

School Admission Statement for Beckfoot Thornton

Allocations for Beckfoot Thornton School are made in accordance with the co-ordinated scheme which forms part of the Local Authority's (LA) published admission arrangements. In Bradford, parents may list up to three schools on the In-Year Application Form or up to five preferences when applying for year 7 in the normal admissions round.

Although legislation gives parents a right to express a preference for a particular school, the Beckfoot Trust has to first consider whether there is a place available and then whether your child qualifies for a place using the oversubscription criteria below. If your child could be given a place at more than one of your preferred schools, the LA will offer a place at the highest-ranked preference.

Oversubscription Criteria

The over subscription criteria are used when there are more applicants for year 7 than there are places available. If parents request a place at any other time and the particular year group is full, it will not be possible to offer a place.

1. Looked after children* or children who were previously looked after*, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence or special guardianship order.

*Looked after child' is a child who is in the care of the local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.

*A previously 'looked after child' who is no longer looked after in England and Wales because he/she is the subject of an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangements order which includes arrangements relating to with whom the child is to live.

2. Special medical reasons for admission where they are deemed essential by an independent professional recommendation from the child's paediatrician/consultant.
3. Social reasons for admission where they are deemed essential by a professional recommendation from the Director of Social Services, Probation, Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Services (CAFCASS) and the Trust considers that a place should be offered on these grounds.
4. Children whose home address is in the school's priority admission area who have an older brother or sister* attending from the same address, who are at present in years 7-10 and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission (in area siblings).

*The term 'sisters' and 'brothers' refers to children who live with the same family at the same address. Children living with the same family e.g. foster, adopted children and step-sisters and brothers are also included, cousins are not siblings.

5. Other children whose home address is in the school's priority admission area*.
*The school has more than one priority admission area, criteria 4 and 5 above will apply for the whole of the priority area 1 and then for the whole of priority area 2; if there are remaining unallocated places criterion 6 will then be considered before criterion 7.
6. Children whose home address* is outside the school's priority admission area who have an older brother or sister attending from the same address, who are at present in years 7-10 and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission (out of area siblings).

*Home address' refers to the child's permanent home at the date of admission. Where the child lives with split parents who have shared responsibility, it is for the parents to determine which address to use when applying for a secondary school. Proof of residency may be required at any time during or after the allocation process.

7. Other children who live outside the school's priority admission area.

Where demand exceeds places in any of the above criteria, the distance between the child's home and school measured by a straight line from the Ordinance Survey address point of the home to the main entrance to the school building, will be used to decide who is given a place; those living nearest being given the available places. Where the offer of places to applicants with equi-distant addresses would lead to oversubscription, the decision of who will be offered the place will be made by random selection.

The admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan is dealt with by a separate procedure. Such children will be admitted to the named school named without reference to the oversubscription criteria.

Where a family of multiple births (twins, triplets etc) request admission and only one of the siblings can be offered a place, the remaining siblings will also be offered places above the admission number.

Parents do not have a free choice of school as this would lead to schools having to admit pupils above the limits of the building as agreed with the Department for Education.

If the Trust has been unable to offer your child a place at the school, it is because it has reached its published admission number and they believe that to put additional children into the school, above the published admission number, would be prejudicial to the provision of efficient education or efficient use of resources. The Trust is able to refuse admission on these grounds because of Section 86 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The Trust would not wish to admit more than the published admission number which takes into account the available accommodation and organisation of the school. The Trust believes that to go above this number would cause a number of concerns which are detailed in the attached statement.

Yours sincerely



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