



PRESTON MUSLIM GIRLS
— HIGH SCHOOL —

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DETERMINED ADMISSION POLICY 2023-2024

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Preston Muslim Girls' High School is a Voluntary Aided School.

Address: Preston Muslim Girls' High School
The Crescent Building
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Preston
PR1 5BY

Headteacher: Mr R Patel
No. on Roll: **573**
Planned Admission No: **120**

Preston Muslim Girls' High School (PMGHS) is a progressive, inclusive and outstanding Muslim faith school for 11-16 year old Muslim girls. The admissions arrangements for PMGHS are in line with the Vision and Ethos of the School which is to provide an excellent educational establishment that allows the girls to develop their Islamic character.

The school enables the girls to achieve their full spiritual, moral, social and educational potential through a deep appreciation of their faith that prepares them to undertake their responsibilities as well-rounded Muslimahs in the wider society - Patient, Modest, Gratitude, Humility, Sincerity.

The school asks all parents applying for a place to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the rights of parents who are not of Muslim faith and wish to apply for a place at PMGHS.

The admissions process is part of the Lancashire County Council's determined scheme for co-ordinated admissions to secondary schools. The arrangements for admissions have been agreed following consultation between the Lancashire County Council, the governing body of PMGHS and all other relevant authorities.

Application Forms

Applications for Secondary School places are made online by 31st October 2022 and can be accessed via www.lancashire.gov.uk. On this form you will be asked to give THREE equal preferences for the three high schools that you would like your daughter to attend. However, if you want your daughter to attend PMGHS, it is vital that you place our school as your highest preference on this form because if you satisfy the admissions criteria of all your three preference schools, you will be offered a place based on your highest preference school. It is not possible to change the order of your preferences for schools after the closing date. Parents will be advised of the outcome of their application on 1st March 2023.

Supplementary Information Form

Parents/carers who wish their application to be considered against the staff, siblings, affiliated primary school, faith or special medical and social circumstances criteria **MUST** in addition fill our school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which can be found on our school website.

A Supplementary Information Form must be filled for ALL applications made.

The Supplementary Information Form will assist the admission's authority in deciding where your daughter ranks according to the admission policy and whether she qualifies for a place.

Failure to complete the form will affect your daughter's place within the oversubscription criteria.

A completed hardcopy of the Supplementary Information Form should be returned to our school before the statutory closing date of 31st October 2022. The Supplementary Information Form will **NOT** be accepted after this date.

Admissions Arrangements 2023-2024

All applicants to the school will be offered a place if there are no more than 120 applications.

If the school is oversubscribed, girls will be considered in priority according to the oversubscription criteria below.

Girls with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) that names PMGHS, will be offered a place before the application of the over-subscription criteria. (See note a)

- 1) Looked after girls who were previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or a special guardianship order or those girls who appear to the school to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. (See note 1)
- 2) Daughters of staff employed at PMGHS for TWO or more years at the time when the application is made and is still employed at the time of admission. Also, daughters of members of staff who have been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage. This applies to all staff (full and part time) who are employed by the school. **Applications under this category must fill the school's SIF form.** (See note 2)
- 3) Girls with a sibling who is a pupil attending PMGHS at the time of application. **Applications under this category must fill the school's supplementary information form.** (See note 3)
- 4) Girls who attend our affiliated primary school - The Olive school Preston. **Applications under this category must fill the school's supplementary information form.** (See note 4)
- 5) Muslim girls who have exceptionally strong special, medical or social circumstances, which are directly relevant to attendance at PMGHS. **Applications under this category must fill the school's supplementary information form** (See note 5)

- 6) Muslim girls who themselves or their parents regularly attend a masjid/madrasah from the list below, showing a commitment to faith. **Applications under this category must fill the school's supplementary information form** . (See note 6)

Please note: Girls admitted under EHCP and categories 1,2,3,4 and 5 are taken out of the masjid/madrasah allocations.

