

# Admissions and Transport Information for Parents:

## Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College

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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Will putting Tarporley High School down as a choice prevent my child from getting a place at another school?**

*No, the Local Authority operates a co-ordinated admissions scheme for Year 7 places. Each admission authority (Tarporley is an Admission Authority) allocates places based upon its over subscription criteria. This list is then passed back to the Local Authority, who then offer places based upon your expressed preference. Thus if you put down three schools in first, second and third preference order and each relevant admission authority is able to offer you a place, then the authority will offer your child a place at your first preference school.*

#### **How do I apply for a place at Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College?**

*Applications for places from Cheshire West and Chester residents can be made by the Common Application Form or via*

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/secondary-admissions>

***Students resident in Cheshire East wishing to apply for a place at the school, must name Tarporley High School & 6th Form College on the Cheshire East LA admissions application form.***

***On line applications must be made via the Cheshire East website:***

<http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx>

***When using the Cheshire East Website parents should select Cheshire West and Chester as the local authority, Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College will then be available as a choice.***

#### **What does a PAN of 210 mean?**

*Tarporley's Published Admission Number (PAN) is 210 students and are able to offer 210 places for Year 7 in September 2025.*

#### **How are places allocated?**

All applications for places are ranked using the following criteria:

1. Students with a Statement of Special Educational Needs.
  2. Students who are "Looked after children" in the care of a LA or provided with accommodation by that authority.
  3. Students who have Siblings attending the school.
  4. Students resident within the designated catchment zone of the school.
  5. Students not resident within the catchment zone but attending a school designated as partner/feeder school:
  6. Children of parents who have been directly employed by the school for 2 years or longer.
  7. Students for whom there are exceptional personal/domestic circumstances.
  8. Students living nearest to the school as measured using an "address-point system".
- (For full details of the Oversubscription Criteria, please refer to the school's Admission Policy)

#### **How do I know if I live in the catchment zone?**

*Details of the catchment zone for Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College can found by following link to Cheshire West and Chester's interactive mapping webpage:*

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/catchment-areas>

**What impact will coming from a non-feeder school have on your child's transition to Tarporley?**

*There would be no impact for your child in terms of transition to Tarporley. The school will take your details this evening on the forms provided and your child would be notified of and invited to all the transition events including the Year 6 Conway residential trip in June.*

**What are the implications for school transport for my child if we live out of zone?**

*If you live outside the catchment zone and take up a place at Tarporley it is your responsibility to arrange for transport to and from school for your child. Parents can apply for a spare seat on one of the buses serving the school which are organised by Cheshire West and Chester, and Cheshire East, Transport Co-ordination. Allocation is subject to availability and each of the Local Authorities levies a charge to parents. There is however a Winsford Bus Service which is run by the school and for which there is a charge of £1,235 per annum.*

**How does the Appeals process work and how will this affect the place that my child has been offered?**

*You are able to appeal against the decision not to offer your child a place once the offer letter is issued on 1<sup>st</sup> March each year. The school would always advise parents to accept the place offered to them, even if they wish to appeal the decision not to offer a place at Tarporley, as this secures a place for your child. By accepting the place you do not prejudice your appeal as the Independent Appeals Panel does not take this into account when considering your appeal.*

*If you decide to appeal you should complete a Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College Admissions Appeal Form and return it to school. It is possible that you may not have to go through the full appeals process, as some places which are offered are not taken up, and back filling takes place from our waiting list. Should an appeal be necessary the Academy aims to carry this out in May of each year.*

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