

Proposed Admission Arrangements 2026/27 - Primary Academies Oversubscription Criteria

Bentley High Street Primary School, Carr Lodge Academy, Edlington Victoria Academy, Hill Top Academy, Rosedale Primary School, Sandringham Primary School, Sheep Dip Lane Academy, The Mallard Academy, Willow Primary School

***The Mallard Academy will join Exceed Learning Partnership on 1st January 2025**

The proposed admission arrangements for each academy are detailed as follows:

Preferences for each Primary Academy will be sorted in the order of the criteria outlined below. The remaining criteria are applied in order of priority as tie-breakers, with criterion (d) being the final tie-breaker for primary academies.

a) Looked After Children or all Previously Looked After Children

Children who are Looked After Children and all previously Looked After Children A 'looked after child' or a child who was 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 in state care as a result of being adopted. 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)

b) Children of Staff

Where the member of school-based staff has been employed by the Trust for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

c) Siblings

Children with a sibling who is attending the school. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.

d) Catchment Area

Children who are ordinarily resident in the catchment area of the preferred school. (Details of Catchment Areas are available from the LA.) For applications for the year of entry, a catchment area school will be determined in relation to the address at which the pupil is ordinarily resident on the date set in the relevant co-ordinated admission scheme. Once a waiting list is formed, a child's place on that list will be updated in light of any new address.

e) Proximity

Children who live nearest to the requested school measured in a straight line from the mid-point of the pupil's place of ordinary residence, to the entrance nearest to the reception point of the school building. In the case of split site schools, 'entrance nearest to the reception point' will refer to the site the pupil attends for the purpose of morning registration. If two or more pupils live equidistant from the school, the distance each pupil lives by road from the preferred school will be measured and the place offered to the pupil who lives nearest by this means. In the event of this being equal (e.g. in the case of flats), places will then be decided by Random Allocation.

Proposed Key Changes for 2026/2027

Updates made to the Oversubscription Criteria

Introduction of Children of Staff within the Oversubscription Criteria, where the member of school-based staff has been employed by the Trust for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

The reasoning for the introduction of this is as follows:

- Continue to support staff recruitment and retention: Offering priority admission to children of staff will support recruitment and retention, and also support where a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is demonstrable skill shortage.

The introduction of Children of Staff within the Oversubscription Criteria has also meant we have proposed an updated order of priority for each criterion.