

# **Stretford High School**

## **Admissions Policy**

Ratified by the Board of Governors:	December 2015
Due for review:	October 2017

## **Admission of Pupils in the Year commencing September 2017**

### **Criteria for Admission**

Stretford High School is an 11-16 foundation school with admission normally taking place at age 11. The Planned Admission Number for September 2017 is 160.

This is a successful school which provides a free and inclusive education for girls and boys. The school welcomes students of all abilities, interests and aptitudes and there is no entrance examination. The school is easily accessed by bus, train and road from Manchester and surrounding areas.

Admissions for the start of Year 7 for children living in Trafford are processed by Trafford Borough Council Children's Services, and the school plays no part in the procedure. Parents with children in the final year of Primary School will receive information from Trafford on how they can express a preference for a Secondary School. This must be completed and returned by the due date to the Local Authority.

### **Admission for Year 7**

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 school will be handled through the Local Authority where a child lives. They will provide an application form to each parent. This must be completed and returned by the date due to your Local Authority.

Students will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude. The school 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 Local Authority, 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 Stretford High School using the application form provided by your home Local Authority.

The catchment area for Stretford High School is defined:

- All M15 and M16 postcodes which lie within the Trafford administrative area; that is where Council Tax is paid to Trafford Council: and.
- M32 Postal addresses as detailed in appendix A

However, parents living outside of the catchment area are still entitled to apply for a place, but in the event of over-subscription the criteria adopted by Stretford High School is:

1. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order<sup>‡</sup>. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

2. Where the child has an older brother or sister attending the school up to and including Year 11 in the September when the sibling is officially admitted (This includes half/step/adopted/foster brothers or sisters, and any other children, who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit).
3. Children of staff at the school in either or both of the following circumstances: a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Children who live in the catchment area of the school.
5. Children who live nearest to the school, measured in a direct straight line from the front door of the child's permanent place of residence to the main entrance of the school.

If there are more applicants than can be accommodated at the school in criteria 1-5, places will be offered to those children in each criteria whose place of residence is nearest to the school 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 Local Authority's and Royal Mail Postal Address Information.

The child's home address means the address where the child normally and permanently lives on a full-time basis, not the address of any child-minder, grandparent or any other relative. In the case of parents who are separated or divorced and where child-care arrangements are shared between two addresses, the average of the distances of the two addresses from the school will be used for the purpose of determining priority for admission.

You may be required to provide proof of residency. We assume that you will always provide us with the correct factual information when you apply for a school place. Stretford High School reserves the right to withdraw a place at a later date if it is discovered that false, incorrect information has been used or if information has been withdrawn in order to secure a place.

### **Waiting List**

Unsuccessful applicants may request to be placed on a waiting list and thus be considered for any place that may arise in the future. Waiting lists for admission to all year groups will be compiled and ranked according to the over-subscription criteria listed above. If requested, parents will be informed of their position on the waiting list. Children still remaining on the waiting list during Term 3 will be written to, to establish if parents require their child to remain on the waiting list for the next academic year.

### **Applications for places throughout the year (Years 7-11)**

Applications for a place in Year 8 to Year 11 should be made direct to the school.

Applications for a place after September of Year 7 should be made direct to the school.

Details of how to do this can be found on Stretford High School website or by email to [admissions@stretfordhigh.com](mailto:admissions@stretfordhigh.com)



Places will be allocated taking account of the admission number for each individual school year according to the admissions criteria detailed above. In the event of oversubscription a waiting list will be compiled according to the admissions criteria

**Right of Appeal**

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

**Further information**

To help guide you through the process and to find out how to apply online for your place at a Secondary School in Trafford, please contact Trafford Admissions direct on [school.admissions@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@trafford.gov.uk)

**SHS** School Office T: 0161 876 1850 E: [admissions@stretfordhigh.com](mailto:admissions@stretfordhigh.com)

**Trafford Council** School Admissions T: 0161 912 5007 E: [school.admissions@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@trafford.gov.uk)

## Appendix A

### Stretford High School Catchment Area

All M15 and M16 postcodes which lie within the Trafford administrative area; that is where Council Tax is paid to Trafford Council; and

Those streets detailed in the list below which all fall within the M32 postcode area.

Adlington Drive	Gainsborough Avenue	Longford Avenue	Rotherwood Avenue
Alder Grove	Gorse Avenue	Longford Close	Shirley Avenue
Ascot Avenue	Gorse Crescent	Longford Park	Sir Matt Busby Way
Ashover Street	Gorse Drive	Longford Road	Smeaton Close
Avondale Road	Gorse Lane	Maidford Close	South Lonsdale Street
Barlow Road	Gorse Street	Maple Avenue	Stanton Street
Beresford Road	Granby Road	Marston Road	Stanway Street
Brunel Close	Great Stone Road	Meadow Close	Stephenson Road
Buckingham Road	Great Stone Road	Melfort Avenue	Sulby Avenue
Burleigh Road	Haddon Street	Mellor Street	Talbot Road
Byron Road	Hapton Avenue	Milton Close	Taylor's Road
Canute Court	Harcourt Street	Milton Road	Tenby Avenue
Canute Road	Haydock Close	Montague Road	Thomas Street
Cavendish Road	Hillingdon Road	Nansen Close	Thornbury Road
Chester Road	Hornby Road	Nansen Street	Tilney Avenue
Chester Road	Hortree Road	Norley Avenue	Tresco Avenue
Clyne Street	Ingleby Court	North Lonsdale Street	Truro Avenue
Colley Street	Kenwood Court	Norway Street	Turn Moss Road
Cranford Avenue	Kenwood Road	Norwood Road	Vernon Avenue
Cromwell Road	Kings Grove	Partridge Street	Walwyn Close
Cyprus Street	Kings Lane	Portland Road	Wansbeck Close
Darley Street	Kings Road	Railway Road	Wardle Close
Davyhulme Road East	Kings Terrace	Ravenswood Road	Warwick Road
Dearne Drive	Kingsley Avenue	Rendel Close	Waverley Avenue
Edge Lane	Larch Avenue	Rennie Close	Wesley Street
Elton Street	Lee Crescent	Renton Road	Wilson Street
Faulkner Road	Lime Road	Rokeyby Avenue	Wingfield Street