



## **Admission of Pupils in the Year commencing September 2018**

### **Criteria for Admission**

Wellacre Academy is an 11-16 state funded independent school with admissions normally taking place at age 11. Wellacre is a successful, high performing school. The number of intended admissions for the Year 6 transfer into Year 7 commencing September 2018 is 180.

This policy is based on the Co-ordinated Admissions Arrangements under which all children are admitted to schools in Year 7. All applications for a place in the Academy will be handled through the LA where a child lives. They will provide an application form to each parent. This must be completed and returned by the due date to your LA.

Students will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude. The Academy will admit students to Year 7 in September, up to the admission number. Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, criteria will be employed by the LA, applying the school admissions policy, to determine which children to admit. The criteria will be applied in the order set out below.

If parents live outside Trafford LA they are entitled to apply for a place at Wellacre Academy using the application form provided by Wellacre Academy.

The catchment area for Wellacre Academy covers all of the Trafford area. Wellacre offers a specialist all boys education and students from across Trafford, are eligible to apply. The over-subscription criteria, adopted by Wellacre Academy is:

1. "Looked after" children (as defined in the Education Act 2002 – Admissions).
2. Children who live in the M41, M33, M32, M31 and M44 post codes, who will have a sibling attending the Academy, at the time of the applicant's proposed admission. (This includes half/step/adopted/foster brothers and any other children who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit).
3. Children who live in the catchment area of the Academy (M41 - priority number one, M31, M32, M33 - priority number two and M44 as priority number three).

4. Children who live outside Trafford who will have a sibling attending the Academy, at the time of the applicant's, proposed admission. (This includes half /step/adopted/foster brothers and any other children who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit).
5. Children who live nearest to the Academy, measured in a direct straight line from the front door of the child's permanent place of residence to the main entrance of the Academy.

If there are more applicants than can be accommodated in criteria 1-4, places will be offered to those children in each criteria whose place of residence is nearest to the Academy as defined in criterion 5. This will be measured using property co-ordinates provided through a combination of the Trafford Local Land and Property Gazetteer (BS7666), other LA's and Royal Mail Postal Address Information.

### **Admission for Years 8-11**

For Years 8-11 applications should be made directly to the Academy. Advice can also be sought by contacting Trafford Admissions. The Academy has an admission number of 180 for our current Years 8 to 11.

### **Your home address**

The criteria used to determine admission refer in every case to the child's home address. This means the address where the child normally and permanently lives on a full-time basis, not the address of any child-minder or relative. In the case of parents who are separated and where child-care arrangements are shared between two addresses in the catchment area the average of the distances of the two addresses from the Academy will be used for the purposes of determining priority for admission. Where one of the addresses is outside the catchment area the applicant will be regarded as living outside the catchment area and the average of the distances of the two addresses from the Academy will be used for the purposes of determining priority. You may be required to provide proof of residency. Failure to do so may result in the offer of a place being withdrawn.

We assume that you will always provide us with the correct factual information when you apply for a place at the Academy. You should be aware that any school place that has been offered on the basis of false information may be withdrawn and the place may be offered to another child.

### **Right of Appeal**

The parent of any child refused admission to the Academy will have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel in accordance with the requirements of the Education Act 1998.

### **Waiting Lists**

A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and ranked according to admission criteria. If requested, parents will be informed of their position on the waiting list.