

## **Admissions Policy Autumn 2013**

Children are admitted to the school at the beginning of the academic year in which they become five.

Children who have their fifth birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> August in any year may commence school full time at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

However, as an option, parents of children who have their fifth birthdays between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> August may wish them to commence school for mornings only during the Autumn Term, moving to full time at the beginning of January in the Spring Term.

As part of our admissions procedure, records from pre-school providers are passed on to us and contact with providers made. If it is apparent that children whose birthdays are between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> August are not socially mature enough to access a full day in school, we require that they begin part time, mornings only, for the Autumn Term and move to full time in the Spring Term. If pre-school records are not available an assessment of the child's readiness for school will be made by the staff during the first week.

The law requires that all children begin school by the term following their fifth birthday.

Our maximum admission limit is currently set at 12 children. If in any year the number of requests for places is more than the admission limit, priority is given as follows:

See Appendix 1A attached for order of Priority.

All new entrants have the opportunity to visit school on several occasions before starting school.

A meeting for parents of new entrants is held in June and the dates of the children's visits to the school and other details about the children starting school are discussed at the time.

Barlow C of E Primary School will not discriminate against any child on grounds of gender, colour, race, ethnic or national beliefs or any other factor when considering them for admission.

This policy is in line with that of North Yorkshire Local Education Authority, a copy of which is available in the school office.

Appendix 1

## **ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/15**

All governing bodies are required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child

with a statement of special needs that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This

relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of

special educational needs (SEN) has been issued.

**If the number of applications exceeds the Published Admission Number (PAN), after the admission**

**of children where the school is named in the statement of special educational needs (SEN) the**

**following oversubscription criteria will apply:**

### **ORDER OF PRIORITY: Notes:**

#### **Priority Group 1:**

Children and young people in Public Care for whom the school has been expressed as a preference and previously looked after children, that is children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.

*This applies to all looked-after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority.*

*In the case of previously looked after children, a copy of the relevant documentation will be required in support of the application.*

#### **Priority Group 2 :**

Children the Authority believes have special social or medical reasons for admission.

*We will only consider applications on social or medical grounds if they are supported by a professional recommendation from a doctor, social worker, or other appropriate professional. The supporting evidence should set out the particular social or medical reason(s) why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*

*Panels of professionally qualified people will consider all applications made under priority group 2.*

#### **Priority Group 3 :**

Children living within the normal area of the school.

#### **Priority Group 4:**

Children living outside the normal area of the school.

*Children in higher numbered priority groups will be offered places ahead of those in lower numbered priority*

*groups. All applications within each priority group will be considered equally ( i.e. all applications,*

*regardless of order of preference).*

*Tie break:*

*If there are not enough places for all the children in one of these priority groups, we will give priority first to*

*those with a sibling at the school in September 2014 ( in all cases sibling refers to brother or sister, half*

*brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent / carer's partner*

*where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as*

*that sibling ) and then to those living nearest the school.*

*If within a priority group there are not enough places for all those with a sibling at the school in September 2014, we will give priority to those children with a sibling living nearest the school.*

#### **Appendix 1**

*All distance measurements are based on the nearest route recognised by the County Councils electronic mapping system from a child's home address to school. The measurement is made from a fixed point within the dwelling, as identified by Ordnance Survey, to the nearest school entrance using footpaths and roads.*

*The routes measured to determine the allocation of school places will be those recognised by the electronic mapping system used by the school admissions team.*

*We may be able to meet your preference for a place at a school that does not serve the local area you live*

*in. In this case, you will normally be responsible for travel arrangements and the costs of your child's travel to and from school.*

#### **Local arrangements:**

**Scarborough area** - Graham School - For priority group 3 applications (that is, children living within the

normal area covering the school), priority will be given as follows:

a) Children living in the area normally served by East Ayton Community Primary School and the area west

of Scalby Road from Lady Edith's Drive to Scalby Beck.

b) Children who will have an older sibling at the school of their choice.

c) Children who live nearest to the school of their choice.

**Scalby School** - For priority group 4 applications (that is, children living outside the normal area of the

school), priority will be given to children who live in the areas normally served by East Ayton Community

Primary School and the area west of Scalby Road from Lady Edith's Drive to Scalby Beck and who:

a) will have an older sibling at Scalby School at the start of the term when the younger sibling starts school; or

b) would have to make the longest journey to another school without them becoming eligible for help with travel costs from us under the local authority transport policy.

**Selby area** - Brayton College and Selby High School – For the purposes of admissions for priority group 3

children a distinction is drawn between those who live in Selby rural area and Selby town area. Each

school, Brayton College and Selby High, has its own designated rural area and the two schools are jointly

the normal schools for the Selby town area. Places will be offered, within priority group 3, to children from

the individual rural area associated with each school before those in the town area, using the tie break

elements of the Admissions policy for community and voluntary controlled schools for the academic year

2014/15 where necessary.

**Ripon Grammar School** - Ripon Grammar School is a designated grammar school,<sup>1</sup> this means that the

school is permitted to select its entire intake on the basis of high academic ability<sup>2</sup>. The school does not

have to fill all of its places if applicants have not reached the required standard. Ripon Grammar School

offers 103 day places and 14 boarding places.

As a maintained boarding school Ripon Grammar School may take boarders as well as day pupils.

Maintained boarding schools can set separate admission numbers for day places and boarding places. A

maintained boarding school can interview applicants to assess suitability for boarding, but such interviews

**must** only consider whether a child presents a serious health and safety hazard to other boarders or

whether they would be able to cope with and benefit from a boarding environment. To help with this

assessment, they may also use a supplementary information form, and information provided by the

previous school and by the child's home local authority (on safeguarding issues).

<sup>1</sup> As designated by the Education (Grammar School Designation) Order 1998 (SI 1998/2219). Where a designated Grammar School converts to become an Academy, the Academy is permitted to continue selecting their entire intake: Section 6(3) of the Academies Act 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Section 104 of the School Standards and Framework Act

## Appendix 1

Boarding schools **must** give priority in their oversubscription criteria in the following order:

- a. looked after children and previously looked after children;
- b. children of members of the UK Armed Forces who qualify for Ministry of Defence financial assistance with the cost of boarding school fees;
- c. children with a 'boarding need', defined by Ripon Grammar School as follows:
  - i. Children at risk or with an unstable home environment and children of service personnel who have died while serving or who have been discharged as a result of attributable injury; or
  - ii. Children of key workers and Crown Servants working abroad, e.g. the children of charity workers, people working for voluntary service organisations, the diplomatic service or the European Union, teachers, law enforcement officers and medical staff working abroad

**whose work dictates that they spend much of the year overseas.**