

# **BARR VIEW PRIMARY & NURSERY ACADEMY**

## **ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2021 - 2022**

Our admissions process forms part of the Birmingham City Council coordinated scheme.

The academy's proposed admission number is 60. If the number of applications is lower than the school's admission number, all applicants will be admitted. If there are more applications than places available then all applications will be given a priority from the oversubscription criteria and places will be offered in priority order.

### **Criteria**

1. Looked after, or previously looked after, children.
2. Children with a brother or sister already at the academy who will still be attendance in September 2021.
3. Children who live nearest to the academy.

Within each of these categories, priority is given to those who live nearest to the academy, calculated on the basis of a straight line measurement between home and the academy.

### **Children with an Educational Healthcare Plan (EHP)**

Any child with an EHP is required to be admitted to the academy/school that is named in the plan. This gives such children overall priority for admission to the named academy/school. This is not an oversubscription criterion.

### **Looked After or Previously Looked After Children**

A Looked After Child is a child who is in the care of a local authority or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority as set out in s22(1) of the Children Act 1989. A Previously Looked After Child is a child who immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangements order.

In the case of previously looked after children, admission authorities may request a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order and a letter from the local authority that last looked after the child confirming that he or she was looked after immediately prior to that order being made.

- a. In the care of the 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). In the case of previously looked after children, admission authorities may request a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order and a letter from the local authority that last looked after the child confirming that he or she was looked after immediately prior to that order being made.

### **Siblings**

Siblings (brother and sisters) are considered to be those children who live at the same address and either:

- a. have one or both natural parents in common; or
- b. are related by a parent's marriage; or
- c. are adopted or fostered by a common parent.

Unrelated children living at the same address, whose parents are living as partners, are also considered to be siblings.

Children not adopted or fostered or related by a parent's marriage or with one natural parent in common, who are brought together as a family by a same sex civil partnership and who are living at the same address, are considered to be siblings.

### **Distance**

Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the applicant's home address and the staff car park school gate. The Local Authority uses a computerized system, which measures all distances in metres. Ordnance Survey supply the co-ordinates that are used to plot an applicant's home address and the address of the academy.

### **Shared Responsibility**

Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives with both parents for part of the week, then the main residence will be determined as the address where the child lives the majority of the week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to support the address used.

### **Final Qualifier**

In a very small number of cases it may not be possible to decide between the applications of those pupils who are the final qualifiers for a place, when applying the published admission criteria.

For example, this may occur when children in the same year group live at the same address, or if the distance between the home and academy is exactly the same, for example, blocks of flats. If there is no other way of separating the application according to the admission criteria and to admit both or all of the children would cause the Published Admission Number for child's year group to be exceeded, the Local Authority will use a computerized system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place.

In the event of this occurring with twins or other multiple birth applicants, academies/schools will be asked to admit over their Published Admission Number to accommodate the pupils.

### **Waiting Lists**

Waiting lists will not be fixed following the offer of places. They are subject to change. This means that a child's waiting lists position during the year could go up or down. Any applicants will be added to the academy's waiting list in accordance with the order of priority for offering places. Waiting lists will be maintained until the end of each academic year.

### **Appeals**

Appeals are administered by the Local Authority for this academy. Parents who wish to appeal against the decision to refuse their child admission should contact the School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service on 0121 303 1888 to request an appeal form. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

### **In Year Applications**

Application made outside the normal admissions round (in-year admissions) should be made directly to the academy. Parent/carers can apply for a place for their child at any time and to any academy/school. On receipt of a completed in-year application, the academy will notify the local authority of both the application and its outcome, to allow the local authority to keep up to date with figures on the availability of academy/school places in Birmingham.

Approved by Head Teacher –  10 October 2019

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