

Guidance about the Admissions Process for September 2023

Applying to sit the entrance test

The Blue Coat School 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.

The Blue Coat School uses an online application form which can be accessed from the School website from Monday 4th July 2022. Applications must be received by the School by 4.00pm on Friday 2 September 2022.

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.

Parents/carers whose children will be in Year 6 in September 2022 are invited to submit applications to sit The Liverpool Blue Coat School entrance test in September 2022. 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.

Sitting the Entrance Test

The Entrance Test will consist of:

- A Mathematics Test (50 minutes)
- An English Test (50 minutes)

The Entrance Test will take place at The Blue Coat School on 24 September 2022.

Detailed arrangements for the Entrance Test will be sent to all eligible applicants whose completed application form has been received by the School.

The School will make all necessary arrangements to support any physical disabilities, medical requirements or special educational needs which it has been informed of.

The Entrance Test is supervised by the School's senior leadership team and a team of invigilators who are assigned to look after small groups of children.

The School makes arrangements for a Reserve Test 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 Trustee Board who must deem that there are extenuating circumstances.

Co-ordination between the Blue Coat School and Local Authorities

Parents of children starting Year 6 in September 2022 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 works closely with Local Authority admission arrangements.

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

- Ensure they have applied to The Blue Coat School to sit the Entrance Test by Friday 2 September 2022.
- Ensure their child sits the entrance test.
- Ensure they have completed and returned the common application form to their home Local Authority by Monday 31 October 2022.

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.

Admission to The Blue Coat School

The Blue Coat School will admit 180 students in September 2023.

The Blue Coat Entrance test is marked out of a score of 300.

As part of The Blue Coat School 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 an entrance test score of 213 or more.
- 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, you should consider placing The Blue Coat School 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 you should consider placing The Blue Coat School as one of your preferences. However, please be aware that candidates in GROUP B are not guaranteed a place at The Blue Coat School.
- 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 does not discuss individual test outcomes or release test papers.

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 21 October 2022 should contact the School.

The Local Authority will notify parents of school placements on Wednesday 1 March 2023 in accordance with their admission arrangements.

Appeals

Parents have the right to an independent appeal if they are dissatisfied 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 2023. 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 are scheduled to take place in June 2023.

Further information

If you have any questions about the admissions procedure please contact the School Office through admissions2023@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.