and opportunity. The service also provides short breaks for parents, carers and siblings.

Tel: 0191 643 4151.

Early Support Service

North Tyneside Early Support aims to provide information about the national Early Support initiative; a range of materials and resources for the families of children with disabilities (0-5 years) and the professionals that work to support them; a range of Early Support training for parents and professionals aimed at improving and co-coordinating service delivery; and to assist in the development of a model of key working for the families of children (0-5) with complex disabilities and/or complex health needs.

Transition Support

In North Tyneside Transition Planning for young people with additional needs takes place using a

coordinated multi-agency approach that extends far more widely than the school and family. The outcomes for Transition Planning for young people with a Statement of Educational Needs, on School Action or School Action Plus and/or with significant health needs that we will strive to achieve, will be:

- For all young disabled people to leave school with a clear person centred plan of what they want to do next.
- For the young person to have autonomy, increased independence, active participation in their community and access to adult focussed opportunities to include further education, training, employment, leisure, housing, friendships, relationships etc.
- For those eligible for Adult Social Care, services are agreed, including those provided through Personal Budgets, and in place when the young person stops receiving support from children's services.

Disability Services – Family Based Short Break Care Service

Provide planned short breaks for disabled children (aged up to 18) with foster carers. Referral to the service must first be made through the First Call Service.

Disability Services – Addison Street Short Break Unit

Provides short breaks for children/young people aged between 8 - 18 years, who have a physical and/or learning disability. Support is offered to the child and family by providing regular short breaks ranging from 2 nights up to 14 nights. Referral to the service must be through the First Call Service.

Disability Services – Heatherfield Mews

2 place short break and 4 place long stay unit provides both short breaks and longer term placements for children/young people aged between 7 - 18 years, who have complex autism spectrum conditions, disabilities and challenging behaviours. Support is offered to the child and family by providing regular short breaks ranging from 2 nights up to 14 nights, or longer term placements when required. Referral to the service must be through the First Call Service.

Primary Resource and Outreach Service (PRO)

The Primary Resource and Outreach Service (PRO) is a multi-disciplinary team that works with schools, parents and carers to support pupils between the ages of 3 and 13 years with emotional, social and/or behavioural difficulties. PRO is a local

authority School Action Plus resource, engagement with which is a pre-requisite prior to considering referral for statutory assessment. PRO offers a telephone helpline and a 24 hour response to queries during term time, along with a parent contact/support service during holidays. Referral forms are available on request. **Tel: 0191 643 8849.**

Moorbridge

Moorbridge is a Pupil Referral Unit and opened in January 2006. It is a new, purpose built school for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 pupils who require Education Otherwise than at School according to the Education Act 1993. At Key Stage 3 Moorbridge provides 24 short term places for pupils requiring specialist teaching. Criterion for admission includes the following:

- At risk of permanent exclusion or already permanently excluded
- Medical or psychological assessment indicating a disorder which currently affects attendance at school
- Without a school place and undergoing formal assessment under the Education Act 1996
- Assessment places referred through the Educational Needs Panel

When it is appropriate these pupils will transfer to school or other provisions. At Key Stage 4 Moorbridge provides 16 places for vulnerable pupils requiring specialist teaching whose extreme emotional needs prevents attendance at school. These pupils may remain at Moorbridge until the school leaving date or may transfer to other alternative provisions, as appropriate. **For further information telephone 0191 200 8813.**

The Young Mothers Unit

The primary aim of the Young Mothers Unit (YMU) is prepare pupils for re-integration into appropriate mainstream education. Where this is not practicable the YMU will provide a programme of education and opportunities designed to prepare pupils for the transition to further education, training, and the world of work and adult life. Staff at the YMU recognises that each pupil's circumstances are different and every opportunity will be given to each pupil to fulfil her potential in all areas of her education and personal development as a student and as a young parent.

Objectives

- To support each pupil to continue to develop

and achieve educationally throughout the time of her pregnancy.

- To ensure that after the birth of her baby, she has continued access to education in a positive and supportive environment.
- To support the pupil throughout her pregnancy and after the birth of her baby to experience positive parenting practice.

Examinations

A range of GCSE and other accredited courses are provided to ensure all pupils can achieve appropriately and be prepared for their post 16 options.

