



SCHOOL ADMISSION STATEMENT FOR PARKSIDE SCHOOL 2025-2026

Allocations for Parkside 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 five 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 governors have 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 (below) are used when there are more applicants for year a year group than there are places available. If parents request a place at any other time and the particular year group is full, it may not be possible to offer a place:

1. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order, including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be state care as a result of being adopted. (See note 1).
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.
3. Children whose home address is in the school's priority admission area* who have an older 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 (in area siblings).
4. Other children whose home address is in the school's priority admission area*.
5. Children whose home address is outside the school's priority admission area* who have an older 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 (out of area siblings).
6. Other children who live outside the school's priority admission area*.

* The school has more than one priority admission area, criteria 3 and 4 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 5 will then be considered before criterion 6.

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.

PUPILS WITH AN EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLAN

The admission of pupils with an 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.

NOTES

A “looked after child” is a child who, at the time of making the application is: in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. A “previously looked after child” is a child who is no longer looked after because they were adopted or became subject to a Special Guardianship order or a Child Arrangements order which includes arrangements relating to with whom the child is to live. Evidence will be required on a case-by-case basis.

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, uncles and aunts are not siblings.

‘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.

Where demand exceeds places in any of the outlined 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.

The school will not admit any student whose parents do not attend an admission meeting in advance of a start date in school in order to best prepare that child for a smooth start in school. Once a place in school has been agreed the school will agree a timescale to start as quickly as possible after all transfer information has been received and the parent and student have visited the school to complete the admission process.

ADMISSION POLICY FOR ENTRY INTO SIXTH FORM

Entry requirements for schools with a sixth form provision, are set by each school and full details of these can be found in the respective schools’ sixth form prospectus.

Students not currently on roll of the school who wish to join the sixth form must complete an application form and return it to the school by the date specified.

Year 11 students currently on roll at the school may proceed to Year 12 where the entry requirements are met.