

Consultation on Admissions Arrangements 2025/6

The Board of Trustees at Beckfoot Trust, as the admissions authority, intends to alter the over subscription criteria within the admissions arrangements for

- Beckfoot School
- Beckfoot Thornton
- Beckfoot Upper Heaton.

The details of the proposed change and its anticipated impact are explained below. The full admissions arrangements for each school can be found on each school’s website, or a copy can be collected at the school reception. The oversubscription criteria that we are consulting on is below.

The consultation will run from 5th of December 2023 to 22nd of January 2024 and we invite comments from existing parents and any other interested parties.

Those who do not have access to the internet can collect a paper copy of this document from the reception desk at the school. If you wish to request a copy by post, please call Jo Whittleston on 01274 771444.

Comments on the admissions arrangements should be made in writing before January the 22nd 2024.

You can submit comments in writing by hand the form attached, or via the online form which can be found on the **consultation webpage here**.

If you wish to submit comments by post, please send the paper form to:

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Please submit any questions to **admissionsconsultation@beckfoottrust.org** or call 01274 771444 Ext 19021

Intended Oversubscription Criteria

From September 2025, the intention is to create a single Beckfoot Trust local primary feeder school for each of the Trust’s good or outstanding secondaries as detailed in the table below. This will mean that children attending the local primary feeder school will be a 4th priority category to the linked secondary school only (see below) By creating a local feeder school arrangement for our good and outstanding secondaries, children who attend a Beckfoot Primary School can choose and benefit from a Beckfoot Trust education throughout their school career.

Consultation to change oversubscription criteria at:	Feeder School
Beckfoot School	Beckfoot Priestthorpe
Beckfoot Thornton	Beckfoot Allerton

Beckfoot Upper Heaton	Beckfoot Heaton
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For each of the schools listed the oversubscription criteria are listed below including the proposed change highlighted. There will be no impact on the first 3 priority, including siblings.

Priority Order	Beckfoot School	Beckfoot Thornton	Beckfoot Upper Heaton
1	Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.		
2	Children who have exceptional social or medical needs, supported by a written recommendation from the child's paediatrician/consultant or professional from Children's Services. The letter must explain why the school is the only suitable school to meet the child's needs and why no other school could provide the appropriate support for the child.		
3	Children whose home address in the school's priority admission area who have a 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.		
4 (NEW)	Children who attend Beckfoot Priestthorpe Primary School for Beckfoot School only	Children who attend Beckfoot Allerton Primary School for Beckfoot Thornton only	Children who attend Beckfoot Heaton Primary School for Beckfoot Upper Heaton only
5	Other children whose home address is in the school's priority admission area		
6	Children whose home address is outside the school's priority admission area who have a 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		
7	Other children whose home address is outside the school's priority admission area		

Potential Impact on Secondary Admissions by School

Through modelling we have demonstrated that there will be minimum if any, impact on other secondary admissions.

2023 Cohort	Primary Places Allocated to linked Beckfoot Secondary	Full Primary Cohort	Allocation under priority area admission 2023	Potential Allocation under priority area admission 2023 with feeder school
Beckfoot School Impact				
Beckfoot Priestthorpe Primary	25	32	180	179
Only 1 child did not secure their first choice of secondary school. Not all children choose Beckfoot School as their first preference. The potential impact of the priority feeder school in 2023 could have been 1 if that child had chosen Beckfoot Bingley as a first choice. Please note we do not know which schools the family who did not secure a place chose, therefore the impact could be nil.				
Beckfoot Thornton Impact				

Beckfoot Allerton Primary	12	58	248	248
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Every child who chose Beckfoot Thornton in 2023 was allocated a place. Therefore, the impact of the priority feeder school in 2023 would have been nil.

Beckfoot Upper Heaton Impact

Beckfoot Heaton Primary	43	91	86	75
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In 2023, 11 children did not get their first choice of Secondary. Not all children choose Beckfoot Upper Heaton as their first choice. If they had put Beckfoot Upper Heaton as a first choice under the feeder school allocation, the potential impact of the priority feeder school would be 11. Given the first-choice schools in the area (including the girl's school), it is likely that the impact would be much lower as it is unlikely that the first choice they did not secure was Beckfoot Upper Heaton.

Beckfoot Thornton Admissions Consultation 2025/6

Are you in favour of the changes suggested to priority order?	
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maybe	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please write below your reason/s for your answer above.

Please attach additional paper if you need more space for comments.

Please tick which category best represents your interest in this consultation.			
Parent / carer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community or religious organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
School staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Politician	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member of the public	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Email Address (Optional)
If you provide an email address, we will send you details of the outcome of the consultation.