



# Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria 2024-2025

Allocations for Beckfoot Upper Heaton 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.

**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 below.

## **Tie break**

When demand exceeds places in any of the following criteria, the distance between the child's home and 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. Where the offer of places to applicants with equidistant addresses would lead to oversubscription, the decision of who will be offered the place will be made by random selection.

## **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.

## **Oversubscription criteria**

Where the number of preferences for a school exceeds the number of places available, priority will be given to children in the following categories:

1. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to child arrangements or special guardianship order (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 a 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 (see note 2 and 3)
4. Other children whose home address is in the school's priority admission area (see note 3)
5. Children whose home address is outside the school's priority admission area who have a 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 (see Note 2 & 3).
6. Other children whose home address is outside the school's priority admission area (see Note 3).

## Notes

1. A 'looked after child' is a child who is in the care of the local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order immediately following having been looked after, and those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (in accordance with 1.8 School Admissions Code of practice).
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, stepsisters and stepbrothers are also included.
3. 'Home address' refers to the child's permanent home at the date of admission. 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. Proof of residency may be required at any time during or after the allocation process.