

Birkdale High School

Windy Harbour Road, Southport, PR8 3DT

Website: www.birkdalehigh.co.uk

Headteacher: Mr G Banks BA (Hons), NPQH

Number of pupils on roll (Jan 2023): 890

Admission Number 2024: 182

Establishment number: 343 4108

Telephone: 01704 577253

Academy school for boys

Age range: 11-16

Admission Authority: **Governing Body**

Admissions Criteria 2024

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the following admissions criteria will be applied in order, to allocate places.

- 1) **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 (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order). *
- 2) **Sibling - Children with a brother** living in the same house who already attends the school as long as they will still be at the school in September 2024. ⁽¹⁾
Sibling is defined in these arrangements as brothers including step-brothers, foster brothers, half-brothers, adopted brothers or sons of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner, living in the same family unit at the same address, who attend the school in question, as long as they will be at the school in September 2024.
- 3) **Children of staff** - Where the member of staff has been employed at a school within the Southport Learning Trust for two or more years at the time at which the admissions application for the school is made, and/or where a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ⁽¹⁾ Parent(s)/carers **must** state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
- 4) **Distance** - Other requests that name the school as a preference, with priority for admission given to children in order, of proximity of their home to school, as shown below. ⁽¹⁾

***See glossary for full definition**

Tie Breaker Clause

⁽¹⁾ If it is not possible to allocate places for all applications within this criterion then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home. In every case we will measure from the property's address point, to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the Authority at the time of measurement).

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Previous pattern of Admissions

Table 1: Applications

Year	Number of places available	Total number of applications received by closing date
2023	189*	328
2022	182	339
2021	182	321

*Due to the significant number of applications received, the Governing Body agreed to admit over the Published Admission Number. The Published Admission Number for the school in 2023 was 182 (also see table 3).

Table 2: How places were allocated on national offer day

Year	Total places allocated	EHCP	Looked After children	Sibling	Children of staff	Distance	If oversubscribed furthest distance (miles)
2023	189	1	4	24	2	158	4.565
2022	182	5	1	35	2	139	3.266
2021	181	1	0	24	0	156	N/A

Table 3: Totals at the end of July

Year	Appeals Number allowed / number heard	Final number of places allocated
2023	2/11	189
2022	3/3	195*
2021	N/A	187*

*Due to the significant number of applications refused on national offer day, the Governing Body subsequently agreed to admit further pupils. In 2021 the increased figure was up to 189 pupils & in 2022 it was up to 192 pupils.