

School Admission Statement for Beckfoot Thornton School

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.
2. Children whose home address is in the school's priority admission area* who have an older 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).
3. Other children whose home address is in the school's priority admission area*.
4. Children whose home address is outside the school's priority admission area* who have an older 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).
5. Other children who live outside the school's priority admission area*.

* The school has more than one priority admission area, criteria 2 and 3 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 4 will then be considered before criterion 5.

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Chair of Academy Trustees:
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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.

These criteria may be overridden and a place offered, where the parents' preference is based on:

- Special medical reasons for admission where they are deemed essential by an independent professional recommendation from the child's paediatrician/consultant, or

- 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.

The admission of pupils with a statement of special educational needs is dealt with by a separate procedure. Such children will be admitted to the school named on the statement without reference to the oversubscription criteria.

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.

The Trust has not been able to offer your child a place as the school 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 of 260 which takes into account the available accommodation and organisation of the school which has been assessed as having a net capacity of 1580.