

Over-subscription Criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools 2012-2013

Where a school receives more applications than places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied once places have first been allocated to pupils who have a statement of special educational need which names the school:

- 1 Children in public care
- 2 Children whose older brothers or sisters attend the school and will still be there at the time of admission
- 3 Children who live closest to the school.

Tie-breaker

Where there are more children in one particular criterion than the number of places available, places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey.

If we offer the last place available at a school to one of twins (or triplets, or so on), our policy is to admit the other twin or triplets too. But it is not possible to do this if it would mean class sizes go above the legal limit. In this situation, we will offer the place that is available and you can decide which child will take up the place. At the same time, we will tell you which other schools could take all the children.

Occasionally, the distance from home to school is the same for more than one child (for example, if more than one child lives in the same block of flats). In these cases we will use a system to randomly pick who will be offered a place.

When considering your child's application, we will use the permanent home address we have for you at the closing date for applications. If parents are separated and the child spends time at each parent's address, the address we use for admission to school is that of the main carer. We use the address of the parent who receives the Child Benefit for this.

Brothers and Sisters

We will include half-brothers and half-sisters; stepbrothers and stepsisters; and foster brothers and foster sisters who live at the same address as part of the same family unit.

Nursery Applications

If your child goes to a nursery attached to the school:

- ◆ They do not have an automatic right to a place in a reception class at the school
- ◆ You must send in your application form or apply on-line by the closing date for applications.

Deferred Entry

Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year. Where entry is deferred, the place will be held open and not offered to another child. Parents cannot defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted.

Part-time Attendance

Parents can request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Waiting lists

Places may become available at a school after the offer date. We will:

- ◆ Put all children who we refuse a place at one of their preferences on the waiting list for the school;
- ◆ Keep the list in priority order, decided by the oversubscription criteria for the school only;
- ◆ Offer any place that become available to the next child on the waiting list; and
- ◆ Maintain the waiting list until the end of the autumn term in 2012.

We cannot take into account the length of time a child's name has been on the waiting list, only the admission criteria for the school. This means that your child's position on the list may change if another parent asks to be put on the list and their child has higher priority in the oversubscription criteria.