

**BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**ADMISSION POLICY FOR COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN**  
**SEPTEMBER 2018-19**  
**Turton School**

Any pupil has the right to a place at Turton High School 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 Turton High 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 the school (the order the school is expressed as a preference).**

Children who have an Education, Health and 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. A Child Protection Plan is one which is made under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989
- 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 a medical condition or disability, which makes it better for them to attend the school rather than another. Places will only be offered under this criterion if the child has 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 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 2018. Evidence received after this date will not be taken into consideration.

- 5) All children for whom Turton High School is their nearest school offering a secondary education excluding any faith-based school or academy which is part of a faith academy trust. This will be determined by straight line distance 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.
- 6) All other children. Under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children based on distance between their home and Turton High 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.

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.

