



Atherton High School

This document explains how places were allocated at the school for admission to Year 7 in September 2025.

Admission number (number of places available) – 120 (determined admission number 90).

The school have admitted over their determined admission number for the 2025/26 Year 7 intake.

Number of preferences received on time (by the closing date) – 320

How places were allocated

Atherton High school is a Free School.

All applications were processed using the 'equal preference' system as explained in the 'Applying for a Year 7 place 2025/26 booklet'.

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school. Places offered – 11

Criterion 1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
Places offered under this criterion – 5

Criterion 2. Children with a sibling (the term "sibling" means a full, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, or other child living permanently within the same household) on roll at Atherton High School in Years 7 to 11 at the time of the proposed admission.
Places offered under this criterion – 21

Criterion 3. Children living closest to the school, measured in a straight line from the home address to the front gates of the school.
Places offered under this criterion – 83

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Places in criterion 3 were allocated to the 83 pupils living nearest to the school. The last of these places was allocated to a pupil living 0.744 miles from the school.

Applications received after the closing date of 31 October 2024 are deemed to be late and only considered after applications received on time. Changes of preferences received after the closing date are also classed as late applications.

For details of how the waiting list operates and how to appeal, please see the information sheet 'Waiting Lists and Appeals'.