Dual Award GCSE Health & Social Care and Dual Award Leisure and Tourism are also offered to pupils in the unit.

RSA Word Processing courses are studied by all and the examinations are taken in the unit.

AQA Unit Awards covering a lot of topics are also offered.

By offering a wide range of accreditation opportunities it is hoped that all pupils with various levels of ability will leave the unit with some valuable record of their time spent there. **For further information please contact Alexandra 6th Form College, North Shields NE29 2BZ. Tel: 643 8876. Care2Learn funding is available for childcare with some childcare available on site.**

Governor Services

Governing bodies are very important in the decision making process with regard to the progression of schools and the raising of standards of achievement for all pupils. They are actively

involved in the recruitment and selection of staff, overseeing the budget, the development of new buildings or resources such as information and communications technology, as well as much more. Governing bodies are working, often behind the scenes, to make sure that their schools are working to be the best they can be. They work closely with the Headteacher and staff and share with them their vision for the school. A support team exists to support governing bodies by offering advice and training as well as a professional Clerking Service.

Clerking Service

North Tyneside Governor Services provides a central clerking service and offers advice and information on the statutory duties of governing bodies.

Governor Training

School governors receive training from a number of specialists covering the variety of governors' responsibilities. Governor Services work with governing bodies and individual governors to identify and address their training needs in relation to the range of governor related issues.

Governor Advice and Support

Governing bodies receive advice and support from Governor Services on statutory and non-statutory matters. If you would like to become a parent governor, contact the Headteacher at your child's school to see if there are any vacancies. If you are not eligible to become a parent governor you can still get involved. North Tyneside has vacancies for authority and community governors in some schools. **For more information please contact Governor Services on telephone number 643 8715.** North Tyneside is committed to safeguarding children. Anyone interested in becoming a governor will be subject to appropriate checks, e.g. criminal records bureau disclosure.

Schools in North Tyneside

Additional Resourced Centres

DfE No.	Name of Resource Centre	Address & Telephone Number
N/A	Primary Resource Outreach Service	Balliol PS, Pembroke Wing, Chesters Avenue, Longbenton, NE12 8QP. Tel: 643 8849
I 100	Moorbridge, Pupil Referral Unit	Earsdon Road, Shiremoor, NE27 0HJ. Tel: 200 8813
I 101	Young Mothers Unit	Queen Alexandra 6th Form College, Hawkeys Lane, North Shields, NE29 2BZ. Tel: 643 8876

Learning Trust Special Schools

Each of the following is a co-educational day Special School and part of the North Tyneside Learning Trust.

DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Age	Address, Telephone Number and Website	SEN Provision
7008	Beacon Hill Mrs H M Jones	2 – 16	Beacon Hill School & Specialist College for Business & Enterprise, Rising Sun Cottages, Wallsend, Tyne & Wear, NE28 9JW. Tel: 643 3000	Severe Learning Difficulties/Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties. Autism Spectrum Disorders Portage and LEAPS Service. Local Early Action Plus Support
		16 - 19	Queen Alexandra 6th Form College, Queen Alexandra Road, North Shields, NE29 9BZ. Tel: 290 0704 www.beaconhillschool.co.uk	
7004	Benton Dene School Mrs L Turner	3 – 11 or over	Benton Dene School, Hailsham Avenue, Longbenton, Newcastle, NE12 8FD. Tel: 643 2730 www.bentondeneschools.org.uk	Moderate Learning Difficulties/Autism Spectrum Disorders Language and Communication/Speech
7002	Southlands Mr D Erskine	11 – 16 or over	Beach Road, Tynemouth, North Shields, NE30 2QR. Tel: 200 6348 'Moving On' Contact: Mr D Ferguson Tel: 200 6348/6349 Dyslexia Referral Team Contact: Mr G Draper Tel: 200 1012	Vocational Programme (14 – 16 MLD) Moderate Learning Difficulties including those with associated behavioural emotional and social difficulties. Dyslexia
7007	Silverdale Mr P Gannon	7 - 16	Langdale Gardens, Wallsend, NE28 0HG. Tel: 200 5982 www.silverdaleschool.com	Behavioural Emotional and Social Difficulties
7001	Woodlawn Mr S Ripley	2 - 19	Drumoyne Gardens, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, NE25 9DL. Tel: 643 2590 www.woodlawn.org.uk	Specialist SEN School for Communication & Interaction Physical, Medical & Sensory Needs including Assessment Nursery Provision.

