



Admissions Policy

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Statement of Ethos

1. Darul Hadis Latifah Northwest secondary school is a Muslim faith school; we aim to provide education for all pupils in an Islamic environment where Islamic doctrine and practice permeates every aspect of the school's activity.
2. We ask all parents applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the faith of this school to apply for and be considered for a place here.

Making an Application

3. Darul Hadis Latifah Northwest is an independent school and the senior management team is responsible for admissions to the school. Primarily, we intend to admit students to Year 7 in the school year which begins in September every year. Places will be allocated solely on the admission test results. Priority shall be given to the pupils who are the siblings of the pupils who are already attending the school.
4. Offers will be made at the same time as other secondary schools in the area. If applications are rejected, they will be notified as soon as possible.
5. Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list, if they wish. The request to be added to the waiting list must be made in writing to the school office. The list will be maintained until 31 December following the admission of year 7.
6. Unsuccessful applicants wishing to appeal against the decision, may appeal to the school office. Parents / carers are asked to appeal to the school office within 3 weeks or 10 school days, whichever is longer, of the refusal of the place.
7. "Looked after children" has the same meaning as in Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989.
8. "Siblings" includes brothers, adopted brothers, half brothers, fostered brothers and step brothers. In all cases the siblings must be living at the same address as the sibling who attends the school and as the relevant parent/carers. Siblings do not include cousins or any other relatives.

9. "Proximity" and "distance". Whenever distance from the school is a relevant factor it will be determined by the nearest straight line from the front door of the applicant's home to the entrance to the school in Plum Street, Oldham. This distance will be measured by the electronic distance programme. Applicants living closer to the school will be preferred over those living further away.

10. In the event of the number of applications exceeding the number of places, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below.

- a. Looked after Muslim children who meet the religious practice test.
- b. Any other looked after children.
- c. Muslim children who meet the religious practice test and who have a sibling who is due to be attending the school at the proposed date of admission of the applicant.
- d. Muslim children who meet the religious practice test.
- e. Children of other faiths whose application is supported by a minister of religion who confirms that the child regularly practices that faith.
- f. Any other children.

11. In the event of a tie after all other criteria have been applied then the final place will be allocated randomly by way of a lottery observed by an independent person.

Admission procedure

1. Complete the application form (online or collect from school office)
2. Sit the internally devised entrance examination.
3. Attend an Interview where deemed necessary.
4. If successful, submit the required documentation (Passport, birth certificate and 2 passport-sized photos)
5. Make the payment of admission fees (£300 –non refundable), and 1st term tuition fees (£1000- Non refundable).