Quwwatul-ul-Islam Masjid and Education Centre	Maahadus Shuhada	Masjid-e-Falah (Madrasah Taleemul Quran)	Masjid-e-Noor (Madrasah Noor-e-Raza)	Raza Mosque	Madani Institute
Deepdale	Deepdale	Deepdale	Deepdale	Deepdale	Deepdale
19 Spaces	9 Spaces	6 Spaces	6 Spaces	3 Spaces	4 Spaces
Masjid Bilal	Masjid Salaam (Madrasah Hid ayatul Islam)	Al-Ansaar Welfare & Education (Madrasah Tajweedul Quran)	Darul Arqam Education and Tarbiyah	Jamea Masjid (Madrasah Taleemul Islam)	Al-Huda Education Academy (Madrasah Kashiful-Ul-Uloom)
Plungington	Fulwood	Fulwood	Fulwood	Frenchwood	Avenham
3 Spaces	10 Spaces	6 Spaces	6 Spaces	14 Spaces	6 Spaces
Masjid-e-Aqsa	Masjid-e-Quba (Madrasah Takweeyatul Iman)	Madina Masjid (Madrasah Naqeebul Islam)	Zakariyya Masjid	Masjid-e-Saliheen	City Mosque (Al Furqan Islamic School)
Fishwick	Fishwick	Fishwick	Ribbleton	City Centre	City Centre
3 Spaces	4 Spaces	8 Spaces	3 Spaces	3 Spaces	4 Spaces

- 7) Girls who have a parent/carer of other faiths and regularly attend public worship there. Christians, Hindus, Sikhs, other 'non-Christian faiths. The faith groups listed in category 7 reflect their representation in Preston City as determined by the 2011 Census. **Applications under this category must fill the school's supplementary information form**. (See note 7)
- 8) All applications that have been unsuccessful for the above criteria, will be considered under distance criteria. Priority will be given to those girls who live closest to the school.

Notes:

- a. By law, children who have an EHCP have their applications considered separately. Where places are allocated within this category, they are counted within the school's published admission number and are deducted from the relevant masjid/madrasah quota.

1. A 'looked after girl' is a girl who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. This includes Muslim girls who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and Muslim girls who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders). Under the provisions of S14 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangement orders. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989, which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians). Where places are allocated within this category, they are counted within the school's published admission number and are deducted from the relevant masjid/madrasah quota.
2. A girl will be eligible for consideration under category of staff if the parents complete the relevant section on the supplementary information form. In this instance, the staff parent, must fill their details in section 4 of the supplementary information form. Where places are allocated within this category, they are counted within the school's published admission number and are deducted from the relevant masjid/madrasah quota.
3. A girl will be eligible for consideration under category of siblings if the parents complete the relevant section on the supplementary information form. Siblings refers to full, half, adopted, step, foster or the daughter of the parents' partner. In every case, the girl must be living in the same family unit at the same address. Where places are allocated within this category, they are counted within the school's published admission number and are deducted from the relevant masjid/madrasah quota.
4. A girl will be eligible for consideration under category of the feeder school if the parents complete the relevant section on the supplementary information form. Where places are allocated within this category, they are counted within the school's published admission number and are deducted from the relevant masjid/madrasah quota.
5. A girl will be eligible for consideration under category of special, medical, and social circumstances if the parents complete the relevant section on the supplementary information form. It is important that you state on the supplementary information form and attach a letter, clearly setting out your reasons for requesting admission under the medical or social criteria. Parents must provide the professional supporting evidence from e.g. a consultant, doctor, psychologist, social worker or from another professional. This evidence should set out the reason why PMGHS is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school. A place will only be offered, if the admissions authority accepts the view of the professional, which confirms that the existing medical or social difficulties will be exacerbated if admission is not offered at PMGHS. The supporting evidence from the professional must be submitted by 31st October 2022. Where places are allocated within this category, they are counted within the school's published admission number and are deducted from the relevant masjid/madrasah quota.
6. A girl will be eligible for consideration under category of masjid/madrasah if the parents complete the relevant section on the supplementary information form. The form must then be appropriately annotated and signed by the imam of the masjid or the headteacher of the madrasah or the authorised person. A maximum number of places will be offered to the Masjid/Madrasah's mentioned in the table previously, once previous categories have been deducted from each masjid/madrasah quota.

