

Inglehurst Junior School Admissions Policy

Places will be allocated to pupils who have a statement of SEN which names the school as the appropriate provision.

If there are more places available at a school than there are applications, every child who wants a place at the school will be offered a place.

Where there are more applications for places than there are places available, priority will be given according to the oversubscriptions criteria shown on the table below.

1	Children in the care of a Local Authority and previously looked after children.
2	Children who are on the “ list of children subject to child protection plans” and need to attend an alternative school to avoid the abuser.
3	Children who both live in the catchment area served by the school and have a sibling still attending the school at the time of their application and admission.
4	Other children living in the catchment area at the time of application and admission.
5	Children who do not live in the catchment area served by the school but who have a sibling attending the school at the time of their admission.
6	Children whose parents are basing their applications on religious convictions. (N.B. this criterion is only used for St. Barnabas C of E Primary School – voluntary controlled)
7	Children of parents/carers fleeing “ Domestic Violence” (subject to verification by a senior Social Worker or current City Council procedures for housing reallocation in cases of recognised domestic violence.
8	Other children whose parents have requested a place.
9	Children whose parents applied after the closing date.

Definitions of terms relating to the oversubscription criteria

Criteria 1 - A “looked after child” is a child who is (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 at the time of making an application to a school.

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

Criteria 3 and 5 – Sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or 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.

Tie Break

Within each criterion priority will be given to the children who live closest to the school. Distance will be measured on a straight line basis using a geographical information system measuring from the GEO CODE reference point for the child’s home address to the GEO CODE reference point for the school.

In the unlikely event that two applicants within a category live exactly the same distance from the school and only one place remains, the place will be offered to one applicant on the basis of lots drawn by an officer of the city council who is not involved in the administration of school admissions.

Multiple births

If the final place available at a school is offered to a twin or triplet and the remaining sibling(s) would ordinarily be refused, places will be offered to the remaining sibling(s) at the same school.

How to check your catchment area

All Community and voluntary controlled schools have catchment areas.

Your catchment area should be stated in the accompanying letter.

To check your catchment area:

View the Schools Directory, and search for the school you are interested in and view the catchment area map.

or phone the Schools Admissions Service on 0116 454 1009.