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DETERMINED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

2022/23

Rainbow Primary Leadership Academy



Determined Admission Arrangements for Rainbow Primary Leadership Academy for 2022/23

Rainbow Primary Leadership Academy joins Star Academies from 1st July 2021. As a progressive and inclusive school, all applications will be considered equally.

Reception Year Admission for Rainbow Primary Leadership Academy

The admission process is part of Bradford Council's determined scheme for co-ordinated admissions to primary schools.

All applicants are required to complete their home Local Authority's common application form by 15th January 2022.

Parents receive notification on the outcome of their application on 16th April 2022.

The published admission number for Reception year is 60.

All applicants will be admitted if 60 or fewer apply.

If the school is oversubscribed, children will be admitted in accordance with the oversubscription criteria in the order listed below, once all children with an education, health and care plan, naming the school are admitted.

Oversubscription criteria

- 1) Looked after children or children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to residence or special guardianship order or those children who appear to the school to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted
- 2) Sisters and brothers of children living at the same address, who are at present on roll at the school, and will still be attending the school at the time of admission.
- 3) Children of staff employed at Rainbow Primary Leadership Academy for 2 or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made, and / or the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage
- 4) Other children.

Tie Breaker

When demand exceeds places in any of the above criteria, the distance between home (see Note 3) and the 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. The distance is measured by a Geographic Information System (GIS) embedded in the admissions system.

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. A Local Authority Officer independent of the Admissions Team will draw a lot at random.



Multiple Birth Siblings

Where admission is sought for multiple birth siblings (e.g. twins, triplets etc.) but there are insufficient places available, the other sibling(s) will be admitted as 'excepted pupils' above the published admission number.

Notes

1. A "looked after child" is defined as 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 (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

A "previously looked after child" is defined as a child who: was previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a Special Guardianship order or a Child Arrangements order, or (in accordance with DfE guidance 2018) has been in state care outside of England and ceased to be so as a result of being adopted. Evidence will be required on a case by case basis.

2. 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 stepsisters and brothers are also included.
3. 'Home address' refers to the child's permanent home at the date of admission. Where the child lives with separated parents with shared responsibility, it is for the parents to determine which address to use when applying for a primary school. Proof of residency may be required at any time during or after the allocation process.

Admission of children below compulsory school age and deferred entry

- Children who are 4 years old and who will have their 5th birthday between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 can start attending school full time, in September 2022;
- For children who are under compulsory school age, once a school place has been accepted, parents may, if they wish, agree with the school a pattern of part time attendance or a deferred start until later in the school year (but not later than the beginning of the summer term). Parents should discuss this with school.

Summer Born Children

Children born between 1st April to 31st August (summer born) do not need to start school until the September after their 5th birthday, a full year after they could first have started school.

Where a parent delays their child's start until the September after their 5th birthday, they may request their child is admitted outside the normal age group in order to start in Reception rather than Year 1.

Even though it is the parents who have made the decision to delay the start to school, it is the school that will make a decision about whether the child is admitted to Reception or Year 1. The decision will be taken based on the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned.



Parents of children seeking admission to Reception in the September after their fifth birthday will need to submit a normal common application form to the Local Authority (in writing or online) for admission into the normal age group. Parents must do this at the same time as they submit a written request to the school for their child to be admitted out of the normal age group and submit this with the suggested evidence outlined below. Whilst the school will consider applications to Reception from parents of children outside their normal age group, please note that the school is not bound by decisions made by another admission authority. The school will make a decision on the request before the primary national offer date, if at all possible.

If the request to defer admission into reception until the September after their 5th birthday rather than Year 1 is approved, the parents must make a new application for the next main admission round the following year, and their current application for the normal age group should be withdrawn before a place is offered. Parents need to be aware that there is no guarantee that a place will be offered in reception after the child's 5th birthday.

If the request to defer admission into reception until the September after their 5th birthday rather than year 1 is not approved, parents must decide whether to accept the offer of a place for the normal age group that they receive from the Local Authority, or to refuse it, and make an in-year application to the school for admission to Year 1 for the September following their child's fifth birthday.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if a child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health.

Parents of children who are already of school age are required to complete the in-year application form along with a letter requesting admission out of the normal age group and submit this with the suggested evidence outlined below. If their request is agreed and a place is available in the requested year group, the child will be admitted.

If their request for admission outside the normal age group is refused, parents must decide whether to accept the offer of a place for the normal age group or to appeal against the decision to refuse a place for admission into the normal age group.