Nursery School

The following is a maintained co-educational nursery school. This school has extended services on site run by the school: Wrap around and holiday care available from 8am to 6pm for which an affordable fee is charged.

DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Age	Address, Telephone Number and Website	No. of Places Available
1001	Sir James Knott Nursery School & North Shields Children's Centre Mrs S M Hucker	3 - 5	River View, Tynemouth, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE30 4AG. Tel: 200 5438	60 am 60 pm

Community First Schools (Age 3 – 9 years)

Each of the following day schools is a maintained co-educational community school.

* N.B. includes Nursery Class

DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Address, Telephone Number and Website	Published Admission Number	SEN Provision
2042	Appletree Gardens First* Mrs J Burrell	Appletree Gardens, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear. NE25 8XS. Tel: 252 3546 www.applereegardens.ik.org	60	
2059	Coquet Park First* Mr M Lovell	The Links, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear; NE26 1TQ. Tel: 200 8708 www.coquetpark.ik.org	30	
2060	Langley First* Mr T Jones	Drumoyne Gardens, West Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear; NE25 9DL. Tel: 643 2026 www.langleyfirst.org.uk	60	Resourced Nursery Provision Physical Difficulties
2058	Marine Park First* Mr S Easton	Park Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear; NE26 1LT. Tel: 200 8723 www.marinepark.org.uk	75	
2046	Southridge First* Mrs K Morris	Cranleigh Place, Beaumont Park Estate, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear; NE25 9UD. Tel: 200 8709	60	
2055	South Wellfield First* Ms J Gordon	Otterburn Avenue, South Wellfield, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear; NE25 9QL. Tel: 200 8809	60	
2074	Whitley Lodge First* Mrs F Lutman	Woodburn Drive, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear; NE26 3HW. Tel: 200 8781 www.whitleylodgeschool.org.uk	45	Moderate Learning Difficulties

Learning Trust First School (Age 3 – 9 years)

The following day school is part of the North Tyneside Learning Trust

* N.B. includes Nursery Class

DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Address, Telephone Number and Website	Published Admission Number	SEN Provision
2041	Rockcliffe First* Mrs Colpitts - Elliott	Grafton Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear; NE26 2NR. Tel: 200 8799 www.rockcliffeschool.org.uk	41	

Learning Trust Primary Schools (Age 3 – 11)

Each of the following day schools is part of the North Tyneside Learning Trust

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DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Address, Telephone Number and Website	Published Admission Number	SEN Provision
2048	Amberley Community Primary* Mrs A Barkes	East Bailey, Killingworth, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 6SQ. Tel: 200 8344	60	
2068	Battle Hill Community Primary* Mr K Arthur	Berwick Drive, Battle Hill, Wallsend, NE28 9DH, Tyne and Wear. Tel: 200 7246 www.battlehillps.org.uk	45	
2078	Benton Dene Primary* Mrs J Forster	Hailsham Avenue, Longbenton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 8FD. Tel: 643 2730 www.bentondeneschools.org.uk	60	Communication Support Base
2062	Carville Primary* Mrs P Richardson	The Avenue, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 6AX. Tel: 200 7236	30	
2083	Greenfields Community Primary* Mrs L Phillips	Taylor Avenue, Wideopen, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE13 6NB. Tel: 200 7919 www.greenfields.n-tyneside.sch.uk	55	
2087	Hadrian Park Primary* Mrs J Parker	Addington Drive, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 9RT. Tel: 200 7257 www.hadrianparkprimary.org.uk	45	
2084	Hazlewood Community Primary* Mrs A Endean	Canterbury Way, Woodlands Park, Wideopen, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE13 6JJ Tel: 200 7911 www.hazlewoodprimary.org.uk	44	
2075	Moor Edge Community Primary* Mrs L Clelland	Grasmere Court, Killingworth, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 6TS. Tel: 200 8343	30	Moderate Learning Difficulties
2072	Redesdale Primary* Mrs A Nicholson	Wiltshire Drive, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 8TS. Tel: 200 7326 www.redesdale.co.uk	30	
2070	Stephenson Memorial Community Primary* Mrs E Overton	Martin Road, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 OAG. Tel: 200 7365 www.stephensonmemorial.org.uk	60	
2065	Wallsend Jubilee Primary* Mrs A Thornton	Mullen Road, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 9HA. Tel: 200 7249	60	Moderate Learning Difficulties
2088	Western Community Primary* Miss C Johnson	Rutland Road, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 8QL. Tel: 200 7250	60	

Community Primary Schools (Age 3 – 11 years)

Each of the following day schools is a maintained co-educational community school.

