



## **Admissions Statement – September 2026**

Admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for entry in September 2026

Following the allocation of places to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming the school, the remaining places will be allocated in accordance with the following oversubscription criteria, applied in priority order:

### **Rule 1 – Looked After and Previously Looked After Children**

Children who are looked after by a local authority, or who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, became subject to a child arrangements order, or a special guardianship order.

### **Rule 2 – Exceptional Medical or Social Needs**

Children who have exceptional medical or social needs which can only be met at the named school. Applications under this rule must be supported by written evidence from an appropriate professional.

### **Rule 3 – Catchment Area**

Children who are permanently resident within the designated catchment area of the school.

### **Rule 4 – Siblings**

- Normal point of entry:  
Siblings of children attending the school in Reception (Year R) to Year 5 at the time allocations are made (March 2026), and who are expected to remain on roll at the school or a linked school at the time of the proposed admission, or who have already been offered a place to start in the current academic year at the school or a linked primary school.
- In-year admissions (after the normal point of entry):  
Siblings of children attending the school in Reception (Year R) to Year 6 at the time of admission.

### **Rule 5 – Linked Primary Schools**

Children attending a primary school formally linked to the named school, as listed at the time allocations are made (March 2026). This rule does not apply to applications for Reception.

### **Rule 6 – Distance**

Where places remain available after the application of the above criteria, they will be allocated on the basis of distance, measured in a straight line from the child's normal home

address to the school's nearest entrance gate. Priority will be given to those living closest to the school.

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### **Tie-Break and Multiple Applications**

Where a school is able to offer places to some, but not all, applicants within a particular oversubscription rule, priority will be determined by reference to the next applicable rule(s). Distance will be used as the final prioritising factor where necessary.

Where two or more applicants live at the same distance from the school, including in cases involving flats or apartments, and it is not possible to distinguish between them, the final place will be allocated by an independently scrutinised random allocation process.

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Further information on school admissions, including definitions of terms used within this policy, is available on the Buckinghamshire Council website:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/>

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