

**BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**ADMISSION POLICY FOR COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN**  
**SEPTEMBER 2019-20**  
**Turton School**

The Council will admit all children with an Education, Health and Care Plan, in whose Plan the school is named

The current policy for admission to community and controlled secondary schools is as follows.

All parents will be provided with an application form on which they will be asked to express 3 preferences in order of priority for a primary school. Places will be allocated up the published admission number for each school.

If the school is over-subscribed the following criteria will be applied to all applications in priority order.

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 residence order. A "Looked after Child" is a child who is (a) in the care of the local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (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
3. Children who will have older siblings in years 7 to 11 of the preferred school at the time 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 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. Medical evidence **MUST** be provided at the time of application. 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 31st October 2015. Evidence received after this date will not be taken into consideration
5. 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 to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line using Routefinder, a computerised

mapping system which measures from the point on the highway nearest to the centre of the home property and the designated main entrance to the school

#### Tie-breaker

If category (2) or (3) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (4)) 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 be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority's system of a 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.

#### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

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.

