



# Ullswater Community College

## Admission arrangements for 2018/19

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### The admission number

Our published admission number is 240.

### The admissions policy

If at any time there are more applicants than places available, children will be admitted in the following order of priority, which will be applied in conjunction with the notes below.

Where there are more applications than places available, entry to all year groups will be prioritised using the criteria below. They will be applied in conjunction with explanatory notes 1 to 3 which form part of the policy.

1. Children looked after and children who were previously looked after – see note 1 below
2. Children living in the catchment area who have brothers or sisters in the school at the time of admission – see note 2 below
3. Other children living in the catchment area giving priority to those living closest to the school, measured by the shortest walking route by road - see note 3 below.
4. Children living outside the catchment area who have brothers or sisters in the school
5. Children living outside the catchment area, giving priority to those who live closest to the school, measured by the shortest walking route by road - see note 3 below.

Applications will be prioritised on the above basis. An exception will be made under the Authority's policy for the education of children with special needs (i) where a child holds an Education, Health and Care Plan, or (ii) is currently undergoing a statutory assessment, and in either case it is considered that attendance at a particular school is necessary to meet the identified needs of that child.

## **Explanatory Notes**

**Note 1:** A child looked after is a child in public care, who is looked after by a local authority within the meaning of Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. Children previously looked after are children who were looked after, but have ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order)

**Note 2:** In criteria 2 and 4 priority will be given to those children with the youngest siblings in school. Brothers and sisters are those living at the same address and includes step and foster children. Priority will only be given where it is known at the time of allocating places that a sibling will be attending the school at the time of admission.

**Note 3:** Distance measurements will be undertaken using the Local Authority's computerised Geographical Information System [GIS]. This measures the route from the centre of the pupil's home to the nearest entrance on the school site which is available to pupils at the time of undertaking the assessment. The route used will be the shortest walking route by road as identified by GIS at that time.

## **The catchment area**

A map of the catchment area is available from the school or the Local Authority.

## **The right of appeal**

Any parent not offered a place has a right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. The panel would be entirely independent of the Governing Body. Any parent wishing to appeal should submit their appeal to the Clerk of the Governing Body and this will be passed on to the Independent Appeal Panel.

## **Waiting list**

Following the allocation of places in the Year 7 intake the LA will, in late March, re-allocate any places which become available as a result of parents not wishing to take up their offer.

After this the parents of any child who has been refused admission can ask at the school for their name to be placed on the waiting list. Any vacancies which arise will be allocated using the Governing Body's admissions policy shown above and length of time on the waiting list will not be a factor. A waiting list will also be held for other year groups.

**Adopted by the Governing Body on 10 May 2017**

**Signed by Chair of Governors:**



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