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DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Address, Telephone Number and Website	Published Admission Number	SEN Provision
2032	Backworth Park Primary* Mrs C A Crerar	The Park, Backworth, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE27 OAH. Tel: 200 8355 www.backworthpark.com	30	
2054	Bailey Green Primary* Mrs L R Taylor	West Bailey, Killingworth, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 6QL. Tel: 200 8356	60	
2077	Balliol Primary* Mrs F Downes	Chesters Avenue, Longbenton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 8QP. Tel: 200 7471	30	Additional Resourced Provision (ARP)
2086	Burradon Community Primary* Miss A Hunter	Burradon Road, Burradon, Cramlington, Northumberland, NE23 7NG. Tel: 200 8345 www.burradoncommunityprimary.co.uk	27	
2076	Collingwood Primary* Dr J R Crinson	Oswin Terrace, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 7JQ. Tel: 200 5038	60	
2000	Cullercoats Community Primary Mr G Storey	Marden Avenue, Cullercoats, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE30 4PB. Tel: 200 8721	60	
2082	Denbigh Community Primary* Dame M B MacDonald (Acting)	Denbigh Avenue, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 ODS. Tel: 262 2509	60	
2085	Fordley Community Primary* Mr A J Rigg	Dudley Drive, Fordley, Cramlington, Northumberland, NE23 7AL. Tel: 200 8030 www.fordleyschool.com	60	
2079	Forest Hall Primary* Ms C M Parker	Delaval Road, Forest Hall, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 9BA. Tel: 200 8341 www.foreshallprimary.org.uk	30	
2036	Holystone Primary* Mr S Baines	Whitley Road, Holystone, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE27 ODA. Tel: 200 7426 www.holystoneprimaryschool.co.uk	60	
2080	Ivy Road Primary* Mrs S Watts	Ivy Road, Forest Hall, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 9AP. Tel: 200 8346	30	

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DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Address, Telephone Number and Website	Published Admission Number	SEN Provision
2013	King Edward Primary* Mrs K Rickeard	Preston Avenue, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE30 2BD. Tel: 200 6337 www.kingedwardprimary.org.uk	60	
2022	Monkhouse Primary Mrs L Baggett	Wallington Avenue, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE30 3SH. Tel: 200 6350 www.monkhouseprimary.org.uk	30	
2081	New York Primary* Mrs L A Colthart	Lanark Close, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 8DP. Tel: 200 6338 www.newyorkprimary.org	44	
2008	Percy Main Primary* Mr J Walsh	Nelson Terrace, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 6JA. Tel: 200 6343	30	
2026	Preston Grange Primary Mrs T A Taylor	Chiltern Road, Preston Grange, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 9QL. Tel: 200 6347 www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk	30	
2002	Priory Primary Miss C Melbourne	Percy Park Road, Tynemouth, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE30 4LS. Tel: 200 5055 www.prioryprimary.org.uk	60	
2069	Richardson Dees Primary* Mrs L Guthrie	High Street East, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 7RT. Tel: 200 7256	30	
2021	Riverside Primary* Mrs A Yilmaz	Minton Lane, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 6DQ. Tel: 200 5037 www.riversideprimary.org.uk	30	Behaviour Emotional and Social Difficulties
2031	Shiremoor Primary* Mrs H J Clegg	Stanton Road, Park Est, Shiremoor, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE27 0PW. Tel: 200 8701 www.shiremoor-primary.co.uk	60	
2016	Spring Gardens Primary* Mrs S Campbell	Brightman Rd, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 OHP. Tel: 200 5263 www.springgardensprimary.org.uk	60	
2004	Waterville Primary* Mr M Nugent	Waterville Road, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 6SL. Tel: 200 6351	30	Language and Communication
2037	Westmoor Primary* Mrs S Trundle	Southgate, Killingworth, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 6SA. Tel: 200 8353 www.westmoorprimary.org.uk	45	
2024	Whitehouse Primary* Ms R Woods	Whitehouse Lane, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 8PE. Tel: 200 6346	30	Moderate Learning Difficulties

