

ADMISSION POLICY

PENDLE VALE COLLEGE



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GENERAL

The admission number for Pendle Vale College for the Autumn Term 2020 is **210**.

Parents will be asked to express three preferences for a secondary school in priority order. If there are more than 210 preferences for Pendle Vale College the following published criteria will be used to decide which children should be offered the available places.

1. **Looked after children and those who have been previously looked after, (see note (x) below), then**
2. **Children for whom the Local Authority accepts that there are exceptional medical, social or welfare reasons which are directly relevant to the school concerned. (See note (i) below) then**
3. **Children living within the school's geographical priority area with older brothers or sisters attending the school when the younger child will start, (see note iii below).**
4. **Children living within the school's geographical priority area, then**
5. **Children living outside the school's geographical priority area with older brothers or sisters still attending the school when the younger child will start (See note (iii) below) then**
6. **Children living outside the school's geographical priority area (see note (iv) below.**

Notes

- i. The medical, social and welfare criterion will consider issues relevant to the child and/or the family. This category may include children without a statement who have special needs.
- ii. As required by law, all children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs/EHC naming a school will be admitted before the application of the over-subscription criteria. Children who have a statement for special needs have their applications considered separately.
- iii. Brothers and sisters includes stepchildren, half brothers and sisters, fostered and adopted children living with the same family at the same address (consideration may be given to applying this criterion to full brothers and sisters who reside at different addresses). The priority does not apply to siblings whose brothers and sisters transferred into a sixth form at 16+.
- iv. The distance criterion which will be used as the tie breaker if there is oversubscription within any of the admission criteria is a straight line (radial) measure. If the Local Authority is unable to distinguish between applicants using the published criteria (e.g. twins or same block of flats) places will be offered via a random draw. The distance measure is a straight line (radial) measure centre of building to centre of building.
- v. (A child's permanent address is the one where he/she normally lives and sleeps and goes to school from. Proof of residence may be requested at any time throughout the admission process, (including after a child has accessed a school place).
- vi. The Local Authority will keep waiting lists for all Lancashire schools until 31 August 2019. These are kept in priority order using the school's published admission criteria. From 1

September 2019 for one school term only waiting lists will be retained by individual admission authorities (the Local authority for community and voluntary controlled schools and individual voluntary aided and trust schools will each retain their own list).

- vii. Children will not normally be able to start school other than at the beginning of the term unless they have moved into the area or there are exceptional circumstances.
- viii. Applications for school places which are received late will not necessarily be dealt with at the same time as those received by the set deadline. The reasons for a late application may be requested and where these are not exceptional the relevant admission criteria will be initially applied to all others received on time. The late application will be dealt with after this process. Application forms received after the published closing date, will only be considered at that time if the following conditions apply:
 - (a) if the number of preferences received for the school is below the published admission number or;
 - (b) there are extenuating circumstances justifying a late application.
 - i. These may include:
 - (c) parents moving into the County after the closing date;
 - (d) parent/carer illness which required hospitalisation for the major part of the period between the publication of the composite prospectus and the closing date for applications.
- ix. Where a child lives with one parent for part of the week and another for the rest of the week only one address will be accepted for a school admission application. This will normally be the one where the child wakes up for the majority of school days (Monday to Friday). Proof of residence may be requested at any time throughout the admissions process.
- x. The highest priority must be given to looked after children and children who were looked after but cease to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). Further references to previously looked after children in the Code means children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after. This includes children who are legally adopted from overseas. Relevant legal documents must be provided to evidence the adoption.

SUMMARY OF POLICY

This is a Community School. This area includes Barley Green, Higham, Fence, Wheatley Lane, Lomeshaye and Central Nelson.

GEOGRAPHICAL PRIORITY AREA

The eastern perimeter of the area is the border with Ribbles Valley from the centre of Barley Lane southwards and then eastward until the M65.

The perimeter then follows the M65 north/northeast to Junction 12 then crosses to the Brierfield side of the motorway and runs briefly up the centre of the A682 and then up the centre of Manchester Road.

The perimeter then turns into Holme Street then turns up the A56 Leeds Road before going east down the centre of Barkerhouse Road crossing Southfield Lane and continuing along the centre of Delves Lane to Float Bridge. All residential addresses above Barkerhouse Road and Delves Lane and within the perimeter described are in this priority area.

At Float Bridge the perimeter turns north west along the centre of Back Lane and continues north up the centre of Southfield Lane. It then veers west at the junction with Knott Lane towards the railway line and under the residential area at Primet Bridge (under Castercliff Bank/ Pendlemist View/ Cotton Court/ St Andrews Close).

The perimeter then follows the south east side of the railway line towards the Walton site as far as the north side of Bott House Lane. It then follows the centre of Bott House Lane west to the A56, Leeds Road and follows the centre of the road south west to the junction with the A682, Scotland Road. It turns north west up the centre of Scotland Road across Junction 13 of the M65 and follows the motorway down towards Lomeshaye. It then turns north west across Colne Water and up the centre of Carr Hall Lane to the junction with Wheatley Lane Road.

It then continues north west along Carr Hall Road and continues along the centre of Sandyhall Lane, Ridge Lane, Barley New Road and Barley Lane until the Ribble Valley border.