

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Voluntary aided schools determine their own admission criteria.

Where there are more applications than places available, allocations will be made in the order of priority as set out in sections 1, 2 and 3 below.

Priority is not given to first preferences. We aim to meet the highest preference possible for every applicant by applying the published oversubscription criteria's equally to all applications for a school.

1. Children in Public Care

"Children in Public Care" are children who are in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority under section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

2. Siblings

Where there are siblings in attendance at the preferred school or paired junior school and who will still be on roll in the year of entry. Siblings refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

3. Geography

Children living closest to the school as measured in a direct line from the home address to the school.

The home address is where the child spends the majority of time and is living with the person who has parental responsibility and is the main 'carer' as defined in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996.

Tie-breaks

Where there are more applications than there are places remaining within a particular category, siblings will be given priority. After this, direct line distance from home to school will be used as a tiebreak.

When the furthest distance to qualify for a place relates to a household containing two or more children for whom applications are being made (egg twins), the place will be offered to one child. The remaining child(ren) will be considered under the sibling criterion if further places become available.

Where two or more children live in a flat or other multi-home dwelling and it is not possible to determine which applicant lives closest to the preferred school as measured in a direct line from the building to the school: the available place(s) will be allocated by drawing lots.

Distances will be measured using a computerised mapping system.