

APPENDIX 1 - PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2020/21 FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS

1. ADMISSION TO NURSERY CLASSES

1. Children born between 01.09.16 and 31.08.17 may be admitted from September 2020 or January 2021.
2. Admission numbers for nursery classes are given below.
3. Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming a school will be admitted to that school as a result of that process and will be given precedence for admission.
4. All first preference applications for a nursery class will be considered before second and third preference applications, and all second preferences will be considered before third preferences.
5. In the event of there being more applications than places the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

Priority 1 is given to children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989.

Priority 2 – children resident within the London Borough of Bexley

Applications for nursery classes from Bexley residents will be considered before any applications from out-borough residents.

Priority 2A

This is given to a child with a brother or sister who will be attending the school of parental preference at the time the child is due for admission to the nursery class. This will also be given to children due for admission to the nursery class in an infant school whose brother or sister attends the associated junior school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year.

For this priority, brother or sister includes a full, half, step or adopted brother or sister living at the same address.

Priority 2B

This gives priority for admission to children of a member of staff at the maintained school of preference, where the family are residing within the London Borough of Bexley, **AND**

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

Priority 2C

This gives priority to pupils living nearest to the nursery class based on the distance from the home address to the nearest school entrance measured as a straight line in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on the measurement of home to school distance. Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer (the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit) at the time of application.

Where one or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school applied for and all would qualify for the last available place, the allocation of the last place will be made by drawing lots. The first child drawn will be offered the place, and the remaining children placed on the waiting list in the order of the draw.

Priority 3 – children living outside the London Borough of Bexley

Applications from out-Borough residents will be considered after **all** applications from Bexley residents in the same sequence as the priorities in group 2.

For all applicants:

6. Waiting lists will be established for applicants not offered their first preference and kept in the sequence of the priorities. Waiting lists will be closed on 31 December 2020.
7. There is no right of appeal against decisions not to offer a nursery class place.

NURSERY CLASS ADMISSION NUMBERS 2020/21 – Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

NURSERY CLASS	ADMISSION NUMBER (PART TIME)
Belmont Primary School	52
Belvedere Infant School	52
Birkbeck Primary School	52
Castilion Primary School	52
Crook Log Primary School	52
Danson Primary School	52
Dulverton Primary School	26
Foster's Primary School	52
Hook Lane Primary School	52
Orchard Primary School	26
Parkway Primary School	26
Upton Primary School	26

Note

Community and voluntary controlled schools may convert to Academy status before September 2020 and change their admission number or organisational arrangements.

2. PRIMARY SCHOOLS (RECEPTION AND YEAR 3 OF JUNIOR SCHOOLS)

Reception Classes

1. Children born between 01.09.15 and 31.08.16 will be admitted in September 2020.
2. Admission numbers for schools are given below.
3. Children with a statement of special educational need or and Education, Health and Care Plan naming a school will be admitted to that school as a result of that process and will be given precedence for admission.
4. In the event of there being more applications than places the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

Priority 1 is given to children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989.

Priority 2

This is given to children with a medical condition such that it is **essential**, on medical grounds, for the child to attend the preferred school. Equally, this priority will apply where **either** the disability or medical condition of a parent or sibling would cause significant hardship if the child did not attend the preferred school. The London Borough of Bexley's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented. Priority will normally only be given if the school applied for is the closest school to the home address, unless the medical adviser considers that an alternative school is essential for medical reasons.

Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Later requests will be considered only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain the preferred school, for example emotional distress (whether or not leading to a recognised medical condition), do not fall within this priority.

Priority 3

This is given to children with a brother or sister who will be attending the school of parental preference at the time the child is due for admission to that school. This will also be given to children due for admission to the infant school whose brother or sister will be attending the associated junior school at the time of admission or vice versa. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year.

For this priority, brother or sister includes a full, step, half or adopted brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twins, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority. That means that in these circumstances only, twins, triplets or children from other multiple births will be given priority over all other children who qualify to be admitted on distance.

Priority 4

Priority will be awarded to children with a parent employed at the preferred LA maintained school where;

- a) The member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made,
- and/or

b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Priority 5

This gives priority to children living nearest to the school based on the distance from the home address to the nearest school entrance measured as a straight line in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on the measurement of home to school distance. Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer (the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit) at the time of application.

Where one or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school applied for and all would qualify for the last available place, the allocation of the last place will be made by drawing lots. The first child drawn will be offered the place, and the remaining children placed on the waiting list in the order of the draw.

Nursery pupils

A child who attends the nursery class attached to a school is given **no** priority over children who did not attend the nursery.

Infant/Junior Transfer

1. Children born between 01.09.12 and 31.08.13 will be admitted from September 2020. Applications will only be accepted from children in Year 2 of an infant-only school. All other applicants will be treated as in year applicants.
2. Admission numbers for junior schools at Year 3 are given below.
3. Children with a statement of special educational needs or Education and Health Care Plan naming a school will be admitted to that school as a result of that process and will be given precedence for admission.
4. In the event of there being more applications than places the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

Priority A: Children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989.