Roman Catholic Primary Schools (Age 3 – 11 years)

Each of the following day schools is a Voluntary Aided School

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DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Address, Telephone Number and Website	Published Admission Number	SEN Provision
3318	Holy Cross RC VA Primary* Mrs A M Burns	Coniston Road, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 0EP. Tel: 200 7357 www.holycrossprimary.co.uk	30	
3319	St Bernadette's RC VA Primary* Mr A Egdell	Rising Sun Cottages, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 9JW. Tel: 200 7363 www.st-bernadettes.n-tynesidesch.uk	45	Behaviour Emotional and Social Difficulties (Key Stage 1)
3320	St Columba's RC VA Primary* Mr R Meek	Station Road, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 8EN. Tel: 200 7235	30	
3305	St Cuthbert's RC VA Primary* Mr S Dillon	Lovaine Place, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 0BU. Tel: 200 5620	30	
3308	St Joseph's RC VA Primary* Mrs C Jewitt	Wallsend Road, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 7BT. Tel: 200 5077	45	
3309	St Mary's RC VA Primary* (North Shields) Mrs C M Bland	Farringdon Road, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE30 3EY. Tel: 200 8812 www.stmarysonline.co.uk	30	
3315	St Mary's RC VA Primary (Forest Hall) Mr S Fallon	Great Lime Road, Forest Hall, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 7AB. Tel: 200 8381	30	
3316	St Stephen's RC VA Primary* Mr S Fallon	Bardsey Place, Longbenton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 8NU. Tel: 200 7425 www.ststephensrcprimary.co.uk	30	
3317	Star of the Sea RC VA Primary* Mr J Hannah	Seatonville Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE25 9EG. Tel: 643 2080 www.staroftheseaschool.co.uk	60	

Church of England Schools (Age 3 – 11 years)

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DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Address, Telephone Number and Website	Published Admission Number	SEN Provision
3301	Christ Church C of E Primary* Mrs M Rowntree	Kielder Terrace, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE30 2AD. Tel: 200 6345 (*nursery is A.M. only)	30	
3302	St Bartholomew's C of E Primary* Mrs G Surtees	Front Street, Longbenton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 8AE. Tel: 200 7466 www.stbartscofeschool.org.uk	30	
3321	Wallsend St Peter's C of E Primary* Mr P Rickeard	North Terrace, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 6PY. Tel: 200 7248	30	

Community Middle Schools (Age 9 – 13 years)

Each of the following schools is a maintained co-educational comprehensive Middle School

DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Address, Telephone Number and Website	Published Admission Number	SEN Provision
4025	Marden Bridge Middle Mr A Driver	Lovaine Avenue, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE25 8RW. Tel: 200 8725	177	
4027	Monkseaton Middle Mrs C Black	Vernon Drive, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE25 8JN. Tel: 200 8715 www.monkseatonmiddle.n-tynesidesch.uk	96	Physical Difficulties
4026	Valley Gardens Middle Mr M Homer	Valley Gardens, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE25 9AQ. Tel: 200 8792 www.valleygardensmiddle.org.uk	180	Moderate Learning Difficulties
5400	Wellfield Middle Mr S Collinson	Kielder Road, South Wellfield, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE25 9WQ. Tel: 252 9486 www.wellfieldmiddleschool.org.uk	60	

Community High School (Age 11 – 18+ years)

The following school is a maintained co-educational comprehensive Secondary School

DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Address, Telephone Number and Website	Published Admission Number	SEN Provision
4032	Burnside Business Enterprise College Mrs M Murphy	St Peters Road, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 7LQ. Tel: 259 8500 www.burnside.n-tyneside.sch.uk	260	Moderate Learning Difficulties

Learning Trust High Schools (Age 11 - 18+ years)

