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Admissions Policy Statement 2026



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Summary

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Admissions Policy

Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust is the admission authority for the following schools:

- Ackton Pastures Primary Academy
- Ash Grove Primary Academy
- Fitzwilliam Primary School
- Gawthorpe Community Academy
- Girnhill Infant School
- Grove Lea Primary School
- Half Acres Primary Academy
- South Hiendley Primary School
- Towngate Primary Academy

The trust is required by its funding agreement to comply with the School Admissions Code and the law relating to admissions, though the Secretary of State has the power to vary this requirement where there is demonstrable need. The purpose of the School Admissions Code is to ensure that all school places are allocated and offered in an open and fair way. The School Admissions Code has the force of law and includes a requirement to comply with associated regulations and legislation attached within it.

Objections to the admission arrangements of academies can be made to the Schools Adjudicator whose decisions are binding and enforceable. For further details, please see the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-admissions-arrangements

The trust is responsible for arranging/providing for appeals against refusal of a place at a school. The trust has agreed that it will follow the admissions policies for the relevant local authorities in managing its admission arrangements to ensure that the allocation

of school places remains fair, clear and objective. This should enable parents and carers to understand easily how places for each school will be allocated.

The Wakefield Metropolitan District Council Admissions Policy and Published Admission

Numbers and links to policy for the coming years can be found on the following links:

https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions

https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/understand-admissions-policies/admissions-2026-2027

https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/understand-admissions-policies/admissions-2027-2028

Gawthorpe Community Academy and Towngate Primary Academy are associate members of the Education Ossett Community Trust (EOCT). Therefore, these academies use the EOCT admissions policy for their admission arrangements.

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