Priority B: Pupils attending the associated infant only school. If the junior school is oversubscribed from applications from parents of pupils in the associated infant school, allocations will be made according to priorities 1 to 5 above.

Priority C: All other applicants, with allocations made according to priorities 1 to 5 above.

For all primary admissions:

5. Any Bexley resident applicants not offered a place at any of their preferred schools, will be allocated a place at the school nearest to the home address which has a vacancy.
6. Parents may request that their child be included on the waiting lists for higher preference schools than the one allocated. These will be kept in the sequence of the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists for junior school places will be merged with in year

waiting lists from 1 May 2020. Waiting lists for Reception places will be merged with in year waiting lists from 1 September 2020.

7. Where parents are not offered a place at the school of their preference, they will also be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeals Panel and sent further information on the appeal process on request.

Date of entry to Reception classes and admission outside the normal age group

All children can start in a Reception class in the September of the academic year when they become five years old. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday, and entry may be deferred to the January or April after the fifth birthday.

Parents of children born between 1 April and 31 August may request entry to Reception (rather than Year 1) in the September after the child's fifth birthday. Requests should where possible be made during the normal application period for primary places, accompanied by any available supporting evidence.

If the request is agreed, the application for a school place will be processed in the following year's application period. If the request is not agreed, the child must either start school before the fifth birthday or start school in Year 1 in the September following the fifth birthday. A place will not be allocated at a preferred school unless the child qualifies for a place under the published admission criteria either in the normal or deferred year of entry.

In year requests for admission outside the normal age group (ie other than for entry to Reception) should be made at the time of application with supporting evidence.

If a child is admitted to Reception one year later than normal, new requests must be made for entry outside the normal age group when transferring to junior school (for a child attending an infant only school) and secondary school.

All decisions on admission outside the normal age group to community and voluntary controlled schools will be made by the London Borough of Bexley in consultation with the Head Teacher of the preferred school. There is no right of appeal against a decision not to admit a child outside the normal age group (subject to legislative changes).

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION NUMBERS 2020/21: Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

Schools are primary schools for children aged 5-11 unless stated otherwise

SCHOOL	ADMISSION NUMBER	SCHOOL	ADMISSION NUMBER
Belmont	60	Foster's	60
Belvedere Infant	90	Hook Lane	60
Birkbeck	60	Longlands	45
Castilion	60	Orchard	30
Crook Log	60	Parkway	60
Danson	90	Upton	60
Dulverton	60		

Notes

1. Community and voluntary controlled schools may convert to Academy status before September 2020 and change their admission number or organisational arrangements.
2. The London Borough of Bexley may consult on and make decisions about the expansion of primary schools before September 2020. Such decisions would override the admission numbers shown above.

3. POLICY FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF HOME TO SCHOOL DISTANCE

All home to school distances will be calculated by the London Borough of Bexley's computerised pupil database to ensure consistency.

Home to school distances will be measured using the intersection of the geographical grid co-ordinates (known as eastings and northings) supplied by the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG), or equivalent database, for the home address and for the nearest school entrance approved by the Governors as an official entrance.

Home to school distances will be measured by radial distance (straight line) from the intersection of the NLPG co-ordinates of the home address to the nearest official school entrance.

This method applies to home to school distance measurements for applications for community and voluntary controlled schools, and for all other schools where the admission authority commissions the London Borough of Bexley to measure distances on its behalf.

4. PROCEDURE TO IDENTIFY PUPILS 'DEEMED SELECTIVE' FOR ADMISSION TO GRAMMAR SCHOOLS IN BEXLEY IN 2020/21

The grammar schools in Bexley are Academies and responsible for their own admission arrangements. The London Borough of Bexley manages the selection process on their behalf.

To be admitted to a grammar school, children will have taken the Bexley selection tests and done sufficiently well to have been deemed selective. The selection process is competitive and selective places will be offered only to those who achieve Bexley's selective standard. Pupils deemed selective will be eligible to be considered for a place in any grammar school in Bexley.

Deeming selective

The total score that pupils have to achieve to be deemed selective will be set by the Selection Panel, a panel of local authority officers and Head Teachers. More children will be deemed selective than the number of grammar school places available. Children deemed selective are not guaranteed a place at a grammar school. The selective score will be set at the level considered necessary to fill the places available.

If places at any grammar school remain unfilled before 1 September 2020, places may be offered to children who scored one point below the selective threshold in order of the relevant school's oversubscription criteria, then to those who scored two points below etc.

Review arrangements

In exceptional cases, evidence from a Head Teacher that a test result is unrepresentative will be considered alongside the test scores. A panel of Head Teachers and local authority officers decides whether in the light of that evidence the child should be deemed selective or whether the pupil should be considered as being one of the 180 highest ranked candidates.

Appeal arrangements

There is no right of appeal against a decision by the Review Panel. Parents of pupils not deemed selective may express a preference for a place at a grammar school and may then use their statutory right of appeal against a decision not to offer a place at that school.

Over-subscription criteria

The over-subscription criteria used to allocate places at grammar schools are set out in the admission arrangements published by each school.