

If there are more applications than there are places available, we will use the following criteria, in priority order, for deciding which applications to accept.

Priority 1 Children who are or were in the care of a local authority. Please see note 1.

Priority 2 Children who have a sibling (brother or sister) at the school when they are due to start school. Please see note 2.

Priority 3 Children who live closest to the school, measured in kilometres in a straight line (as the crow flies).

Important notes

1. A looked-after child is a child who is or was: • in the care of a local authority; or • being provided with accommodation by a local authority under their social services duties (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

For admission purposes we consider a 'looked-after child' to be a child currently in care or a child who was in care but became the subject of an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order immediately after leaving care.

2. 'Sibling' means:

- a full brother or sister;
- a half-brother or half-sister;
- a stepbrother or stepsister; and
- an adopted or long-term fostered brother or sister;

living at the same address. Please make sure you name the relevant sibling on your application form. If they are not listed on your form, we cannot take them into account.

3. The child's home must be the permanent address where they live with their legal guardian. This should be the address for your Council Tax and where any Child Benefit is addressed.