



Admissions Policy (STATUTORY) 2021-22

Other Information:

Links to Bolton Admission Procedures:

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/primary-school-places?documentId=78&categoryId=20066>

no changes for 21-22

Admission Policy for Community and Voluntary- Controlled Primary Schools 2022/23

Any pupil has the right to a place at any one of the schools for which Bolton Council is the admission authority, provided that the demand for places at a school does not exceed the admission number for that school. Initially places will be allocated to children with an Educational Health Care Plan which names a particular school in part 4 of that care plan.

Where demand for a school exceeds the number of places available the council needs to allocate places on the basis of a fair and objective method. Where a community school is oversubscribed the criteria listed below will be applied in priority order. All applications will be considered without reference to the parents/ carers preference ranking for a school.

The policy for admission to community and controlled primary schools for 2021/2022.

Children who have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) will be offered places first. The following criteria will then apply:

Criteria:

- 1) Children in Public Care (Looked After Children) including adopted children who were previously in care and children who leave care under a special guardianship or child arrangements order. A 'Looked after Child' is a child 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 definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.
- 2) Children for whom there is a child protection plan or has been within a 12 month period (see definition under section 47 of the children act 1989).
- 3) Children who will have older siblings in years Reception to Year 6 of the preferred school at the time of application and date of admission. Sibling includes full, step, half, foster and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.
- 4) Children who have strong Church connections where the school is a Church school. Parents must complete the supplementary form as evidence that the family and the child are active worshipping members at the church to which the school is affiliated. Active worshipping members of the church will be those persons who worship at least once a month sustained over a period of a year prior to the closing date for applications. The supplementary form can be downloaded from the website.
- 5) Children who suffer from some medical condition or disability, which makes it, better for them to attend that school rather than another. Places will only be offered under this criterion if the child has a certified medical condition with strong professional supporting evidence confirming that existing exceptional problems with the child's health would be seriously exacerbated if a place were not made at the preferred school. Parents applying under this criterion must provide a letter from the child's GP/Consultant setting out the reasons why the school is the most suitable school and details of the child's medical condition. Medical evidence must be submitted by 15 January 2021. Evidence received after this date will not be taken into consideration.
- 6) Proximity (Where you live) – Children who live nearest the school (geographical proximity). Under this category the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest the preferred school. The

distance will be measured in a straight line using route finder a computerized mapping system which measures from the point on the highway nearest to the centre of the home property and designated main entrance to the school.

If any categories are oversubscribed then geographical proximity (as set out in category 6 above) will be used as a tie-breaker. If the proximity value is equal then random allocation will be used as a tie-breaker.

Tie-breaker

If category 2 or 3 are oversubscribed geographical proximity as set out in category 6 will be used as the tie-breaker to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child(ren) to offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the local authorities system of random draw will determine which of the children can be offered a place. The draw will take place at the local authority's offices and the name(s) will be drawn by a local authority officer who is independent of the admissions process.

Where a single place remains at a school and the application being considered is for twins etc., the Council will allocate above the admission number to accommodate each child.