

THORNTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Each year in September/October, meetings are held for parents of pupils who will be eligible, by age, to seek entry for the following year. The dates of these meetings are circulated to local primary schools and published in the local press.

The admission process is regulated by the agreement made between the Governing Body and the Department for Education. The full terms are set out below:

- The name of the school will be Thornton Grammar School.
- Thornton Grammar is a Trust School.
- Pupils will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude.

Where the number of preferences exceeds the number of places available, priority will be given to:

1. Looked after children and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
2. Children who are resident in the School's Priority Admission Area* who have an older brother or sister, attending from the same address, who are at present in Years 7 – 10 and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission. (in-area siblings)
3. Children who are resident in the School's Priority Admission Area*.
4. Children who are resident outside the School's Priority Admission Area* who have an older brother or sister, attending from the same address, who are at present in Years 7 – 10, and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission. (out of area siblings).
5. Children who live outside the School's Priority Admission Area*.

* The school has two Priority Admission Areas; criteria 2 - 3 above will apply for the whole of Priority Area one and then for the whole of Priority Area two; ie:

- i) First priority siblings in priority area 1 (Thornton and Clayton area) then others in priority area 1.
- ii) Second priority siblings in priority area 2 (Lidget Green area) then others in priority area 2.
- iii) Siblings out of priority areas then others out of priority areas.

When demand exceeds places in any one of the above criteria, the distance between home and main entrance of the school, measured by a straight-line, will be used to decide who is to be given a place; those living nearest being given the available places.

Notes

1. The terms 'sisters' and 'brothers' refers to children who reside with the same family at the same address. Children living with the same family e.g. foster children and stepsisters and brothers are also included.

2. 'Resident' refers to the pupil's permanent home at the date of admission. Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, it is for the parents to determine which address is to be used for the allocation process.
3. These criteria may be overridden and a place offered, where the parents' preference is based on:
 - special medical reasons for admission where they are deemed essential by an independent professional recommendation from the child's paediatrician/consultant, or
 - social reasons for admission where they are deemed essential by an independent professional recommendation from Children's Services, Probation, Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS), etc

and the Governors consider that a place should be offered on these grounds.

4. Pupils will not be admitted above the published admission number for the school unless exceptional circumstances apply as defined in the Admissions Code.
5. The School has established arrangements for appeals against non-admission. Hearings are held by an independent Appeals Panel. Appeal forms can be obtained from the Admissions Team, Children's Services, tel 01274 385967.
6. Pupils with a statement of special educational needs which names Thornton Grammar School will be admitted to the school without reference to the above oversubscription criteria.

ADMISSION POLICY FOR ENTRY INTO SCHOOL'S SIXTH FORM:

Students not currently on roll of the school who wish to join the Sixth Form must complete an application form and return it to the school.

Year 11 students may proceed to Year 12 where the entry requirements are met. In common with all Sixth Form admissions, entry requirements are set and full details of these can be found in the respective schools' Sixth Form prospectus.