

Determined Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for 2016/17

1. ADMISSION NUMBERS for PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The following pages show the Admission Numbers and capacities proposed for community and voluntary controlled primary schools in 2016/17.

The Admission Number is the capacity of the school to admit children at the normal age of entry in the 2016/17 academic year, ie:

- Admissions into Reception in infant and primary schools;
- Admissions into Year 3 in junior schools and
- Admissions into Year 7 in secondary schools

Community or Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools	Indicated Admission Number (Based on net capacity assessment - NCA)	Proposed Admission Number
Abbey Primary	30	30
Alumwell Infant	90	90
Alumwell Junior	90	90
Barcroft Primary	60	60
Beacon Primary	45	45
Bentley West Primary	60	60
Blackwood	90	90
Blakenall Heath Junior	60	60
Bloxwich CE JMI	45	45
Brownhills West Primary	29	30
Busill Jones Primary	45	45
Butts Primary	30	30
Caldmore Community Primary	60	60
Castlefort JMI	30	30
Christ Church CE (C) JMI	45	45
Chuckery Primary	60	60
County Bridge Primary	30	30
Delves Infant	90	90
Delves Junior	81	90
Elmore Green Primary	41	45
Fibbersley Park Primary	90	90
Green Rock Primary	30	30
Greenfield Primary	30	30
Hillary Primary	60	90
Holy Trinity CE Primary	29	30
King Charles Primary	60	60
King's Hill Primary	45	45
Leamore Primary	30	30
Leighswood	75	75
Lindens Primary	60	60
Little Bloxwich CE (VC) Primary	30	30
Lodge Farm JMI	44	45
Lower Farm Primary	53	60

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Meadow View JMI	55	60
Millfield Primary	30	30
Moorcroft Wood Primary	30	30
New Invention Infant	90	90
New Invention Junior	84	90
Old Church CE (C) Primary	42	45
Palfrey Infant	90	90
Palfrey Junior	90	90
Pelsall Village	45	45
Pinfold Street Primary	58	60
Pool Hayes Primary	30	30
The Radleys Primary	30	30
Rosedale CE (C) Infant	60	60
Rushall JMI	30	30
Salisbury Primary	45	45
Short Heath Junior	60	60
St Giles CE Primary	45	45
St James Primary	30	30
St John's CE Primary	45	45
St Michael's CE (C) Primary	45	45
Sunshine Infant and Nursery	60	60
Walsall Wood	30	30
Watling Street JMI	30	30
Whetstone Field Primary	30	30
Whitehall Nursery and Infant	86	90
Whitehall Junior Community	90	90

2. OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

If there are more applications than there are places available, places will be allocated using the Oversubscription Criteria in the following order of priority:

1. Children in Public Care (looked after children) and previously looked after children. (see note 1)
2. Pupils who have a sibling already in attendance at the school, or paired junior school when the application is made and who will be still attending the school at the proposed admission date. (see note 2)
3. Pupils for whom a place at the school is essential on medical or social grounds as supported in writing by a medical practitioner or a social worker. (Applications will be subject to verification by the Director of Children's Services). (see note 3)
4. *For applications to junior schools only.* Attendance by the child at the relevant paired infant school, when the application is made.
5. *For applications to voluntary controlled Church of England primary schools only.* Up to 25% of places may be allocated as 'Church Places' to children, regardless of distance between home and school, whose parents are regular worshippers at

a Christian church and whose application is supported in writing by the minister of the church where they worship.

6. Distance between the home address and the school as measured in a straight line with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. (see note 6)

If there is oversubscription in criteria 2 to 5, priority will be given to those living closest to the school as measured in a straight line.

2a. Explanatory notes for Oversubscription Criteria

a) Children in Public Care (looked after children)

Children who are in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by a Local Authority and previously looked after children who ceased to be looked after because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

b) Sibling

A sibling is a child who resides at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested and is one of the following:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
- A half-brother or sister sharing one common parent;
- A step-brother or sister (ie related by their parent's marriage);
- Any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he or she is residing permanently at the same address (eg under the terms of a residence order)

c) the paired infant and junior schools are:

Alumwell Infant	paired with Alumwell Junior
Delves Infant	paired with Delves Junior
New Invention Infant	paired with New Invention Junior
Palfrey Infant	paired with Palfrey Junior
Rosedale CE (C) Infant	paired with Short Heath Junior
Sunshine Infant and Nursery	paired with Blakenall Heath Junior
Whitehall Nursery and Infant	paired with Whitehall Junior Community

3. Social or medical factors

If parents believe there are specific medical or social reasons for claiming priority for a child to attend a particular school, the relevant part of the application must be completed and evidence to support the claim must be submitted to the Local Authority. This must relate to either the child or the parents, for example where one or both parents or the child has a disability that may make travel to a school further away more difficult.

