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HIGH SCHOOL

# Hazel Grove High School

Admissions Policy 2025/2026

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# Introductory Statement

Hazel Grove High School is a non-selective non-denominational 11-18 academy school and part of the Laurus Trust. Our vision is that every child, regardless of background or circumstance, will be inspired, thrive in all environments, recognise what it takes to succeed, set aspirational goals and work hard to achieve them.

## Year 7 Admissions – September 2025

The school has an admission number of 270 for entry into year 7. Pupils will be admitted without reference to ability or aptitude. The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

## Application process

The Laurus Trust is the Admissions Authority for Hazel Grove High School and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. The Laurus Trust has elected to use the Local Authority's admission process. Therefore, the co-ordination and administration of admissions for 11-16 students (both Year 7 entry and in-year admissions) is undertaken by Stockport MBC's Admissions Support & Advice Team based at 3rd Floor Stopford House, Piccadilly, Stockport, SK1 3XE.

The Closing date for applications will be 31st October 2024.

Local Authorities have a system of co-ordinated admissions. You will need to apply using the Local Authority form for the area in which you reside. Parents seeking a place for their child must include Hazel Grove High School in ranked order of preference on their Local Authority's application form.

If you live in Stockport you must apply using the on-line system which will be available from August 2024. A description of the process and the application form are available at

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/nursery-and-school-admissions>

Offers will be made on 1st March 2025 by the Local Authority.

# Oversubscription Criteria

Items in this document marked with an asterisk\* are explained in SMBC's Glossary of Terms document.

When Hazel Grove High School is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

NB: Categories A – H refer to applications received by the closing date: 31st October 2024

- a. Looked after children, and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because immediately after, they became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.<sup>1</sup>
- b. Children considered to have highly exceptional medical/social reasons\*
- c. Children resident within the catchment area\* of the school with a sibling\* at the school at the time of admission
- d. Children resident within the catchment area\* of the school
- e. Children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
- f. Children resident outside the catchment area\* with a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- g. Other children
- h. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A – G above

## NOTES

1. Admission is based on the child's principal parental home address\*
2. Where there are more applications than places available in any category of the admissions oversubscription criteria listed above, applicants will be ordered by straight line distance

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<sup>1</sup> A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

between home and the school starting with those who live nearest to the school. Distance\* is measured using Stockport MBC's GIS mapping system.

3. Where there are applications for twins, triplets or other multiple births and there is not enough places for all of the children together within the PAN, The Laurus Trust will exceed the PAN to provide a place for all the children of the multiple birth.
4. If there are two or more applications with distances which are exactly the same competing for a final place, random allocation will be used to determine which application will be allocated the final place.
5. Applications received after the closing date\* will be considered after all those received by the closing date. The Laurus Trust reserves the right to accept an application as if it were received on time if there are exceptional circumstances i.e. the family have moved into Stockport and could not have applied for a place earlier or there are specific reasons for the application being submitted after the closing date. If this takes place after the offer date and a place is not available at the school, applicants will be placed on the school's waiting list at the appropriate point.
6. The Laurus Trust reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to sibling connections or place of residence.

## Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested.

When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the Head of School and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Guidance for parents wishing to request consideration outside of the chronological age group:

- a) It is advised that all parents who submit a request still make an application for a school place at the normal time.
- b) Requests should be made in writing to the academy trust
- c) Parents may provide any supplementary documentary evidence to support their request
- d) Decisions are made by the Academy Trust on an individual case basis and the Trust will consider:
  - The views and wishes of the parent
  - The views of the prospective Head of School/Local Academy Committee

- Evidence indicating academic, social and emotional development to date
- Where relevant, the child's medical history
- Whether the child has previously been educated out of chronological age group
- If the child would have fallen into another age group if it were not for the child being born prematurely

Decisions will be communicated in writing.

Should a request be granted, it does not indicate a formal offer of a school place. Instead it is an agreement to consider the child's application for a school place outside of their normal chronological age group.

Should the request be granted but your child is unsuccessful at obtaining a place at the school, the agreement made by the Academy Trust cannot be extended to other schools. This could result in your child being considered for a school place elsewhere in their normal chronological age group.

Should the request not be granted, your child could still be considered for a place at the school in their normal chronological age group

The Academy Trust may share details of your request with Stockport Local Authority in order to seek advice. Permission will be obtained prior to the exchange of any information.

## Waiting lists

Hazel Grove High School will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where the school receives more applications for Year 7 places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until 31st December of that academic year. For all other year groups, a waiting list will operate until the end of the academic year. The waiting lists will be maintained by Stockport MBC's Admission Support & Advice team and they will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. You will have to reapply in order for your child to remain on the waiting list for the next year.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

## In-year admissions for all year groups

The Local Authority administers the in-year applications i.e. outside the normal admission rounds. Application must be made via Stockport MBC's on-line system at [www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

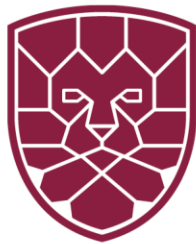
All applications are considered in relation to the normal year group for the child's chronological age.

An application can be refused if the school is full to its PAN for the year group and further admissions would cause prejudice to the provision of efficient education and use of resources, or if the pupil has been permanently excluded from two schools.

In the case of multiple applications for a particular year group, places will be allocated or names placed on a waiting list in accordance with the published admissions policy and oversubscription criteria.

## Right of Appeal

Under the terms of the Schools Standard Framework Act 1998, parents refused a place at the school have the right to appeal against the decision to an Independent Appeal Panel. A parent cannot appeal more than once for the same school place in the same academic year, unless significant and material changes in the case have taken place which the previous Independent Appeal Panel could not have been aware of at the time of the hearing. For more detail on the appeal process please visit <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/admission-appeals>.



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