**Proposed School Admission Arrangements**

**Consultation September 2026**

**Overview**

In accordance with the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (the Act) (as amended by the Education Act 2002), implementing Regulations and the School Admissions Code, the Authority is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for Sept 2026 and is also undertaking the consultation procedures on behalf of those Voluntary Aided, Foundation and Academy schools who have requested the Local Authority act in this capacity.

The proposals for Sept 2026 can be found on the Council’s website at [Proposed School-Admission Arrangements 2026](https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/25213/Proposed-school-admissions-arrangements-2026-2027). Alternatively, a hard copy is available for inspection from the School Admissions, Town Hall, South Shields, NE33 2RL.

**Summary of changes for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools**

There is a change to the Primary catchment area to reflect Dunn Street Primary School’s conversion to an Academy. The area previously designated to Dunn Street Primary has been assimilated into the Jarrow Cross Primary School catchment area.

There is a change to the Primary catchment area to reflect Marine Park Primary School’s conversion to an Academy. The area previously designated to Marine Park Primary has been assimilated into the Hadrian Primary School catchment area.

There is a change to the Primary catchment area to reflect Whitburn Primary School’s conversion to an Academy. The area previously designated to Whitburn Primary has been assimilated into the Marsden Primary School catchment area.

There is a change to the Primary catchment area to reflect Fellgate Primary School’s conversion to an Academy. The area previously designated to Fellgate Primary School has been assimilated into the Hedworthfield Primary School catchment area.

At the current time, there are no further known academy conversions planned. However, any that may subsequently be proposed will be notified to all interested parties and catchment areas will be updated accordingly.

**Summary of changes for Harton Academy**

The following is proposed to be added to the Oversubscription criteria:

1. Staff who have been recruited or work at the academy/trust where the flowing criteria applies:

*1) 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*

*2) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.*

**Summary of changes for Whitburn Church of England Academy**

Amendments to the Sixth Form Admissions Policy only.

‘For a programme of study consisting of A-Level’s only’ and ‘For a programme of study consisting of A-Levels’s and vocational courses’:

* Students who do not achieve a Level 4 in English and/or Maths *may* be offered a place if they meet the requirements to study other courses, but they would have to re-take English and/or Maths GCSE. With English being a requirement for almost all of our courses, a student who does not achieve a Level 4 in English is highly unlikely to gain a place in Sixth Form.

**Summary of changes for Fellgate Primary School**

The following is proposed to be added to the Oversubscription criteria:

**Siblings of pupils**

* For the purpose of this policy, “sibling” is defined as any brother or sister related by blood or marriage and any fostered or adopted siblings.
* Where oversubscribed, priority will be given to children whose siblings are currently at the school or who attended the school within the last three years.

**Children of staff**

* Where oversubscribed, priority will be given to children for whom staff members have parental responsibility, where the staff member has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application was made, and/or where the member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
* Trustees, and Governors of the school, are included in the staff criteria with regard to admissions for children.