

## **Admissions Procedure**

### Admission Policy for Darwen Vale High School

Children with either an education, health and care plan, a statement for special educational needs or an individual pupil resource agreement (IPRA) for whom the preferred school is named in the plan/statement/IPRA will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> preference will then be considered equally against the admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- 'Looked after' children and children who were previously 'looked after' but immediately after being looked after were adopted or became subject to a residence/child arrangement order, or special guardianship order ('Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.
- Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousin, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted.
- Children with proven and exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category there is certain evidence you must provide. Please see page 11 which provides full details regarding the application of these criteria.
- Children who live nearest the school (geographical proximity). Under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computer.

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#### **Tie-breaker**

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie-breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which of the children can be offered a place. The draw will take place at the Local Authority's offices and the names will be drawn by a local authority officer who is independent of the admissions process.

#### **Twins/Multiple births**

If an application has been made for places for twins/ triplets/2 or more siblings in the same year group and insufficient places are left within the published admission number (i.e. one of the siblings is the last child who can be admitted within that number) it may be possible for the Admission Authority to offer places to the other sibling(s) in the birth group.

Please click the link below for a full version of the current BwD admissions policy:

[BwD Secondary Schools Admissions Booklet 2018](#)

Admissions arrangements comply with the 'Schools Admissions Code' and 'School Admissions Appeals Code'.

**If you would like your child to attend Darwen Vale, or to find out more about the admission process, contact:**

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If you would like to visit Darwen Vale or discuss any details regarding your child's education, contact

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