



Aims of Policy

To outline the school's policy regarding admissions

Policy Statement

Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College operates an admissions policy, which seeks to ensure that it truly serves as an academy at the heart of its community. Children with statements of Special Educational Need or Education Health Care Plans, naming Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College, will be allocated a place at the school. This is a statutory entitlement (under Section 324 of Education Act 1996) and is not part of the oversubscription criteria.

We are a BDAT Academy and therefore the governors are the admissions authority for the school. The admission number for Year 7-9 is 300 and years 10-11 are 270 and governors will apply the following policy only in the event that there are more applications than places available.

Applications to Year 7-11

Priority 1

Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College gives first priority to all students who are in Local Authority Looked After care including Adopted children; those with a Residency Order, Child Arrangement Order and those with Special Guardianship following being 'Looked After'

Following this the priority for students is:

1. Children who live in the school's priority admission area* who have an older brother or sister attending from the same address, who are at present in years 7 – 10 and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission (in area siblings).
2. Children who live in the school's priority admission area*
3. Children who live outside the school's priority admission area* who have an older brother or sister attending from the same address, who are at present in years 7 – 10 and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission (out of area siblings).
4. Children who attend another BDAT academy as a priority above 'other children'
5. Children who live outside the school's priority admission area*

* Where the school has more than one priority admission area, criteria 2 and 3 above will apply for the whole of the priority area 1 and then for the whole of priority area 2; if there remain unallocated places criterion 4 will then be considered before criterion 6.

When demand exceeds places in any one of the above criteria, the distance between home and school, measured by a straight line, from the main entrance of the home to the main entrance of the school will be used to decide who is to be given a place; those living nearest being given the available places

These criteria may be overridden and a place offered, where the parents' preference is based on:

- Special medical reasons for admission where they are deemed essential by an independent professional recommendation from the child's paediatrician/consultant, or
- Social reasons for admission where they are deemed essential by an independent professional recommendation and the governing body considers that a place should be offered on these grounds.

The admission of pupils with a statement of special educational needs is dealt with by a separate procedure. Such children will be admitted to the school named on the statement without reference to the oversubscription criteria.

The above oversubscription criterion is used when there are more applicants for a year group than there are places available. If parents request a place and the particular year group is full, we still have to keep to the admission number and it will not be possible to offer a place.

Parents do not have a free choice of school as this would lead to schools having to admit pupils above the limits of the building as agreed with the Department for Education.

The governing body have not been able to offer your child a place as the school has reached its published admission number and we believe that to put additional children into the school, above the published admission number, would be prejudicial to the provision of efficient education or efficient use of resources. The governing body are able to refuse admission on these grounds because of Section 86 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The governing body would not wish to admit more than the published admission number (270) which takes into account the available accommodation and organisation of the school which has been assessed as having a net capacity of 1549.

The governing body believes that to go above the admission number would cause a number of problems which are detailed in the attached statement.

The governing body are also concerned that placing additional pupils into already full schools will have a detrimental affect on undersubscribed schools within the district. School budgets are calculated on the basis of the number of pupils on roll. Admitting further pupils into schools that are already full will result in neighbouring schools being required to limit their spending on resources and staff. Both these measures will have a severe detrimental effect on pupils already at the school by impacting on the quality of education that can be delivered and hinder pupils' achievement.

Without affecting your right of appeal, staff in the Admissions Team will be pleased to discuss with you the alternative schools which may have available places.

Note BDAT Academies includes the following schools as November 2018: (check website for up to date list – www.bdat-academies.org/our-academies/)

- Belle Vue Girls Academy
- Bradford Forster Academy
- Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College
- Christ Church Academy
- Clayton St John CE Academy
- Cullingworth Village Primary
- East Morton Primary
- Immanuel College
- Oxenhope CE Primary
- Shipley CE Primary
- Academy at St James
- St John's C of E Primary
- St Oswald's Academy
- St Philips Academy
- Woodlands Academy
- Wycliffe CE Primary

Allocations for Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College (BBEC) are made in accordance with the 'Co-ordinated Admission Scheme' which forms part of the Local Authority's (LA) published admission arrangements. In Bradford, parents may list up to three schools on the Common Application Form. Although legislation gives parents a right to express a preference for a particular school, the governing body has to consider whether your child qualifies for a place at BBEC using the published oversubscription criteria. If your child could be given a place at more than one of your preferred schools, the LA will offer a place at the highest-ranked preference.

Notes for "Transition" Admissions for September start for Year 7

Please note that in the case of any Year 6 student applying for a Year 7 place at Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College, the applicant should name Buttershaw on the Common Application Form.

Waiting List

Where a Year 6 child is refused an offer of a Year 7 place at Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College due to oversubscription, parents and carers may contact the Local Authority Admissions Team and request that their child's name be placed on Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College's waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained by the Local Authority until December of the academic year for which application was made. Waiting lists will be maintained in order of the oversubscription criteria

Notes for Admissions to Years 7-11 at any time of year (in year admissions)

Any parent or carer who would like to apply for a place at Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College for Years 7-11 at any time other than transition (see above) must complete an 'in-year

common application form' which is available from the Local Authority and should be returned to them.

Please note that all admissions to Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College for Years 7-11 are co-ordinated by the Local Authority.

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