How the school will consider your request for deferred admission / admission of children outside their normal age group

To enable the school to consider if the request for admission outside the normal age group is in the best interests of the child concerned, the school will consider:

- Parent's views
- Information about the child's academic, social and emotional development
- Where relevant, the child's medical history and views of the medical professional
- If the child was born prematurely, what age group would the child have fallen in, if the child had been born on time
- Views of the headteacher



It is for parents to decide the professional evidence they wish to submit in support of their application for admission outside the normal age group. However, there is no expectation on parents to provide the professional evidence that they do not already have. The school will consider all requests regardless of whether any professional evidence is submitted. The supporting information could include:

- Any evidence from a health or social care professional who is involved in the care or treatment of the child, for example speech and language therapist, occupational therapist, social worker or paediatrician.
- The view of any early years or nursery setting the child attends and any records of the child's development.
- Whether the child's premature birth has caused any health problems or developmental delays that mean the child would benefit from a delayed start.
- The progress the child has made in an early years setting, including the rate of progress.
- What can the nursery setting provide the child that the reception class would not?

The school will make their decision based on the circumstances of each individual case, and in the best interests of the child concerned. The school will inform the parents of their decision on the year group the child should be admitted to and will provide the reasons for their decision.

Parents have a statutory right to appeal to an independent appeal panel against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. As the purpose of the appeals process is to consider whether a child should be admitted to a particular school, the right of appeal does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred year group. However, they may make a complaint to Star Academies about the decision not to admit their child outside their normal age group.

Late applications

Unless there are exceptional reasons for the late submission of the application form, late applications will not be considered at the same time as applications that were received by the closing date. Bradford Council are responsible for making decisions on late applications as stipulated within their primary co-ordinated admission scheme. Applications received after the start of the autumn term 2022 will be treated as an in-year application.

Waiting list

Parents of children refused admission for Rainbow Primary Leadership Academy's Reception year group each September, must request for their child's details to be included on the waiting list by returning the waiting list form to Bradford Council by 30th April 2022.

The position on the waiting list is determined by the priority order of the admission policy and nothing else. When the number of children admitted to the school drops below the published admission number, a place is offered to the child who is at the top of the waiting list.

The position of your child on the waiting list may change. They may move up or down each time a child is added or removed, or when the change in circumstances of the child requires them to be considered against a different priority order of the school's oversubscription criteria. Looked after children, previously looked after children, and those allocated a place at the school in accordance with the Fair Access Protocol must take precedence over those on the waiting list.



The school maintains the waiting list in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria, until 31st December in the academic year of Reception year admission. Parents should complete an in-year application form thereafter if they wish their child's details to be kept on the waiting list for the remainder of the academic year.

For the in-year waiting list, parents must complete a new application form each year at the beginning of the new academic year.

Withdrawing an offer of a place

The school reserves the right to withdraw an offer of a place if:

- It was made in error;
- Parents fail to respond to the offer of a place within a reasonable period of time;
- It is established that the offer of a place was obtained through a fraudulent or misleading application.

Where parents fail to respond to the offer of a place, the school will give the parents a further opportunity to respond and explain to them that the offer of a place will be withdrawn unless they respond by the specified date.

Where an offer of a place is withdrawn based on misleading information, the school will consider the application afresh, and will offer a right of appeal if admission cannot be offered.

The school will not withdraw the offer of a place once the child has started at the school, except where that place was fraudulently obtained. In deciding whether or not to withdraw the offer of a place, account will be taken of the length of time the child has been at the school. Where the child has been at the school for less than a term, the school may consider it appropriate to withdraw the place.

In-year admission

In-year admission is the process of applying for admission into an existing year group within a school. Applications for the reception intake made after the start of the autumn term 2022 will be treated as an in-year application.

The in-year admission process is managed by the school. Parents are required to complete the in-year application form, which is available from the school. The completed form must be returned to school.

For some children, it may not be possible to secure admission under the in-year admission process. Where this is the case, Bradford Council will apply the Fair Access Protocol to secure the most appropriate educational provision.

For children with an education, health and care plan, the in-year admission process will not apply. Parents should contact their home Local Authority's Special Educational Needs Team. The child is offered a place if the Local Authority's Special Educational Needs Team names the school in the education, health and care plan.

Appeals

Parents have a legal right of appeal to an independent appeal panel against the decision not to offer admission. Bradford Council administers the appeals process, on behalf of the school. Parents should contact Bradford Council for an appeal form.



Parents have at least 20 school days to prepare and submit their written case to the independent appeal panel. They will normally receive 14 days' notice of the place and time of the hearing, so they can attend, in order to present the case in person.

The decision letter from the independent appeal panel, which will include the reasons for the decision is communicated to all parties as soon as possible after the hearing.

Re-appeals

Parents do not have the right to a second appeal in respect of the same year group, unless in exceptional circumstances, the school has accepted a 2nd application from the parents because of a significant and material change in the circumstances of the parents, child or school but still refused admission.