



Admissions Policy 2025

Bolton Local Authority manages the admissions of all pupils to Eagley Infant School on behalf of the Trustees. Any pupil has the right to a place at our school, provided that the demand for places does not exceed the admission number of 60 pupils.

Places will be allocated to children with a statement or an Education Healthcare Plan, where our school is named.

Where demand exceeds the number of places available places will be allocated on the basis of a fair and objective method. Where our school is oversubscribed the criteria listed below will be applied in priority order. All applications will be considered without reference to the parents/carers preference ranking for the school.

The following criteria will apply:

Criteria:

1. Children in Public Care (Looked After Children) who are the subject of a full care order. Children in Public Care are either on care orders made by a court or accommodated by the LA at the parent's request. Children in care may live in foster homes, residential homes with relatives or continue to live at home. Also, children who have been 'Looked After', but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or subject to residence order or special guardianship order.

2. Other children who are considered as "vulnerable" whose application for the preferred school is supported by the Assistant Director for Social Care in Bolton. This will include;

- Children for whom there is a child protection plan or has been within a 12 month period.
- Children who have had a period in care within 2 years of the admission application and are still receiving social care services
- Children who are considered to be at significant risk of becoming looked after by public care
- Children who are living in temporary accommodation due to fleeing violence and the area for re-housing has been identified

3. Children who attend Eagley Infant School Nursery and have siblings in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 at the time of application and date of admission. Sibling includes full, step, half, foster and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.

4. Children who attend Eagley Infant School Nursery and have siblings at Eagley Junior School at the time of application and date of admission. Sibling includes full, step, half, foster and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.
5. Children who do not attend Eagley Infant School Nursery but have siblings in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 at the time of application and date of admission. Sibling includes full, step, half, foster and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.
6. Children who do not attend Eagley Infant School Nursery but have siblings at Eagley Junior School at the time of application and date of admission. Sibling includes full, step, half, foster and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.
7. Children who attend Eagley Infant School Nursery but have no siblings at Eagley Infant or Junior School at the time of application and date of admission. Sibling includes full, step, half, foster and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.
8. Children of school staff, where the member of staff has been employed by the academy for a minimum of 2 years and/ or has been recruited to fill a post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage. 'Children' includes full, step, half, foster and adopted children living at the same address.
9. Children who suffer from some medical condition or disability, which makes it, better for them to attend that school rather than another. Places will only be offered under this criterion if the child has a certified medical condition with strong professional supporting evidence confirming that existing exceptional problems with the child's health would be seriously exacerbated if a place were not made at the preferred school.
10. Proximity (Where you live). This is measured by using the shortest straight line route from the child's home address point to the designated main school gate, as defined by the Local Authority. In the event of a tie-break within a block of flats those living furthest from the communal entrance will be given priority. If two (or more) applicants for the final remaining place have equal priority under the criteria and live the same straight line distance from the school, random allocation will be used as a tie breaker. The random allocation process will be supervised by someone independent of the school.

Where a single place remains at a school and the application being considered is for twins (etc.) the Council will allocate above the admission number to accommodate each.

Children who are not offered a reception place for the September intake at their preferred school will automatically be placed on the school's waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained only for the statutory period (until 31 December). Should any places become available they will be allocated in accordance with the Local Authority's published admission criteria.

As children are added to the waiting list, the list will be re-ranked in accordance with the published admission criteria. This means that children can move both up and down the waiting list.

After 31 December, if a parent wishes their child to continue to be considered for a school place, they will need to reapply for a place using the procedure for in-year admissions.

For in-year admissions, waiting lists will be held for one term:

Term 1: 1 September to 31 December

Term 2: 1 January – 12 April

Term 3: 13 April – 31 August.

Parents will need to request for their child to be placed on an in year waiting list. Should any places become available they will be allocated in accordance with the Local Authority's published admission criteria. After a waiting list ends on 31 December, 12 April or 31 August, if a parent wishes their child to continue to be considered for a school place in the next school term, they will need to reapply for a place.

Looked after children, previously looked after children and children who come under the Fair Access Protocol will take precedence over those on the waiting list.