

Oversubscription Criteria

Places will be allocated strictly in accordance with the Equal Preference with Ranking allocation method.

The school will be required to admit any child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC) if the school is named, then;

1. Children Looked After – Children who are in the care of a Local Authority or have previously been and are now formally adopted. (See important note 1)
2. Children without a statement of Special Educational Needs, identified with a sensory, physical or medical disability (High Needs Pupils), where a multi-agency professional team has identified the school as the nearest suitable school. (See important note 2)
3. Children living in the catchment area, with an older sibling at the school at the time of admission, and who live at the same address.
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5. Children living outside the catchment area, with an older sibling at the school at the time of admission, and who live at the same address.
6. Children living outside the catchment area and registered in an Infant, First or Middle school (within the transfer school catchment area).
7. For Infant school admissions only; Children living outside the catchment area, with an older sibling at the linked junior school at the time of admission, and who live at the same address.
8. In VC schools with a religious foundation:
 - Children and/or parent(s) who are practising members of the founding religious body of the school (eg, Anglican or Methodist).
 - Children and/or parent(s) who are practising members of other churches or religious denominations. (see important note 3).
9.
 - a) Children of staff employed at the school for at least two years prior to the application closing date.
 - b) Children of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
10. Children not satisfying a higher criterion

Important Notes

1. This means a 'looked after' child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship 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 the definition in Section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989).
2. Criterion 2 enables schools to plan with SEN Officers for the school entry of children with physical, medical or sensory impairments. This includes children that are in receipt of Early Years School Action Plus funding at level 3 and / or where significant capital works (eg, accessible toilets, changing space, access to classrooms) are required and / or children that are identified as requiring a place at a Resource Base attached to a mainstream school
3. "Practising" is defined as at least once a month for at least six months prior to the application closing date attendance at church by at least one parent and/or child. This must be confirmed by a member of the clergy on a supplementary information form.
4. In the event of oversubscription within any of the over-subscription criteria listed above, preference will be given to applicants who live closest to the school, as measured in a straight line by a Geographical information System (GIS) method from the address point of the school site to the address point for the pupil's home. Where two distances are equal and it is therefore not possible to differentiate between them, priority will be determined by independent drawing of lots
5. Criterion 9 - The Head Teacher or Governing Body of the relevant school will be asked to verify point b.