

## **School Admission Statement for Beckfoot Oakbank 2023-2024**

Allocations for Beckfoot Oakbank 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.

### **Pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan**

The admission of pupils with a 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 below.

### **Tie Break**

When demand exceeds places in any of the following criteria, the distance between the child's home and school, measured by a straight line distance from the Ordnance 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.

### **Multiple Births**

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.

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

Where the number of preferences for a school exceeds the number of places available, priority will be given to children in the following categories:

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 child arrangements order or special guardianship order (see Note 1). Previously looked after children from outside of England and Wales who were adopted (see Note 2)
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.



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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. (see Note 3).
4. Children living within the priority area agreed by the Board of Directors of Beckfoot School and attending named feeder schools (**Holycroft, Nessfield, Oakworth, Oldfield, Haworth, Lees, Oxenhope, Stanbury, Ingrow, and Worth Valley**).
5. Children whose home address is not 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. (see Note 3).
6. Children living within Beckfoot Oakbank's priority area, but who do not attend one of the above named feeder schools.
7. Children who attend one of the above named feeder schools, but who do not live within Beckfoot Oakbank's priority area.
8. Other children whose home address is outside the Beckfoot Oakbank's priority admission area and who do not attend one of the above named feeder schools (see Note 3)

Each of these criteria will be applied in order, from (1) to (8), until the point is reached at which to accept all the students who met the criterion in question would result in over-subscription. Applications will not be considered on behalf of students who only meet the criteria below the criterion in question in this list.

In determining which of the students who satisfy the criterion in question will be offered places, precedence will be given to students who have siblings already attending the school. To satisfy this criterion the sibling or siblings must be attending Beckfoot Oakbank at the time at which the application is made and must be expected by the school to be still attending Beckfoot Oakbank at the time of the applicant's admission. The sibling (see note 4) can be attending in any year, including post-16. This condition only applies, however, for siblings currently attending Beckfoot Oakbank; no precedence will be given to the siblings of former students.

Where parents or carers are unsuccessful in applying for a place at Beckfoot Oakbank for their child, they will be informed in writing about the reasons, and about their right to appeal against the decision to an independent panel, and about the procedures for doing so

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 can 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.

## NOTES

1. A '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. A 'previously looked after child' who has been in 'state care' outside of England and Wales, accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other organisation the sole or main purpose of which is to benefit society and legally adopted.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Yours Sincerely



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