



Proposed Admissions Policy Broadfield 2023/24

Broadfield Primary School is a 2-11 community primary school in Oldham. Broadfield is a member of West Oldham Trust

Standard Number agreed for admission is 45. Broadfield participates in Local Authority co-ordinated scheme, all deadlines within which should be adhered to by applicants.

Admission to the school will be made by the Governing Body in accordance with the stated parental preferences it receives, subject to the following criteria which will be used to form a priority order if there are more applications for admission than the school has places available.

All schools are required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child with a statement of special educational need that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion and all children with statements naming a school will be admitted before other children are offered a place.

For all other applications the following criteria will be applied to prioritise children for admission to community and voluntary controlled primary schools:-

Criterion 1

Children in care or children who have previously been looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order will be given the highest priority for admission .

Criterion 2

Those children who are considered to have exceptional medical or social reasons as to why they should attend a particular school. Parents will be required to submit evidence to support their application under this criterion (see note (a) below).

Criterion 3

Those Children who attend Broadfield School and who already have a sibling at the school and who will still be attending when their brother/sister starts in reception. (see note (b) below

Criterion 4

Children who attend Broadfield School who do not have a sibling attending Broadfield school at the time of admission

Criterion 5

Children who have a sibling at the school and who will still be attending when their brother/sister starts in reception. (see note (b) below).

Criterion 6

Geographical proximity to school, with those families living next nearest to the school having higher priority. Distance is measured in a straight line between the home postcode (see note (c) below) and the schools postcode, measured electronically by GIS software within the admission database using Post Office data and Ordnance Survey data.

Notes

(a) Exceptional reasons for priority over other applicants - Decisions must be consistent and based on objective evidence, which must be provided in writing by an appropriate professional i.e. a doctor or a social worker.

(b) Siblings – Broadfield Governing Body accepts that in some family units (1 or 2 parents/carers and children), the children may not be natural brothers and/or sisters. Other children from the same family unit can be considered as a sibling link under this criterion provided that proof is available to demonstrate that the children are permanently resident at the same address and part of the same family unit.

(c) Tie breaker - Should it be necessary to distinguish between applicants with equal priority within any of the above criteria, the distance is measured as a straight line from the child's home address to the school property measured between the two central data points of the home postcode and school post code. Measurements are calculated using Geographical information System mapping software based on Ordnance Survey and Postcode data.

Permanent Address

The only address the council can consider is the address of the adult with whom the child is permanently resident. Where a child stays with another parent for part of the week, further enquiries may be made in order to determine where the child is permanently resident.

If a childminder, grandparents or another member of the family cares for the child on a daily basis at another address, the council cannot consider this address for the purpose of its admission process to schools.

Broadfield Governing Body will undertake any necessary investigations and an allocated place may be withdrawn if a false address is given or one where the child is not actually living when s/he is not at school.

Intention To Move House

An intention to change address cannot be considered by the council until such a move has actually taken place and proof is available to substantiate the change of address.

Twins or Triplets

In cases where twins, triplets, or other multiple birth siblings are split when allocations take place, they will be allocated a place over the Published Admission Number and will remain excepted pupils for the time they are in an infant class or until the class numbers fall back to the current infant class size limit.

Flats

In the event of two or more children living equal distant from the school, e.g. blocks of flats, the place will be decided by drawing lots, the first name drawn will be offered the place.

Waiting List

Where school has more applications than places, the admissions criteria will be used. Children who are not admitted will have their name placed on a waiting list. The names on this waiting list will be in the order resulting from the application of the admissions criteria. Since the date of application cannot be a criterion for the order of names on the waiting list, late applicants for the school will be slotted into the order according to the extent to which they meet the criteria. Thus it is possible that a child who moves into the area later to have a higher priority than one who has been on the waiting list for some time. If a place becomes available within the admission number, the child whose name is at the top of the list will be offered a place. This is not dependent on whether an appeal has been submitted.

Appeals

All parents have the right to appeal against the refusal of a school place by submitting an appeal to the Independent Appeal Panel. If parents wish to appeal they can do so by completing a School Admission Appeal Form and returning it to Constitutional Services. A decision by an Appeal Panel is binding on the council, school governors and parents.

Deferred entry to primary schools

All schools are required to allow parents the option of deferring their child's entry until later in the school year. The place is then held for that child and is not available to be offered to another child. The parent is not able to defer entry beyond the term in which the child reaches their fifth birthday. Parents can request that their child takes up the place part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age. Parents must speak to the headteacher of the school before making any decision on part time attendance or deferring their child's entry to school.

Delayed admission to primary schools

Where a parent of a summer born child (01 April – 31 August) wishes to defer entry to the following September but enter in the Reception class, out of the child's chronological cohort, a fresh application must be made under the Co-ordinated Primary Admissions Scheme for that year of entry. This is called delayed entry. Such an application must be supported in writing by an educational, medical or social care professional independent of the family, demonstrating a serious detriment to the child if he or she were not to be admitted to the Reception class. For there to be a detriment to a child by being admitted into his or her chronological Year Group, the School would expect very exceptional circumstances to be demonstrated.