

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 any 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 Special Educational Needs (SEN) or 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 residence 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.
- 3) Children who will have older siblings in Years 7 to 11 of 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 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 2017. 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 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 5) 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.

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Number of preferences expressed for the school September 2017 – 565

How places were allocated for admission in September 2017

No of Children Children with SEN/EHCP	1
Criterion 1 (children in care)	4
Criterion 2 (child protection plan)	0
Criterion 3 (sibling link)	58
Criterion 4 (medical)	0
Criterion 5 (proximity)	207

Total number of places offered March 2017 - 270
(agreed admission number for 2017 was 270).

The school was oversubscribed for admission in September 2017. When the offers were made 40 children were refused a place. After offer day 25 places were offered to those on the waiting list. There were 3 appeals for the school, all were refused. The number of children admitted into the school for admission in September 2017 was 270.