



Admissions Oversubscription Criteria

Current (entry 2022)

Oversubscription criteria

When there are more applications for Woodbrook Vale than there are places available, and after children with an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHC) have been admitted (where Woodbrook Vale is named in the Plan), the following criteria will be used to allocate places (in the order listed):

1. A **'looked after child'** or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. 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 (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).
2. Children with a **sibling** attending Woodbrook Vale at the time of application. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters
3. Children living permanently in the Woodbrook Vale **catchment area**.
4. Children currently attending a **feeder primary school** who do not live in the catchment area. The designated feeder schools are:
 - Holywell Primary School
 - Mountfields Lodge Primary School
 - Outwoods Edge Primary School
 - The Beacon Academy
5. Children of staff, where the member of staff has been employed at Woodbrook Vale on a permanent contract for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to Woodbrook Vale is made.
6. Children who live nearest to Woodbrook Vale 'as the crow flies'.

Tie Break Criteria

Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, children will be put in priority order by using a combination of the highest criterion and distance. Distances are measured in a straight line from the centre point of the property to the school's main designated front gate, using a computerised mapping system (Geocoding). Random allocation will be used in a tie-break to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and Woodbrook Vale is the same.



Some admission authorities use other criteria when allocating places. For the purposes of clarity, Woodbrook Vale does not allocate places on the basis of faith, ability or aptitude.

Woodbrook Vale may need to ask for proof of the following when applying the oversubscription criteria: address, child's date of birth, a copy of an adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order and a letter from the local authority that last looked after the child confirming that he or she was looked after immediately prior to that order being made.

All preferences are collated. Parents then receive an offer from the local authority at the highest preference school at which a place is available on 1 March or the first working day thereafter in the year in which the child will be admitted.

Proposed New Criteria (entry 2023)

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3. *Children in the Woodbrook Vale Catchment Area.*

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