

## **SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY 2022**

Variation to determined admission arrangements from 1 September 2021 (Paragraph 1.7 of the 2021 School Admissions Code. This is to ensure that these admission arrangements comply with the Code.

The variation is that highest priority is given to looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

All Blackfen students have automatic application to the Sixth Form. They do not need to complete an application form.

Hurstmere students and other external students need to complete a form.

**Published Admission Number: 200** (90 is the number of external children to be admitted to the sixth form – if the number of internal students entering the sixth form is less than the planned number, more external students may be admitted).

### **OVER-SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA AND PRIORITY**

**Priority 1** - This is given to a child in public care ('Looked After') or a child who has previously been in public care (previously Looked After), but has ceased to be so because she/he has been adopted or become subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order.

N.B. The variation is that highest priority is given to looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

#### **Priority 2 - Medical**

This is given where a child, sibling or a parent has a medical condition which makes it essential on medical grounds, for the child to attend Blackfen School. Documented social, medical or psychological evidence must be provided from an appropriate independent registered professional. The Council's own medical advisor may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented.

#### **Priority 3 – Students in Year 11 at a Penhill Academies Trust school named here (Hurstmere)**

**Priority 4 – Sibling** This is given to a child with a sister or brother attending a Penhill Academies Trust school named in the list here (Sherwood Park Primary School, Blackfen

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School or Hurstmere School). This includes a full or adopted sister/brother, or step/half-sister or brother or foster sister/brother living at the same address at the time of application. Where twins or children from a multiple birth apply, if one child is allocated a place, their sibling or siblings will automatically be allocated a place.

### **Priority 5 – Children of a member of staff**

This gives priority to children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application was made.

### **Priority 6 – Distance**

This gives priority on the basis of proximity to the school measured by reference to the shortest radial distance (direct line distance between the applicants' home address to Blackfen School's main visitor pedestrian entrance). Home address will be taken as the students' home address at the time of application. That is the address at which she lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer; that is the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit or if this does not apply the address where the child spends the majority of the school week (Monday-Friday).

### **Tie-break**

Distance (as defined above) is used as a tie-breaker in any case where two applicants cannot otherwise be separated and random allocation will be used as a tie-break to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the school is the same. This process will be independently verified.

**RIGHT OF APPEAL** There is the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel for unsuccessful applicants. Please contact the school to make an appeal.