



## **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Nursery Admissions are administered by the school following Bradford Council's guidelines. The nursery admission number is 39 at any one time; some places are 30 hour some are 15 hour.

The school reception/ rising 5 admissions are administered by the local authority and follow the LA policy and procedures.

The school's admission number is 60.

**Nursery Intake – see Nursery Admissions and Charging Policy**

**Reception Intake: Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Primary Schools**

### **ENTITLEMENT**

Children are admitted into Reception in the September following their fourth birthday. Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the school year or until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age. Parents can request that their child takes up the place part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age. The admission criteria will apply to all children seeking a school place, whatever their term of entry. The place offered will be reserved on condition that it is taken up within the same school year.

Admissions of summer born children may be deferred to the following September but in those cases children may be offered a place to enter Year 1 unless an application has been made and agreed by the LA or the admitting authority in advance. The Local Authority will consider any application for a deferred entry into Reception of summer born children for the September following their fifth birthday. Such requests will be considered in accordance with the Local Authority's 'Guidance on the admission of summer born children' and DfE Advice.

Children attending a school's nursery are not guaranteed a place in the reception class and a separate application must be made.

### **PUPILS WITH AN EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLAN**

The admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is dealt with by a separate procedure. Such children are dealt with through a separate legislative process and without reference to the oversubscription criteria below. Children who have an EHCP which names a specific school, will be admitted to that school.

### **TIE BREAK**

When demand exceeds places in any of the following policies, the distance between the child's home and school, measured by a straight line distance from the Ordnance Survey address point of the

home to the main entrance to the school building, will be used to decide who is given a place; those living nearest being given the available places. Where the offer of places to applicants with equi-distant addresses would lead to oversubscription, the decision of who will be offered the place will be made by random selection.

### **MULTIPLE BIRTHS**

Where a parent of multiple births (twins, triplets etc) request admission and only one of the siblings can be offered a place, the remaining siblings will also be offered places above the admission number.

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Sandal Primary School has a priority area for admissions and so follows Section A of the Local Authorities Admissions policy. A map can be found at:

<https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/userfiles/file/Learning%20Services/Sandal%20Priority%20Area.pdf>

#### **A) Schools with Priority Admission Areas**

Where the number of preferences for a school exceeds the number of places available, priority will be given to children in the following categories:

1. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order (see Note 1)
2. Children who were Previously Looked After Children outside of England and Wales who were adopted (see Note 2)
3. Children who have **exceptional** social or medical needs, supported by a written recommendation from the child's paediatrician/consultant or professional from Children's Services. The letter must explain why the school is the only suitable school to meet the child's needs and why no other school could provide the appropriate support for the child.
4. Children who have a brother or sister, living at the same address and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission. (see Note 3)
5. Children whose home address is within the school's priority admission area\*.
6. All other children.

#### **NOTES**

1. A '*looked after child*' is a child who is in the care of the local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. A previously '*looked after child*' who is no longer looked after, in England and Wales, because he/she is the subject of an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangements order which includes arrangements relating to with whom the child is to live.

2. A 'previously looked after child' who has been in 'state care' outside of England and Wales, accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other organisation the sole or main purpose of which is to benefit society and legally adopted.
3. The terms "siblings" refers to children who live with the same family at the same address. Children living with the same family e.g. foster children and step-sisters and brothers are also included. Cousins are not siblings.
4. 'Home address' refers to the child's permanent home at the date of admission. Where the child lives with split parents who have shared responsibility, it is for the parents to determine which address to use when applying for a primary school. Proof of residency may be required at any time during or after the allocation process.

### **In-Year Applications**

Parents living within the Bradford district wishing their child to transfer school at any point in the school year and in any year group will need to complete a common in-year application form (available below). Unless families are completely new to the district, parents will be required to give their reasons for wanting their child to transfer school, they will need to ask the current school to complete part of the form before it will be processed. The form allows parents to apply for up to three schools and, after liaison with the preferred school(s), the decision letter will be sent by the Admissions Team within Children's Services.

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