

- **The allocation process – Bracknell Forest Schools**

When more applications than places are received for Bracknell Forest maintained schools the following criteria will be used.

- **Admissions Criteria for community schools**

The following criteria apply to these Bracknell Forest community schools:

Ascot Heath Infant	Fox Hill Primary	Owlsmoor Primary
Birch Hill Primary	Great Hollands Primary	The Pines Primary
Broadmoor Primary	Harmans Water Primary	Sandy Lane Primary
College Town Infant	Holly Spring Infant	Uplands Primary
College Town Junior	Holly Spring Junior	Whitegrove Primary
Cranbourne Primary	Meadow Vale Primary	Wildridings Primary
Crown Wood Primary	New Scotland Hill Primary	Wooden Hill Primary

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs that names a specific school must, by law, be admitted to that school.

After this requirement has been satisfied the following rules will apply:

- (A) Looked After Children (Any request for the allocation of a place for a child who is in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation in that authority in accordance with The Children Act 1989).
- (B) Children who live in the ‘designated appropriate’ area of the school.
- (C) Children who have either strong medical or strong social grounds for admission to a particular school. The reason must be fully supported in writing by a relevant professional. The LA’s decision in these matters is final.
- (D) Children who have statutory (compulsory) school age siblings, brother(s) or sister(s), at the school, and who will still be attending the school at the time of the child’s admission.

In circumstances where:

- (a) the sibling is an older sibling and is attending the school because he or she was not able to secure a place at his or her designated school ; and
- (b) as a consequence is attending the school which is in an adjacent designated area

the applicant will be treated as a ‘preferential sibling’ and will be considered before other non-designated area applicants who have siblings at the school.

- (E) In the case of a junior school, children who have attended the infant school with close links with the school.

and then - Children whose parents have any other reason.

Notes

In some cases a **tie-breaker** will be required. If a school does not have places for all the children in one of the above criteria, priority will be given to children who fulfil a combination of higher admission criteria. The combination of criteria (categories) will

follow the same order of priority as the basic list of criteria. (eg. an applicant who fulfils designated area will take precedence over one who fulfils strong social/strong medical and sibling; an applicant who fulfils designated area and sibling, will take precedence over one who fulfils strong social/strong medical and sibling etc).

After this, if there are still insufficient places, and no distinction can be made between the applicants, a final decision will be made on the *radial distance* (straight line distance on a map) between the home and the school. Those living nearer to the school will be placed higher than those living further away. Radial distance will be based on the co-ordinates for the property and the school as defined in the Local Land and Property Gazetteer and based on the Ordnance Survey's national system.

If criteria (E) is used then the relevant pairs of Junior and Infant Schools are Holly Spring Junior School and Holly Spring Infant School and College Town Junior School and College Town Infant School.

Where demand exists, schools admit up to their admission number and no places are reserved for pupils moving into their designated area.

- **Admissions criteria for voluntary controlled schools**

These criteria apply to the following schools:

Ascot Heath CE Junior Crowthorne CE Primary	Warfield CE Primary Winkfield St Mary's CE Primary
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If the number of requests for places is equal to or less than the number of places available, then all applicants could be offered a place at that school.

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs that names a specific school must, by law, be admitted to that school.

After this requirement has been satisfied the following rules will apply:

- (A) Looked After Children (Any request for the allocation of a place for a child who is in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation in that authority in accordance with The Children Act 1989).
- (B) Children who live in the 'designated appropriate' area of the school.
- (C) Children who have either strong medical or strong social grounds for admission (for example, a chronic medical condition affecting the pupil or any serious social problems in the family). These reasons must be fully supported in writing by the professional person involved in the case. Documentation must be attached to the application form. The LA's decision in these matters is final.
- (D) Children who have statutory (compulsory) school age siblings, brother(s) or sister(s), at the school, and who will still be attending the school at the time of the child's admission.

In circumstances where:

(c) the sibling is an older sibling and is attending the school because he or she was not able to secure a place at his or her designated school ; and
(d) as a consequence is attending the school which is in an adjacent designated area

the applicant will be treated as a 'preferential sibling' and will be considered before other non-designated area applicants who have siblings at the school.

- (E) Children whose parents choose the school on denominational grounds.
- (F) In the case of a junior school, children who have attended the infant school with close links with the school.

and then - Children whose parents have any other reason for their choice.

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After this, if there are still insufficient places, and no distinction can be made between the applicants, a final decision will be made on the *radial distance* (straight line distance on a map) between the home and the school. Those living nearer to the school will be placed higher than those living further away. Radial distance will be based on the co-ordinates for the property and the school as defined in the Local Land and Property Gazetteer and based on the Ordnance Survey's national system.

- **Denominational Grounds**

Where denominational grounds are a reason for the application, it will be necessary for at least one of the parents/carers of the child concerned to regularly attend a church that is part of the group of Churches Together in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland. This group includes the following types of church - Church of England, all the protestant non-conformist churches (e.g. Baptist, Methodist, United Reform) and Roman Catholic or any other Christian denominational church.

At least one of the parents/carers, who live at the same address as the child, must attend worship on at least two occasions in each calendar month for at least 8 months of the year in the 12 months prior to the published closing date for admissions or the date of application if it is an in-year application. Attendance does not include services of marriage, funerals or christenings (except for the christening of the child seeking entrance to the particular school).