



BARR VIEW PRIMARY & NURSERY ACADEMY

ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2023 - 2024

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 (LA), or previously looked after children (PLAC) and internationally adopted previously looked after children (IAPLAC).
2. Children with a brother or sister already at the academy who will still be attendance in September 2023.
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 (LAC) 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 (PLAC and IAPLAC) 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 both PLAC and IAPLAC children, admission authorities may request a copy of evidence to support your application from the last official body that last looked after the child, confirming that he or she was looked after 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. Parents who wish to appeal against the decision to refuse their child admission should visit: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions to submit an appeal.

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.

Admission below compulsory school age and deferred entry

The Academy must provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. Where a child has been offered a place at the Academy:

- a) that child is entitled to a full-time place in the September following their fourth birthday;
- b) the child's parents can defer the date their child is admitted to the Academy until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which it was made. Parents must notify the Academy in writing of their intention to delay their child's start date.
- c) parents also have the right for their child to be admitted on a part-time basis during the Reception Class year, but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

After a place at The Academy has been allocated by the normal admissions round, parents may wish to visit the academy if they are considering deferring their child's entry or opting for admission to Reception part-time. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's readiness for school, and the Academy will be able to explain the provision on offer to children in Reception, and how it is tailored to meet the needs of the youngest pupils.

Admission outside the normal age group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal (chronological) age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. In addition, the parents of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1. Summer born children applies to those born from 1 April to 31 August. These children reach compulsory school age on the 31 August following their fifth birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on 31 August). It is likely that most requests for summer born children to be admitted out of their normal age group will come from parents of children born in the later summer months or those born prematurely.

Parents do not have the right to insist that their child is admitted to a particular year group. The Academy will admit children outside their normal age group only, in exceptional circumstances. If parents wish their child to be admitted outside their normal age group, they must still make their application alongside children applying at the normal age and must make their request for admission outside the normal age group clear on their application form to the Local Authority for a school place. At the same time, parents should also write to the Head Teacher at the address below to request admission out of the normal age group. Parents should explain why it is in the child's best interest to be admitted outside of their normal age which may include information such as professional evidence as to why this is the case and why an exception should be made in the case of the child. The decision made by The Academy will be based on the individual circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned.

Parents considering deferring their child's admission to the Reception Year are advised to read the guidance relating to deferred entry provided by the Local Authority via: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the DFE guidance which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-born-children-school-admission>

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