



Ponteland Community Middle School

Ponteland Community Middle School was granted an Academy Order in April 2016 and, at time of going to press, governors anticipate PCMS converting to Ponteland Academy Trust. Both Ponteland Community Middle School and Ponteland Academy Trust operate alongside Northumberland Local Authority and National Guidelines on Admissions and Appeals. The school is open to receive applications for follow the admissions from parents of all children in Year 5, Year 6, Year 7 and Year 8. The Published Admission Number of each year group is 150 children.

Ponteland Community Middle School/Ponteland Academy Trust have 150 places to allocate to prospective Year 5 students at the same time as places are allocated within all other Northumberland schools.

If applications for places at a particular school exceed the Published Admission Number, priority is given in accordance with the criteria set out below.

1. Children with Statements of SEN or Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) where Ponteland Community Middle School is named in the Statement or EHCP.
2. Children Looked After or previously Looked After i.e. in Public Care.
3. Children of exceptional medical or exceptional social need with professional evidence.
4. Children resident in the Greater Catchment Area of the Ponteland Schools who have siblings at Ponteland Community Middle School.
5. Children resident in the Greater Catchment Area of the Ponteland Schools.
6. Children who have a sibling already at Ponteland Community Middle School.
7. Children on whose behalf preferences are expressed other than those above.

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Should it prove necessary, because places are limited, to distinguish between pupils in any given category priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school, measured in a direct line 'as the crow flies' from the front door of the home to main gate of the school. The distance checker is contained within the GIS school admissions software used by Northumberland County Council. Distance checking is an integral function within the school admissions software ensuring consistency in measurement.

Notes

NCC will allocate places for Year 5 for September 2017 in March (for both PCMS & RCMS) but NCC will not be 'taking the place' at their current school off the child and reallocating until July, so technically they have a space at both schools. In July NCC will look to see if NCC have any applications for the Primary outstanding and will allocate them then as 'interim' transfers and reallocate the places that have been vacated by those choosing to leave at the end of Year 4.

Newcastle residents still apply on Newcastle's website, NCC have emailed Newcastle to confirm that PCMS is an option on their site. Newcastle forward all applications to NCC on October 31st and NCC allocate in same way as they do for Northumberland residents in March. A number of parents will still apply via NCC site which is acceptable; NCC are also accepting forms done on the NCC portal as interim; Ponteland Middle is still an option. This enables NCC can capture applications in all ways.