The masjid's appointed Imam or madrasah headteacher or authorised person will countersign a parent's declaration in the following ways:

(A) The Parent/Carer/Pupil has attended the Masjid/Madrasah **Daily** for **5 years** leading up to 1st September 2022

(B) The Parent/Carer/Pupil has attended the Masjid/Madrasah **Daily** for **2 years** leading up to 1st September 2022

(C) The Parent/Carer/Pupil has attended the Masjid/Madrasah **Weekly** for **2 years** leading up to 1st September 2022

(D) The Parent /Carer/Pupil has attended the Masjid/Madrasah **Daily/Weekly** for less than **2 years** leading up to 1st September 2022

Category A will weigh the heaviest, then category B, then category C and then Category D.

- The most weighted category A is 1st considered from ALL the masjid/madrasah applications.

If there are still spaces left, then the 2nd weighted category B from ALL the applications is considered

If there are still spaces left, then the 3rd weighted category C from ALL the applications is considered.

If there are still spaces left, then the 4th weighted category D from ALL the applications is allocated.

- If a masjid/madrasah has more applications than spaces available in each weighted category (after its previous categories have been allocated) then its remaining spaces will be allocated by random selection.

Once Random Selection has taken place for a particular masjid/madrasah's weighted category, and if later the offered place is not accepted, then as long as it is **before 21 October 2022**, then LCC will offer the next girl in that category of that masjid/madrasah, (via random selection if there is more than one), an offer for a place at the school. If there is not a girl left in that category for that masjid/madrasah, then that space will be considered from the heaviest weighted category A, then category B, then category C and then category D.

Applications that are not allocated a place in this category will later be considered under category 8.

7. A girl will be eligible for consideration under category of other faith commitments if the parents complete the relevant section on the supplementary information form. The Form must then be appropriately annotated and signed by their faith leader. A further letter can also be attached to show the parents commitment to the faith if so required.

8. All remaining applications will be considered under the distance criteria and priority will be given to those girls who live closest to the school.

The distance will be measured in a straight-line using the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home, which will be measured in a straight line and will be the determining factor. This address point will be within the body of the property and usually located at its centre.

Where the cut-off point is for addresses within the same building, then the single measure between address points will apply and a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

Address

The address given must be where the girl and parents live permanently. It must not be the child minder's, grandparent's or other relative's address.

If parents share custody of the girl, then the address given must be where the girl resides majority of the time during the weekdays.

If there is joint custody for the girl, then the address of the parents receiving the child benefit is used

Admissions Authority may request to see the court order, child tax credit letter, child benefit letter, medical card or other evidence to establish where the child is resident for the majority of the time during the weekdays. Parents will be required to provide proof of permanent address.

If there is dispute about the address, the Admissions Authority reserves the right to make enquiries of any relevant third parties, e.g., the child's GP, Council Tax Office, Electoral Registration Officer, utilities provider.

Late applications

Unless there are exceptional reasons for the late submission of the application form, late applications will not be considered the same, as applications that were received by the closing date.

When determining whether exceptional circumstances apply, the Admissions Authority may consider the following information:

Parents moving into the area after the closing date.

Parents were abroad for the whole period between the publication of the Local Authority's composite prospectus and the closing date of the application form.

Parental / child illness which required hospitalisation for a significant period between the publication of the Local Authority's composite prospectus and the closing date of the application form.

No late applications will be considered after 21st December 2022. Any applications received after this date will be considered after all other applications that were received on time.

