

Russell Hall Primary School



Admission Policy



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Admissions Arrangements for Russell Hall Primary School

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Below are the arrangements for applications to the **School** (full time). Please don't hesitate to contact school should you require further information.

HOW TO REGISTER INTEREST IN A PLACE AT RUSSELL HALL SCHOOL

- Applications for a place in the **School** (Full-time) will be made in accordance with Bradford Local Authority's Co-ordinated Admission Scheme as published in their booklet 'A Guide for Parents about Admission Arrangements for Primary Schools'. Applications will be made on the Common Application Form online system. Your child is eligible to start school in the September of the school year in which s/he will become five years old. The online system will be open from mid November and the closing date is 15th January.

Children with a Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Children with an EHCP that names the school will be admitted to the school without reference to the oversubscription criteria below.

Should there be more applications than there are places the following oversubscription criteria will apply to ensure that our admission number is not exceeded

1. Children in Public Care (Looked After Children and children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).

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).

Notes

1. *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, in England or Wales, because they immediately became the subject of an adoption, special guardianship order or child arrangements order which includes arrangements relating to with whom the child is to live. A 'previously looked after child' who has been in 'state care' outside England and Wales, accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other organisation where the sole or main purpose of which is to benefit society and legally adopted. Evidence will be required on a case by case basis.*
2. Children for whom there is an 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 for the child.
3. Children with a sibling* who will be a pupil in the school at the time of entry.

** We consider siblings to be those brothers / sisters - including foster children -living permanently at the same address.*

Multiple Births, where a parents 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.

4. Proximity of the child's home** to the school with those living nearest the school being given highest priority.

*** The measurement will be taken as a straight line from the home to the front door of the school.*

5. Other Children.

Address

The address of the child used in the application must be the child's permanent home at the date of admissions. Where the child lives with parents with shared responsibility, it is for the parents to determine which address to use when applying for a primary school.

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

Appeals process

Should you not complete a form or be allocated a school other than your stated preference you will have the opportunity to appeal against that decision to an independent appeal panel. Details of this process are available on the Bradford Council website.

In-year admissions

The Local Authority also coordinates admissions for all other year groups. In-year common application forms are available from the Admissions Team to request a transfer. Part 1 should be completed by a parent/carers and Part 2 is then completed by the child's current school. Please ask at the academy office or contact the Local Authority Admissions Team for further details by telephone (01274 439200) or email (schooladmissions@bradford.gov.uk).

Please note that a place in nursery does not guarantee a place, later, in our school; nor does a place in nursery here oblige you to apply for a place in our school.

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Governors at Russell Hall will consult on their admissions arrangements every seven years or earlier if any changes requiring consultation, as outlined in the School Admissions Code of Practice, are proposed.