

## Admission Criteria

St. Bede C.E. Primary Academy's Governing Body is the Admissions' Authority, although initial application is through Pupil and Student Services in Bolton Local Authority (01204 332143). It is the Trust Members of the Academy's Governing Body who are responsible for making decisions on applications for admissions. The admission number to the Reception class is 90. If no more than 90 applications are received, all applicants will be offered places.

The Local Governing Board will admit all children having an **Educational Health Care Plan** in which the school is named. If the school is oversubscribed, the remaining places will then be allocated by use of the following criteria:

1. Children in public care and previously looked after children.  
This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (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. This criteria also includes looked after children and all previously looked after 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.
2. Children eligible for the service premium.
3. Children, one of whose parents/carers have attended public worship at the Parish Church of St. Bede, Morris Green at least monthly, for the past twelve months (1 October 2019 – 30 September 2020). Applicants will need to complete and return the Supplementary Form. Variation for admissions in September 2021: *In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.*
4. Children, one of whose parents/carers have attended public worship at a C of E Church within the Bolton Metropolitan Borough boundary at least monthly, for the past twelve months (1 October 2019 – 30 September 2020). Applicants will need to complete and return the Supplementary Form. Variation for admissions in September 2021: *In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.*
5. Children whose parents/carers have attended public worship at any another Christian denomination Church at least monthly, for the past twelve months (Churches in national or local membership with Churches Together in Britain and Ireland) (1 October 2019 – 30 September

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6. Children who will have a sibling still in attendance at the school at the time of expected admission. Sibling includes step, adopted or fostered children living in the same home and natural brothers or sisters, having both the same parents, living apart. Where there are multiple births wishing to be admitted and the sibling is the 90<sup>th</sup> child, the Local Governing Board may admit over the infant class size requirement if it is possible to do so.
7. Children having exceptional medical or social needs, together with documented evidence.\*\*
8. Children of other faiths who live within the parish and whose parents desire them to attend this school because of its religious tradition.\*
9. Children who attend either St. Bede Nursery or Baby Bede Nursery.
10. All other children.\*\*\*

Where there are more applications than places, the admissions' criteria will be used. Children who are not admitted will have their name placed on a waiting list. The names on this waiting list will be in the order resulting from the application of the admissions' criteria. Since the date of application cannot be a criterion for the order of names on the waiting list, late applicants for the school will be slotted into the order according to the extent to which they meet the criteria. Thus it is possible that a child who moves into the area later to have a higher priority than one who has been on the waiting list for some time. If a place becomes available within the admission number, the child whose name is at the top of the list will be offered a place. This is not dependent on whether an appeal has been submitted. This waiting list will operate until the end of the reception year (31 August).

In the case of parents who have been unsuccessful in their application to the school, they should contact Pupil and Student Services on 01204 332143 and take advice on how to lodge an appeal.

Applications for in-year admission to any age group should be made directly to the Academy, where information and forms will be available.

Open Evenings will be held for prospective parents/carers on the evenings of:

- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 4pm-5pm
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 4pm-5pm

\* A letter of support from the faith minister must be submitted.

\*\* Written professional evidence must be submitted to explain why the child should attend this school rather than any other.

\*\*\* Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then distance to the child's normal home front door from the double gated entrance to the school, when

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walking, will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones.

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