



Y7 Guidance about the Admissions Process for Admission September 2026

Admission to The Blue Coat School Liverpool

The Blue Coat School Liverpool will admit 180 students in September 2026. The Blue Coat School Liverpool administers an online Entrance Test in two phases.

Applying to sit the entrance test

The Blue Coat School Liverpool uses an Entrance Test to select its students.

Parents who wish their child to undertake the Entrance Test so that they may be considered for admission must submit an application to The Blue Coat School Liverpool.

Parents/carers whose children are in Year 5 are invited to submit applications to sit The Blue Coat School Liverpool Entrance Test in June/July 2025. Parents seeking a place for their child outside the normal age group must submit supporting information as part of the online application form which will be considered by Trustees on a case by case basis. Please refer to the school's Admissions Policy for details on this.

The Blue Coat School Liverpool uses an online admissions platform which can be accessed from the school website from Thursday 24 April 2025. Applications must be received by the school by 4.00pm on Monday 2 June 2025. The application form provides parents with the opportunity to inform the school of any physical disabilities, medical requirements or special educational needs which may need supporting during the admissions procedure.

Entrance Test Structure

All applicants must sit the Entrance Test at The Blue Coat School Liverpool. The test provider used by the school is CEM.

Phase 1

All applicants will take the Phase 1 test, which assesses the following skills:-

- Reading
- Spelling
- General Mathematics
- Mental Arithmetic
- Developed Ability

Only approx. 400 applicants from Phase 1 will progress to Phase 2. There is no appeal process for Phase 1 results.

Booking Phase 1 Test Slot

Parents must book their child's slot for Phase 1 on Applica when submitting their application. The available test dates/times are:-

- Thursday 26th June 2025 (9.00-11.00, 12.00-2.00, 2.30-4.30)
- Saturday 5th July 2025 (9.00-11.00, 12.00-2.00, 2.30-4.30)
- Saturday 12th July 2025 (9.00-11.00, 12.00-2.00, 2.30-4.30)
- Wednesday 16th July 2025 (9.00-11.00, 12.00-2.00, 2.30-4.30)

You will be able to complete the application form and choose your preferred test date and time here from Thursday 24th April 2025. The deadline for applications is **Monday 2nd June 2025**.

Phase 2

Applicants who qualify for Phase 2 will be notified week commencing 25th August 2025 and will be tested on:-

- Verbal Ability
- Numerical Ability
- Non-verbal Ability

Successful candidates from Phase 1 will have their Phase 2 test on Saturday 20th September.

The school makes arrangements for a Reserve Test for Phase 2 to support applicants who are eligible to sit the Entrance Test but are unable to attend because of medical, religious or other circumstances. Candidates may only be granted permission to take the Reserve Test by the Trust Board who must deem that there are extenuating circumstances.

All testing will be conducted online using a PC, keyboard and mouse.

The school will make all necessary arrangements to support any physical disabilities, medical requirements or special educational needs which it has been informed of. Information regarding this is on the online application form.

Scoring and Selection Process

As part of The Blue Coat School Liverpool's commitment to social mobility, places will be allocated according to the following criteria:

- Up to 27 places will be available to the highest scoring applicants who are eligible for free school meals and who achieve the required entrance test score.
- The remaining places will be available to all other highest scoring applicants.

Parents should be guided by the following information:

- The Blue Coat School will provide parents with the outcome of the Entrance Test so that they have the information they need to complete the common application form of their home Local Authority in the way they deem most suitable.

- The Blue Coat School places applicants in groups according to the outcome of the entrance test.
- If your child is in GROUP A and you wish your child to be admitted to The Blue Coat School Liverpool, you should consider placing The Blue Coat School Liverpool as one of your preferences.
- If your child is in GROUP B and you wish your child to still be considered for admission to The Blue Coat School Liverpool you should consider placing The Blue Coat School Liverpool as one of your preferences. However, please be aware that candidates in GROUP B are not guaranteed a place at The Blue Coat School Liverpool.
- If your child is in GROUP C you should not consider placing The Blue Coat School as one of your preferences.
- The Blue Coat School Liverpool does not release test information.

The outcome of the Entrance Test will be sent to the email address included on the application form. Parents that have not heard from the school by Friday 31st October 2025 should contact the school.

The Local Authority will notify parents of school placements on 1 March 2026 in accordance with their admission arrangements.

Co-ordination between The Blue Coat School Liverpool and Local Authorities

Parents of children starting Year 6 in September 2025 will receive guidance from their primary schools about how to apply for secondary school places. This includes information about how parents may wish to complete their home Local Authority common application form.

Parents of children from a local authority other than Liverpool are advised to check with their home Local Authority about the arrangements and dates for secondary school applications.

The Blue Coat School Liverpool works closely with Local Authority admission arrangements.

For a child to be considered for admission to The Blue Coat School Liverpool, their parents must:

- Ensure they have applied to The Blue Coat School Liverpool to sit the Entrance Test by 2 June 2025.
- Ensure they have completed and returned the common application form to their home Local Authority by Thursday 31 October 2025.

Parents do not need to complete their home Local Authority common application form until they have been notified of the outcome of The Blue Coat School Entrance Test.

Appeals

Parents have the right to an independent appeal if they are dis-satisfied with an admission decision. You will need to contact The Blue Coat School to request information on appeals. Appeals must be submitted by 31 March 2026. All appeals will be acknowledged, and you should contact the school if you do not receive an acknowledgement within two weeks of submission. Independent appeals will be heard by the end of June 2026.

Further information

If you have any questions about the admissions procedure, please contact the School Office via admissions@bluecoatschool.org.uk. Please note that The Blue Coat School does not offer advice about the Entrance Test or offer any opinion about the suitability of applications.

Open Day Information

There will also be an opportunity to book a slot for our Open Day. Visitors are warmly invited to attend one session during our Open Day on Friday 27th June 2025. To ensure a safe visitor experience, spaces for this event are limited, and booking is restricted to two tickets per family. Evidence of your booking and ticket must be provided on arrival to gain entry to the Open Day.

The Open Day is split into four sessions:-

Session One: 9.15 am to 10.45 am

Session Two: 10.30 am – 12 noon

Session Three: 12.45 pm – 2.00 pm

Session Four: 2.00 pm – 3.15 pm

Each session includes:

- **The Headteacher's Talk:** A brief talk about the school, including information on admissions and the application process.
- **Tour of the School:** Visitors can explore the school with a student guide or unaccompanied, visit different departments, see facilities, and speak with students, parents, and staff.

Tickets will be available to book here from 3rd June 2025.

Admissions Timeline and Test Schedule

Date	Event
24 April 2025 – 02 June 2025	Application Window
Thursday 26 June 2025 Saturday 05 July 2025 Saturday 12 July 2025 Wednesday 16 July 2025	Phase 1 Testing
Friday 27 June 2025	Open Day
w/c 25 August 2025	Phase 1 Results to Parents
Saturday 20 September 2025	Phase 2 Entrance Test
Friday 17 October 2025	Phase 2 Results to Parents