

Bedford High School

Admission number: 242

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

- 1 Children in Public Care.
- 2 Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school at the time of admission.
- 3 Children living in Atherton, Leigh, Astley, Tyldesley and Mosley Common
- 4 Other children living nearest 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 the school to one of twins (or triplets, and so on), our policy is to admit the other twin or triplets too.

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.

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 becomes 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.