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DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Address, Telephone Number and Website	Published Admission Number	SEN Provision
4033	Churchill Community College Mr D M Baldwin	Churchill Street, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 7TN. Tel: 234 7200 (Age 11 – 18+) www.churchillcommunitycollege.org	190	Behaviour Emotional and Social Difficulties (Key Stage 3)
4030	George Stephenson High Mr I D Wilkinson	Southgate, Killingworth, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 6S. Tel: 216 1115 (Age 11 – 18+) www.gshs.org.uk	228	Moderate Learning Difficulties
4038	John Spence Community High Mr J Stephenson	Preston North Road, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 9PU. Tel: 200 5220 (Age 11 – 16) www.johnspence.n-tyneside.sch.uk	177	Moderate Learning Difficulties

DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Address, Telephone Number and Website	Published Admission Number	SEN Provision
4039	Longbenton Community College Mr J Cockburn	Hailsham Avenue, Longbenton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 8ER. Tel: 200 7474 (Age 11 – 18+) www.longbenton.org.uk	180	Autism Spectrum Disorders
4006	Marden High Mr J Heywood Morris	Hartington Road, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE30 3RZ. Tel: 200 6357 (Age 11 – 16) www.mardenhighschool.org.uk	181	Deaf Support Centre
4008	Norham Community Technology College Mrs T Hush Principal	Alnwick Avenue, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 7BU. Tel: 200 5062 (Age 11 – 16) www.norham.n-tyneside.sch.uk	179	Language and Communication and Autism Spectrum Disorders
4041	Seaton Burn College Ms A J Shaw Principal	Dudley Lane, Seaton Burn, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE13 6EJ. Tel: 236 1700 (Age 11 – 18+) www.seatonburn.n-tyneside.sch.uk	169	
4029	Whitley Bay High Mr A V S Chedburn	Deneholm, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE25 9AS. Tel: 200 8800 (Age 13 – 18+) www.whitleybayhighschool.org	350	Moderate Learning Difficulties

Trust High School (Age 13 – 18+ years)

The following school is a Trust High School

DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Address, Telephone Number and Website	Published Admission Number	SEN Provision
4034	Monkseaton High Dr P Kelley	Seatonville Road, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE25 9EQ Tel: 297 9700 www.monkseaton.org.uk	240	Physical Difficulties

Roman Catholic High School (Age 11 – 18+ years)

The following school is a Voluntary Aided High School

DfE No.	Name of School & Headteacher	Address, Telephone Number and Website	Published Admission Number	SEN Provision
4605	St Thomas More RC VA High Mrs D Donkin	Lynn Road, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 8LF. Tel: 258 8340 www.stmschool.org.uk	270	Moderate Learning Difficulties

School Term and Holiday Dates 2011/2012

School Term	No. of Days	School Holidays	No. of Days
Autumn Term 2011		Mid-Term	
Monday 5 September to Friday 21 October	35	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October	5
Monday 31 October to Friday 16 December	35	Christmas Holiday	
Spring Term 2012		Monday 19 December to Monday 2 January	10
Tuesday 3 January to Friday 10 February	29	Mid-Term	
Monday 20 February to Friday 30 March	30	Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February	5
Summer Term 2012		Easter Holiday	
Monday 16 April to Friday 1 June	34	Monday 2 April to Friday 13 April	10
Monday 11 June to Friday 20 July	30	May Day	
		Monday 7 May	1
		Spring Holiday	
		Monday 4 June to Friday 8 June	5

Additional Bank Holiday

Please note that an additional bank holiday has been agreed to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. This means that the number of pupil days will be 189 (instead of 190) and teachers will work 194 days (instead of 195) including 5 statutory training days. The late May bank holiday has been moved to 4 June with the additional day on 5 June.

4 days to be taken as Teacher Training Days. Dates of training days are at the discretion of schools.

1 further training day to be taken from holiday or as a twilight session.

Thursday 3 May probable date for local elections. Schools used as polling stations need to allocate 1 training day for elections.

Summer holiday commences Monday 23 July 2012.

Proposal for the start of the Autumn Term in September 2012 is Monday 3 September to be confirmed.

Explanation of terms used in this booklet

Acceptance Form – The form to be completed and returned by parents to let us know if they wish to accept the school place their child has been offered.

Admission Authority – The Admission Authority is responsible for pupil places and setting the admissions criteria. The Local Authority (Council) is the admissions authority for Community Schools and for Voluntary Aided and Trust Schools the admission authority is the schools governing body.

Admission Arrangements – The overall procedure, practices and oversubscription criteria used in deciding the allocation of school places including any device or means used to determine whether a school place is to be offered.

