



Ponteland Community Middle School

Ponteland Community Middle School converted to an academy on 1st September 2017 as part of 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 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 in the same time schedule as all other Northumberland schools. Parents must apply by 31st October 2018 and will be informed on Offer Day on 1st March 2019.

If applications for places 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.
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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 the 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 contact parents allocating places for Year 5 for September 2019 in March.

Newcastle residents should apply on Newcastle City Council's website. NCC have emailed Newcastle to confirm that PCMS is an option on their site. Newcastle will forward all applications to NCC on October 31st and NCC will allocate in the same way as they do for Northumberland residents by the 1st March. A number of parents can 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 to capture applications in all ways.

Further information can be obtained from admin@ponteland.academy.