



THE HOLMESDALE SCHOOL

POLICY FOR

ADMISSIONS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

HEADTEACHER

DATE REVISED

JANUARY 2017

NEXT REVIEW DATE

JANUARY 2018

Oversubscription Criteria

If the number of preferences for the school is more than the number of places available, places will be allocated in the following priority order:

- a) Children in Local Authority Care – a child under the age of 18 years for whom the Local Authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act.
- b) Current Family Association - a brother or sister in the same school at the time of entry. In this context brother or sister means child who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.
- c) Health and Special Access reasons – Children for reasons of health or physical impairment require them to attend Holmesdale Technology College. Medical/Health and Special Access Reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. Priority will be given to children under this criterion whose health or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Medical/Health and Special Access Reasons must be supported with written evidence from an appropriately qualified medical practitioner. The evidence must demonstrate a special connection between the child's needs and the particular school.
- d) Nearness of children's homes to school. A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the **child's only or main residence**. We use the distance between the child's permanent address and the school, measured in a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a defined point within the child's home to a defined point within the school as specified by Ordnance Survey.

Sixth Form Admission Arrangements

Students should apply for sixth form places via www.ucasprogress.com All applications are made online.

Provided enough students choose the given course to make it viable (usually greater than 12 students) places in the sixth form will be given to students who meet the entrance requirements for courses offered at The Holmesdale School.

Entrance requirements are as follows:

- 5 A*-C GCSE grades or equivalent to study A level and level 3 courses (some A level subjects may require B or above at GCSE)
- Individual subject prior attainment entry requirements
- Level 2 course places will be given to students who meet the individual subject prior entry requirements.

If The Holmesdale School is over subscribed, in addition to the above criteria, the following will also be applied in priority order:

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Monitoring and Review

There will be a 7 year consultation on admission arrangements. This policy will be monitored by the Headteacher and reviewed annually using any guidance from the local authority.