

A Whole Academy Admissions Policy

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Admission Arrangements for Hanson Academy

1. The governors of the Academy emphasise the commitment they have to providing first class education to the young people in the locality. Children with an education, health and care plan which names Hanson Academy will be admitted without reference to the oversubscription criteria.
2. The following arrangements will apply when there are more applications than places available. Preference will then be given in the following order to:
 - i. Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. (Note 1).
 - ii. Children who have exceptional social or medical needs supported by a written recommendation from the child's paediatrician/consultant or a professional from Children's Services/Probation Service/CAFCASS (**Note:** the recommendation **must** explain why it is only Hanson Academy that can meet the specified needs).
 - iii. Children with a home address in the Academy's Priority Admission Area (PAA) and who have older brothers and/or sisters in Years 7 to 10, attending from the same address at the time of application. These brothers and/or sisters **must** be attending at the time of admission.
 - iv. Children whose home address is in the Academy's Priority Admission Area.
 - v. Children who live outside the Academy's PAA, but who have older brothers and/or sisters, attending the Academy from the same address, who are at present in Years 7 to 10 and will still be attending Hanson Academy at the time of admission.
 - vi. Other children who live outside the Academy's PAA.
3. When demand for places exceeds the number of Academy places available in any of the above criteria, the distance between home and Academy, measured (using an OS map) by a straight line from the main entrance of the home to the main entrance of the Academy will be used to decide who lives nearest. Those who live nearest the Academy will be offered a place.
4. When a family with twins or triplets request admission and there is only one place available, the remaining siblings will also be offered a place above the admission number.

Notes

- A. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement's order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. (in accordance with 1.8 School Admissions Code of Practice).
- B. The term brothers or sisters refers to children who live with the same family at the same address. It also includes children living with the same family e.g. foster children, adopted step-brothers and sisters.
- C. Home address means the child's permanent home address at the date of admission. Where the child lives with parents who have shared responsibility, it is for the parents to determine which address to use when applying for a place. Proof of residency may be required at any time during the allocation of places proves (before and/or after).
- D. A map showing the Priority Admission Area for Hanson Academy is available to view on the council's website, is available to view on the Academy's website and is also available from the Academy's reception
- E. If an application for admission is refused by the Academy governors, parents/carers have the right of appeal against the decision. Appeal hearings are held by an independent appeals panel. Appeals forms can be obtained from schoolappeals@bradford.gov.uk.
- F. Applications to the Academy's sixth form must meet the relevant entry criteria set by the Academy. The criteria are found in the sixth form prospectus. Normally all applicants who meet the criteria will be admitted whether they are already in Year 11 at Hanson Academy or attending another Academy. For any student meeting the admission criteria but who is refused a place there will be a right of appeal.
- G. Hanson Academy is committed to Bradford's Co-ordination Admission's Scheme for the Metropolitan District Area.