



**Determined Admission Arrangements**

**Academic Year 2011/12**



The Trust Board of the Red House Academy will be the Admission Authority for this academy. The Trust Board intends to admit up to 120 pupils to Year 7 in September 2011.

The admissions policy is applied if the number of applications exceeds the number of places available. The admissions authority acknowledges the rights of parents/carers to express a preference for the school. However parental preference cannot be considered where the academy is over-subscribed in a particular year.

Pupils with a statement of Special Education Needs naming the Red House Academy will be offered a place.

The Trust Board of the Red House Academy, as the admissions authority, will admit students to the school in accordance with the following criteria in the following order of priority:

1. **'Looked-after' children** – a child that is looked after by a local authority.
2. **Attendance in key stage 2 (aged 7 -10+) at a designated cluster junior or primary school** - Bishop Harland CE Primary, Hylton Red House Primary, Southwick Community Primary and Willow Fields Community Primary Schools
3. **A sibling link** – an older brother/sister or older child (including adoptive and step-children) that shares the same parent/carer and lives at the same address, who will still be attending Red House Academy at the time of admission.
4. **Exceptional medical or psychological reasons** – (you must include a medical or psychological report, prepared by a professional, to confirm information that you include in this section. This report should explain why only this school could meet your child's medical or psychological needs. Common childhood medical conditions such as asthma or giving a child's nervousness at starting new school as a psychological reason for choosing a particular school are unlikely to be accepted as exceptional). If you intend to use this criterion when expressing a preference, please contact the School Admissions Team before completing the application form. (Eligibility under this category will be considered by a meeting of senior Academy staff).
5. **Pupils for whom preferences are expressed on grounds other than those outlined above.**

We reserve the right to use an effective tie-breaker when dealing with over subscription. Children will be allocated a place based upon the shortest safest walking route from the centre of the parental home residence to the main entrance of the school, with priority being given to those children living closest to the school. Distance will be measured using the Local Authority's Geographical Information System (GIS).

The Trust Board will adopt the equal preference system, whereby all applications are considered at the same time, irrespective of the order of preference.

Parents who are refused a place have a statutory right of appeal. Further details of the appeals process are available by writing to the Chairman of the Trust Board at the school address.