

Admissions Policy



Purpose of Policy

This Policy sets out the agreed admissions procedures for Bingley Grammar School.

Admissions at age 11

- 1 Pupils will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude. Clear priority will be given to pupils drawn from the School's Priority Admission Area, which is largely based on the former Bingley UDC of 1974, but which incorporates amendments agreed in consultation with Education Bradford for admissions from Sept 2005 (see notes).
- 2 Where the number of applicants for admission exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit.
 - a) Looked after children and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
 - b) Children who live within the Priority Admission Area, who have an older brother or sister attending from the same address and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission, i.e. in Years 7-10. (in area siblings).
 - c) Children who live in the Priority Admissions Area.
 - d) Children who live outside the Priority Admission Area, who have an older brother or sister attending from the same address and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission, i.e. in Years 7-10. (out of area siblings).
 - e) Children who live outside the School's Priority Admission Area.

Where demand exceeds places in any one of the above criteria, the distance between home and the main entrance of the school building, measured by a straight line, will be used to decide who is to be given a place, with places being awarded to those living nearest.

These criteria may be overridden and a place offered, where the parents' preference is based on special medical reasons, deemed essential by an independent professional recommendation from the child's paediatrician/consultant.

Staff children: The school reserves the right to offer places to the children of permanent staff in "skills shortage areas" in order to attract and retain those



staff and benefit the pupils in the school. They will not be included in the total admission number.

A child with a statement of special educational needs or an Educational Healthcare Plan which names Bingley Grammar School, will be admitted without reference to the above oversubscription criteria.

Admission Policy for entry into the Sixth Form

Year 11 students may proceed into Year 12 where the course entry requirements are met. Full details of these can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus. Students not currently on roll who wish to join the sixth form, must complete an application form and return it to the school no later than 1st September for admission in that academic year.

Notes

1. The amended priority area now excludes Cullingworth and includes East Morton as far west as Swine Lane. This includes properties accessed from Swine Lane in the Waterside Fold development only.
2. The terms “sisters” and “brothers” refer to children who reside with the same family at the same address. Foster children and step brothers and sisters living with the same family are included.
3. Residence refers to the pupil’s permanent home at the date of admission. Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, it is for the parents to determine which address is to be used for the allocation process.
4. Any available places following the initial allocation will be given on the basis of the distance from the main entrance of the school to the home, measured in a straight line.
5. Pupils will not be admitted above the published admission number for the school unless exceptional circumstances apply.
6. If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governors, parents have the right to appeal against this decision. The relevant appeal forms can be obtained by contacting the Admissions Secretary at the School.

This policy has been evaluated for impact on workload and working hours and has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment.

It is also available in the following formats: email, enlarged print version, VLE and other formats by arrangement.



Policy Review

The efficacy of this policy will be reviewed annually by the Governing Body.

Originator: LAW

Governor: CC

Ratified by Governing Body

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