In Year Applications

It sometimes happens that a pupil needs to change school other than at the "normal" time; and these are considered as in year applications. Applications made after the start of the autumn term 2022 will be treated as an in-year application.

The in-year admission process is managed by the school. Parents wishing their child to attend this school should contact the school to complete the in-year application form, which is available from and returnable to the school.

If there is a place in the appropriate class, then the governors will arrange for the admission to take place. If there is no place, then the Admissions Authority will inform the parents, offer to add the child to the waiting list and information on appeals if required.

Please note that you cannot re-apply for a place at a school within the same academic year unless there has been relevant, significant and material change in the family circumstances.

Waiting list

Parents of girls whose admission has been unsuccessful for the school's year 7 group each September, can request Lancashire County Council to include their daughter's details on the waiting list for the school. The position on the waiting list is determined by the priority order of the admission policy, with the exception of category 6, if all Masjids/Madrasahs have not reached their full quota, then other applications under this category will be offered a place through random selection to fill the pool of spaces until 21st October 2022.

When the number of girls at the school drops below the published admission number, a place is offered to the girl who is at the top of the waiting list. The position of your daughter on the waiting list may change.

She may move up or down each time a girl is added or removed, or when the change in circumstances of the girl require her to be considered against a different priority order of the school's oversubscription criteria.

Looked after girls, previously looked after children, and those allocated a place at the school in accordance with the Fair Access Protocol will take precedence over those on the waiting list.

Parents should complete an in-year application form thereafter if they wish their daughter's details to be kept on the waiting list for the remainder of the academic year.

For the in-year waiting list, parents must complete a new application form each year at by 30th September 2022.

Appeals

Parents have a legal right of appeal to an independent appeal panel against the decision not to offer admission at PMGHS. Lancashire County Council administer the appeals process, on behalf of the school. Parents can either complete the Appeals E-form on the school's website or by going onto the Lancashire County Council's website. Parents have at least 20 school days to prepare and submit their written case to the independent appeal panel. Parents will normally receive 14 days' notice of the place and time of the hearing, so they can attend to present the case in person. The decision letter from the independent appeal panel, will include the reasons for the decision is communicated to all parties as soon as possible, but no later than 5 school days, after the hearing.

As the purpose of the appeals process is to consider whether a child should be admitted to a particular school, the right of appeal does not apply if they are offered a place at the school, but it is not in their preferred year group.

Appeals for children moving into the area will not be considered until there is evidence of a permanent address, e.g. exchange of contracts or tenancy agreement with rent book.

Parents **do not** have the right to a second appeal in respect of the same year group, unless there has been relevant, significant and material change in the family circumstances.

Education and Health Care plans

Normal application rules do not apply. Parents should contact their home Local Authority's Special Educational Needs Team. The girl will be offered a place if the Local Authority's Special Educational Needs Team names the school in the education and health care plan.

Withdrawing an offer of a place

The Admissions Authority reserves the right to withdraw an offer of a place if:

It was made in error.

Parents fail to respond to the offer of a place within a reasonable period of time.

It is established that the offer of a place was obtained through a fraudulent or misleading application.

The Admissions Authority will not withdraw the offer of a place once the girl has started at the school, except where that place was fraudulently obtained.

Where an offer of a place is withdrawn based on misleading information, the Admissions Authority will consider the application afresh, and will offer a right of appeal if admission cannot be offered.

In deciding whether to withdraw the offer of a place, account will be taken of the length of time the girl has been at the school. Where the girl has been at the school for less than a term, the Admissions Authority may consider it appropriate to withdraw the place.

Multiple births

If children of multiple births (twins and triplets) require admission in the same year group and there is only a single place left within the published admission number, the Admissions Authority will consider using discretion to allocate all of the girls' places above the published admission number.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may seek a place for their daughter outside of their normal age group, for example, if a child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health.

