



# Admissions Arrangements

## **Admission Criteria and Registration**

### **General Principles**

Bracken Leas Primary School has an admission number of 60 to comply with the statutory class size limit for Reception. Children are admitted in September in the academic year in which they have their fifth birthday.

We are an inclusive school and welcome all applications. Admission to our school is not dependent on any ability test or voluntary financial contribution.

The school participates in the National Co-ordinated Admission Scheme and all dates within that scheme must be adhered to. You should use the opportunity to express a preference to more than one school. The child's place of residence is the address of the parent or legal guardian with whom the child spends the majority of the time during the school week. *Parents/legal guardians may be asked to produce evidence of residency/home address at any time during the admissions process.*

### **Admission Criteria**

Following the allocation of places to pupils who have a statement of Special Educational Needs which names the school as appropriate provision, when there are more applications for places than there are places available, priority will be given in the following order:

#### **i. Looked after children and previously looked after children**

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) 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) at the time of making an application to the school.

Previously 'looked after children' are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).

#### **ii. Children who will have a brother or sister continuing at the school at the time of admission of the younger child**

The definition of a brother or sister (sometimes referred to as a 'sibling') is:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents.
- A half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one common parent.
- A step-brother or step-sister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage or partnership. The partners must be co-habited in a permanent exclusive relationship (as if they were husband and wife or civil partners for a minimum of 2 years).
- Adopted or fostered children.

A brother or sister **must** be living at the same address when the application is made.

#### **iii. Children who live closer to the Bracken Leas Primary School than any other school**

#### **iv. Other children**

If the admission number is exceeded within any criterion priority will be given to those who live closest to the school.

#### **Tiebreaker**

If the admission number is exceeded within any criterion priority will be given to those who live closest to the school.

#### **Distance**

The distance used in a 'tiebreaker' for any oversubscribed criterion will be a straight line distance from the child's home address point to the address point of the school. Distances will be determined by the Local Authority measured on a straight line basis using a geographical information system.

#### **Appeals**

If you are not offered a place at our school you have the right to appeal to an independent panel and should contact the school for the relevant papers.