Appeal – Any parent whose child is refused a place at one of their chosen schools has the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel.

Catchment Area – A defined geographical area

linked to each school. When a year group is full in Community and Trust Schools, pupils living within the school's catchment area are given priority.

Class Size Limit – No Infant Class being taught by a single qualified teacher can contain more than 30 pupils

Community School – Schools wholly funded by the Local Authority. The Local Authority employs the school staff, owns the school land and buildings and has the primary responsibility for deciding the admission arrangements for admitting pupils.

DfE – Central Government for education. The Department for Education, formally known as The Department for Children, Schools and Families.

Diocesan Board – The Christian denominations divide the country into church districts called Dioceses. Each Diocese will have a committee or a board to administer its church schools.

Efficient Education – Means providing a good standard of education.

Equal Preference – This means the Admission Authority considers all the preferences against the admission criteria without any reference to how the school applied for has been ranked. If your child can be offered a place at more than one school, we will refer to your original ranking and offer a place at the one you have ranked the highest.

Home Local Authority (LA) – A child's home local authority is the authority in which you live, i.e. the authority to which you pay your Council Tax.

Independent Appeals Panel – An Independent panel established by the Council or in the case of Voluntary Aided schools, the governors to consider a parent's appeal against the refusal for a school place or their child's exclusion from school.

Key Stages – The four stages of pupil's progress in acquiring knowledge and skills as set out in the National Curriculum. Pupils are tested at the end of each stage.

Key stage 1	pupils are aged 5 – 7
Key stage 2	pupils are aged 8 – 11
Key stage 3	pupils are aged 12– 14
Key stage 4	pupils are aged 15– 16

Local Authority/Council – The Local Government body responsible for setting and financing education policy.

Local Government Ombudsman – The Local Government Ombudsman investigates complaints about maladministration by the Council and other bodies. The Local Government Ombudsman investigates complaints about how the Authority has done something, but cannot question what a Council has done because a person does not agree with it.

Local Primary 'Offer Day' – The date set by Local Authorities, in agreement with local First and Primary Schools, on which offers for First and Primary school places are sent out.

National 'Offer Day' – The day on which Local Authorities are required to send the offer of the school place to all parents of High School age pupils in their area. The National 'Offer Day' is the 1 March each year, or the next working day.

Net Capacity – The capacity of a school is the number of pupil places available. The net capacity is intended to provide a single, robust and consistent method of assessing the capacity of schools.

Oversubscription – Where a school has a higher number of applicants than the school's published admission number each year.

Oversubscription Criteria – This refers to the published criteria that an admission authority applies when a school has more applications than places

available in order to decide which children will be allocated a place.

Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) – The body that arranges and sets standards for school and Council Inspections.

Parent/Carer – A person who holds parental responsibility, and with whom the child normally resides with.

Preference – The legal right of parents to state the school they would prefer their child to attend.

Prejudice the Provision of Efficient Education
A legal term used to describe when a school is oversubscribed; it means it would have an adverse effect on providing a good standard of education.

Prejudice the Provision of Efficient use of Resources
A legal term used to describe when a school is oversubscribed; it means it would have an adverse impact on the resources already allocated at a school and at neighbouring schools in the Authority.

Published Admission Number (PAN) – The maximum number of pupils to be admitted into a particular year group at a school. The admission criteria will only be applied if we receive more applications than the PAN.

Qualifying Measures – The actions taken by an admission authority to ensure that the statutory obligation that requires infant classes of 5,6 and 7 year olds to contain no more than 30 pupils per school teacher; such as the reorganisation of the class or employment of another teacher must be taken to bring the class within the class size limit for the next academic year.

Schools Adjudicator – A statutory officer who is appointed by the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families but is independent. The Adjudicator decides on objections to published admission arrangements and variations of determined admission arrangements.

Statement of Special Educational Needs – A legal document drawn up by a Local Authority specifying the particular needs, resources and provision to support the child, and can include a named school that is suitable for providing education for that child.

Voluntary Aided Schools (VA & C of E) schools where the governing body set the criteria and is responsible for the school admissions.

Waiting List – A list of pupils who have been refused a school they ranked higher on their application than the school place they were offered. The list is kept by the Local Authority in order of the Admission Criteria/Policy for oversubscribed schools.

Year Group – Name given to describe a pupil's stage of schooling.

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