

SS SIMON & JUDE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY



VANTAGE ACADEMY TRUST

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Signature of Chair: Mrs A Johnson Principal: Miss K Jones

*subject to any relevant changes in legislation or other appropriate guidelines

ADMISSION POLICY FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY-CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2019-2020

The council will admit all children with an Education and Health Care Plan, where the school is named.

The policy for admission to community and controlled primary schools for **Reception 2019** is as follows.

If the school is over-subscribed the following criteria will be applied to all applications in priority order.

1. Children in Public Care (Looked After Children)
2. Other children who are considered as “vulnerable” whose application for the preferred school is supported by the Assistant Director for Social Care. This will include;
 - a) children for whom there is a child protection plan or has been within a 12 month period
 - b) children who have had a period in care within 2 years of the admission application and are still receiving social care services
 - c) children who are considered to be at significant risk of becoming looked after
 - d) children who are living in temporary accommodation due to fleeing violence and the area for rehousing has been identified
3. Children who will have older siblings in years Reception to Year 6 of the preferred 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.
4. Children who have strong Church connections where the school is a Church school.

Parents must complete the supplementary form attached to the application form as evidence that the family and the child are active worshipping members at the church to which the school is affiliated. Active worshipping members of the church will be those persons who worship at least once a month sustained over a period of a year prior to the closing date for applications.

5. Children who suffer from a medical condition or disability, or specific social need which makes it, better for them to attend that school rather than another. Places will only be offered under this criterion (medical) if the child has a certified medical condition with strong professional supporting evidence confirming that the condition exists. Cases involving social need will be decided by a committee of governors on a case by case basis.

6. Proximity (Where you live).

Shortest walking distance to the preferred school minus shortest walking distance to the nearest/next nearest school.

The nearest/next nearest school will include all community, voluntary-controlled, foundation and academy schools whether in the Bolton Borough or not.

- In the event of a tie-break situation priority will be given to the child who has the longer journey to the nearest/next nearest school.
- The shortest walking route will be that determined by the Local Authority using public rights of way recognised within the measuring system only. This will be measured using Routefinder, a computerised mapping system which uses the ordnance survey integrated network which measures from the point on the highway nearest to the centre of the home property and the designated main entrance to the school. In the event of a tie-break within a block of flats those living furthest from the communal entrance will be given priority.
- Where a single place remains at a school and the application being considered is for twins (etc.) the Council will allocate places to all those children. If places for both (all) siblings can not be offered where the class size limit of 30 has been reached the Council will use random allocation to allocate the remaining place(s). This may apply also to siblings who are in the same year group.

The school will do their own admissions for pupils who apply for a Nursery place and year groups from Y1 to Y6. For a Reception place at the start of the academic year, the LA will place pupils according to the criteria set out above.

Written by: LA Policy

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