



## **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Upper Wharfedale is a non-selective school in a selective area offering places for children aged 11 to 16. It is popular and frequently over subscribed. Approximately 28% of the ability range is selected for the two local grammar schools by tests taken in Year 6.

Overall the school has more boys than girls – approximately 61% against 39%.

Around 50% of students come from the catchment area of the school - the wards of Upper Wharfedale, Grassington and Barden Fell.

### **ADMISSION INTO YEAR 7 AT THE START OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

The Headteacher and Governors do not have any role to play in the admission of pupils into Year 7.

The Pupil and Parent Services Officer, based at the Local Education Office, writes to the parents/carers of all children in their last year of Primary School and advises them which school is the normal area school for their residential home address. Parents/carers are invited to express a preference of Secondary School and to give reasons for that preference.

The maximum admissions limit for Upper Wharfedale School is 58.

Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated as follows:

1. To children with a Statement of Special Educational needs which names the school, to children looked after by the Local Authority and to children who have special social or medical reasons for admission.
2. To children living in the normal area of the school who give it as their first preference. Places are normally provided in the area served by schools in Arncliffe, Beamsley, Burnsall, Cracoe, Grassington, Kettlewell and Threshfield.

3. To children living in the normal area of the school who have listed it as a preferred school but whose higher preferences have not been met, and where a place elsewhere would prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources.
4. To children from outside the normal area of the school who have a brother or sister at the school.
5. To children from outside the normal area who live closest to the school using the nearest available walking route.

For full details and North Yorkshire Policies relating to school admissions, please visit:

**<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=15395>**