

17. Primary Education Oversubscription

Children with a statement of Special Educational Needs, when the school is named as the most appropriate setting, will be admitted before applying the oversubscription criteria.

1. Children where evidence has been supplied to confirm that they are looked after, or have been previously looked after in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989.
2. Children who are currently permanently resident within the designated catchment area of the school on or before the published closing date for receipt of preference forms. In the event of over-subscription by applicants from this category alone the LA will allocate places in the following order of priority to produce an order of preference. The address provided will be checked with Council Tax and other sources.
 - (a) Children in respect of whom the Council judges that there are compelling medical or social grounds for their admission to a specified primary school i.e. those children recommended for placement with regard to medical, psychological or social reasons. Evidence from an appropriate professional person (medical consultant, social worker etc.) must be supplied to the school access team no later than the closing date to qualify under this criterion.
 - (b) Children who have a brother or sister in attendance at the school during the academic year in which the child is to be admitted. The council will determine priority and allocate places by reference to the age of the pupil's youngest sibling in the school, the youngest commanding the highest degree of priority.
 - (c) Children who live furthest from an alternative school with a place available as measured by the councils Geographical Information System (GIS). Those living furthest from an alternative school will have priority.

In these circumstances, pupils outside of the catchment area would not be considered.
3. Children not currently permanently resident within the designated catchment area of the school whose parents have satisfied the Council (by providing appropriate written evidence such as a rental agreement or confirmation of house purchase), on or before the published closing date for receipt of preference forms, that the child will be taking up residence within the catchment area by the commencement of the school term to which the application relates. Evidence of permanent residence within the catchment area must be supplied with the application form. In the event of over-subscription by applicants from this category alone the Council will allocate places in the following order of priority to produce an order of preference.

- (a) Children in respect of whom the Council judges that there are compelling medical or social grounds for their admission to a specified primary school i.e. those children recommended for placement with regard to medical, psychological or social reasons. Evidence from an appropriate professional person (medical consultant, social worker etc.) must be supplied to the school access team no later than the closing date to qualify under this criterion.
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 - (c) Children who live furthest from an alternative school with a place available as measured by the councils Geographical Information System (GIS). Those living furthest from an alternative school will have priority.
4. Children in respect of whom the Council judges that there are compelling medical or social grounds for their admission to a specified primary school i.e. those children recommended for placement with regard to medical, psychological or social reasons. Evidence from an appropriate professional person (medical consultant, social worker etc.) must be supplied to the school access team no later than the closing date to qualify under this criterion. In the event of over-subscription by applicants from this category alone criteria (5) and (6), in order of priority, would be applied to produce an order of preference.
5. Children who have a brother or sister in attendance at the school during the academic year in which the child is to be admitted. In the event of over-subscription by applicants from this category alone, the council will determine priority and allocate places by reference to the age of the pupil's youngest sibling in the school, the youngest commanding the highest degree of priority.
6. In determining applications for admission in respect of other pupils in the age group, the Council gives particular regard to the degree of proximity of the pupil's home to the school, as measured by the shortest available walking route; those living nearest will have priority. The council uses a Geographical Information System (GIS) to calculate home to school distances.

In all cases evidence of permanent residence of a pupil at the time of application is required. Any place approved on the basis of residence will be withdrawn if the pupil is not permanently resident at the address at the beginning of the school term to which the application relates.

Where a child permanently lives at two addresses over the course of a school week, then the home address will be determined as the address where the child lives for the majority of the school week (i.e. 3 out of 5 days available). Parents will be required to provide documentary evidence confirming the child is resident at the address they wish to be considered for allocation purposes. This will be legal documentation, Child Benefit confirmation, evidence from Social Services, Health

Professionals or other professionals.

Where a parent provides fraudulent or intentionally misleading information to obtain the advantage of a particular school for their child, to which they would not otherwise be entitled, the LA will withdraw the offer of a place.