

Admissions Policy

UNCRC Articles 28 & 29

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In common with all Turton School policies, the Admissions Policy is underpinned by the values and principles of the UNCRC.

Article 28 ‘Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of.’

Article 29 ‘Education should develop each child’s personality and talents to the full. It should encourage children to respect their parents, and their own and other cultures.’

BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL ADMISSION POLICY FOR COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOLS 2016/17

Any pupil has the right to a place at one of the schools for which Bolton Local Authority (LA) is the Admission Authority, **provided that the demand for places at a school does not exceed the admission number for that school.** Where demand for a school exceeds the number of places available the LA needs to allocate places based on a fair and objective method.

If 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 order the school is expressed as a preference).**

Children who have a Statement of Educational Needs (SEN) will be offered places first. The following criteria will then apply:

Criteria

- 1) Children in Public Care (Children who are Looked After) who are the subject of a full care order including adopted children who were previously in care and children who leave care under a special guardianship or residence order. A child who is looked after is 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 the social services functions (see definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989.
- 2) Other children who are considered as ‘vulnerable’ and whose application for the preferred school is supported by the Assistant Director for Social Care. This will include:
 - a. Children for whom there is a child protection plan or has been within a 12 month period
 - b. Children who have had a period in care within two years of the admission application and are still receiving social care service
 - c. Children who are considered to be at significant risk of becoming looked after by public care
 - d. Children who are living in temporary accommodation due to fleeing violence and rehousing have been identified.
3. Children who will have older siblings in Years 7 to 11 or the preferred school at the date of application and the date of admission. Siblings can include full, step, half, foster and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.

4. Children who suffer from a medical condition or disability which makes it better to them to attend that school rather than another. Places will only be offered under this criterion if the child has certified a 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 the criteria 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 31 October 2015. Evidence received after this date will not be taken into consideration.
5. Proximity (where you live) - shortest walking distance to the preferred school minus shortest walking line distance to the nearest/next nearest school. The nearest/next nearest school will include all community, free (free schools), voluntary-controlled, foundation and academy schools whether in the Bolton Borough or not.
 - a. In the event of a tie break situation, priority will be given to the child who has the longer journey to the nearest/next nearest school.
 - b. The shortest walking route will be that determined by the LA using only those public rights of way mapping system which uses the ordnance survey integrated network to measure from the point on the highway nearest to the centre to the home property and the designated main entrance to the school. In the event of a tie break within a block of flats, those living further from the communal entrance will be given priority.
 - c. 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.

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Admission number September 2017: 240(270)

Numbers of preferences expressed for the school September 2016 - 565

How places were allocated for admission in September 2015	No of children
Children with a Statement of SEN	2
Criterion 1 (children in care)	2
Criterion 2 (vulnerable children)	0
Criterion 3 (sibling link)	70
Criterion 4 (medical)	0
Criterion 6 (proximity)	166

Total number of places offered March 2015 - 240

The school was oversubscribed for September 2015. When the offers were made 62 children were refused a place. After the offer day a further 30 places were offered to those on the waiting list. There were 11 appeals for the school, 3 allowed, 8 refused. The number of children admitted into the school for admission in September 2016 was 243.