Requests for such consideration will be subject to verification by the Director of Children's Services. This is necessary because parents will be asking the Authority to

assess the child as having a stronger case than many other children, some of whom may live closer to the school.

Medical

Medical evidence must be submitted in writing from a medical practitioner and should state why the preferred school is the only school that can meet the child's needs.

Social

Social evidence must be submitted in writing from an appropriate professional and should state why the preferred school is the only school that can meet the child's needs.

Please note that only in exceptional cases are places prioritised in respect of a child's medical or social grounds.

4. Church Places at voluntary controlled Church of England primary schools

Voluntary controlled Church of England primary schools with an admission number of 30 will offer a maximum of 7 Church Places; schools with an admission number of 45 will offer a maximum of 11 Church Places; schools with an admission number of 60 will offer a maximum of 15 Church Places.

If there is over-subscription for Church Places, priority will be given to those living closest to the school as measured in a straight line. 'Regular worshipper' is defined as attending a place of worship on at least one occasion per month over the past twelve months.

5. Distance

Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the home address to the centre point of the school address using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Definition of a home address

The home address of a child is considered to be the permanent residence of a child in a residential property when the place is offered. The address must be the child's only or main residence and is either:

- owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian; or
- leased to or rented by the child's parent, parents or guardian under lease or written rental agreement of not less than six months duration.

Documentary evidence of ownership or rental agreement may be required together with proof of actual permanent residence at the property concerned. In certain circumstances the child's current school will be asked to verify the address given.

Where parents have shared responsibility for a child and the child lives with both parents for part of the week, the main residence will be determined as the address where the child lives for the majority of the week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to support the address used for the application.

The offer of a place is based upon the address of the child when the offer is made. If a child is offered a place at an oversubscribed school the place may be withdrawn if it is found that the child moved (before the place was offered) to a new address which was further away from the school and the child would not have qualified for a place on the distance criterion.

In the event that a family moves between the application and the date of offer, the Admissions and Pupil Place Planning Team must be informed as soon as possible of these circumstances.

If the home address is a flat (or apartment) and there is more than one flat at the same address, priority will be given to applicants living at the lowest numbered flat and/or the flat on the lower floor.

6. OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR NURSERY SCHOOLS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Applications for nursery places should be made directly to the school.

If there are more applications than there are nursery places available then places will be allocated using the Oversubscription Criteria in the following order of priority:

A Priority for nursery places will be given to children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012. If places are oversubscribed the following Oversubscription Criteria will apply:

1. Children in Public Care (looked after children) and previously looked after children. (see 2a above)
2. Pupils who have a sibling already in attendance at the school, or paired junior school when the application is made and who will be still attending the school at the proposed admission date. (see 2a above)
3. Pupils for whom a place at the school is essential on medical or social grounds and supported in writing by a medical practitioner or a Social Worker. (Applications will be subject to verification by the Interim Director of Children's Services). (see 2a above)
4. Distance between the home address and the school as measured in a straight line with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. (see 2a above)

B Where places are still available schools may only offer places to children who have attained the age of 3. If the remaining places are oversubscribed the Oversubscription Criteria 1-4, shown above, will apply.

If there is oversubscription in criteria 2 and 3, priority will be given to those living closest to the school as measured in a straight line.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Summer born children, (born between 1 April and 31 August) reach compulsory school age in the September following their fifth birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on 31 August). Parents of summer born children may submit a request for their child to be admitted to a reception class in the September following their fifth birthday, at the point at which other children in their age group are moving from the reception class to year 1.

Parents seeking a place for their child outside of their normal age group in a community of voluntary controlled primary school should make a request in writing to Walsall Council providing details of the reason for the request and supporting medical evidence or evidence from the child's current head teacher if appropriate.

When an application for admission outside of a child's normal age group in a community or voluntary controlled primary school is received, Walsall Council, as admission authority for the school, will make the decision on whether or not to grant the request based on the individual circumstances of each case.