Parents of girls who are already of secondary school age are required to complete the school's relevant application form along with a letter requesting admission out of the normal age group and submit this with the required evidence outlined below. If their request is agreed and a place is available in the requested year group, the child will be admitted.

Parents of girls who wish to seek admission to Year 7 outside their normal age group (i.e. who are currently placed in a lower or higher year group) will need to submit the normal common application form to the Local Authority (in writing or online). Parents must do this at the same time as they submit a written request to the Governing Body for their daughter to be admitted out of the normal age group and submit this with the required evidence outlined below. If the request is agreed and a place is available in the requested year group, the child will be admitted.

Whilst the Admission Authority will consider applications to Year 7 from parents of children outside their normal age group, please note that the Admissions Authority is not bound by decisions made by another Admission Authority. They will make a decision on the request before the Secondary national offer date if the request for admission is received during the normal admissions round, if at all possible.

Parents should consider what evidence they wish to submit in support of their case with the application form, for example, evidence from a medical practitioner, educational psychologist, headteacher etc. Some of the evidence a parent may wish to submit could include: -

Whether the girl is currently or has previously been educated outside the normal age group.

Whether girl has naturally fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely.

Where relevant, her medical history and the views of a medical practitioner.

Information about the girl's academic, social, and emotional development.

Where relevant, the views of an educational psychologist.

The Admissions Authority will consider the views of the Headteacher on the application as well as the information from the parents. The Admission Authority will make their decision based on the circumstances of each individual case, and in the best interests of the pupil concerned. They will then inform the parents of their decision on the year group the child should be admitted to and will provide the reasons for their decision.



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Supplementary Information Form 2023-2024

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM USING CAPITAL LETTERS. THANK YOU

1. Pupil Details			
Legal Forename			
Middle Name(s)			
Legal Surname			
Address (Where she normally resides, please note "normally" is more than four nights per week)			
	Postcode		
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	__/__/__		

2. Supporting evidence for Application			
Are you applying for a place because of: (you may tick more than one box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If place is faith based, please indicate faith group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Child of school staff		Muslim	
Siblings in school at the time of admission		Christian	
Feeder School		Hindu	
Special Social/Medical needs (Attach Supporting Evidence)		Sikh	
Faith commitment		Other world faith (please specify)	

3. Sibling Details	
Name of sibling attending the school at the time of application	
Address at which the sibling currently resides	
Date of birth of sibling attending the school	

4. Family Details (Fill details of parent who is staff, if applying under School Staff)	
Name of Parent/Carer	
Address	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	



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5. If your Application is feeder school based, **(The Olive School, Preston)** please complete the following section **WITH the Headteacher**

Name of School	
Address of School	
Name of Headteacher	
Signed by Headteacher	

6. If Your Application is faith-based, please complete the following section **WITH your Imam/Headteacher/Authorised Person** where a Parent/Carer/Pupil attends

Name of Imam/Head/Authorised Person	
Name of Place of Worship	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone number	
Email Address	

6a. How have you as a parent attended this place of worship (please circle appropriate choice and tick appropriate box).

The Parent/Carer/Pupil has attended the Madrasah/Masjid Daily for 5 years leading up to 1st September 2022 <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	The Parent/Carer/Pupil has attended the Madrasah/Masjid Daily for 2 years leading up to 1st September 2022 <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	The Parent/Carer/Pupil has attended the Madrasah/Masjid Weekly for 2 years leading up to 1st September 2022 <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	The Parent /Carer/Pupil has attended the Madrasah/Masjid Daily/Weekly for less than 2 years leading up to 1 st September 2022 <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>
Signed by Imam/Headteacher/Authorised Person		Print Name	
Date			

7. To be completed by minister of religion/faith leader where the child is of **other faith other than Muslim**

Name of Minister/Leader	
Address	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	
Position held	
Signed by Minister/Leader	Print Minister/Leader Name
Date	
Your Faith Leader may be contacted to provide further information	