

Admission Policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary and Secondary Schools 2010-11:

The policy of Rochdale LA is to admit pupils, on demand, up to a school's Published Admission Number. Where there are more applications for a school than there are places available, places will be allocated giving priority to pupils in the following order:

- i) Looked After Pupils
- ii) Pupils with a medical/psychological condition that warrants placement at that school[#]
- iii) Pupils with an older sibling* attending the school at the time of admission
- iv) Any remaining places will be decided on the basis of proximity and ease of access to the school and other schools in the area

In the case of Voluntary Controlled C of E Primary schools, priority can be claimed on religious grounds if a letter of support from the Minister of the parents' church is submitted at the time of application. This should indicate that parents regularly attend church and/or are involved in church activities.

Should the number of pupils falling into the first three categories above exceed the Published Admission Number, category iv will be used as a tie-breaker. The measure will be taken from the centre point of the pupils house to the main gate of the school applied to and to the next nearest school. Proximity is not deemed to be a simple measurement radiating out from the school either as the crow flies or as a walking route. It is moderated by the principle of ease of access which takes account of relative distance to schools as a whole and means those living further away from an alternative school will have priority. The Local Authority utilises a computer application called SCANA to measure distances utilising ordnance survey maps.

Where pupils have a statement of special educational needs, that names a specific school, the LA has a statutory duty to admit those pupils.

*- A sibling is defined as a brother or a sister, or step-brother or step-sister living at the same address as the child for whom application is being made and are in attendance at the school at the start of the academic year for which admission is sought. Sibling priority will not be given where the brother/sister or step-brother/step-sister lives at a different address to the child for whom the application is being made. No sibling priority is given to cousins, regardless of their address.

- If you consider that there are strong medical / psychological reasons for your child to attend a particular school you must attach a medical certificate /

letter from your child's own doctor to the Common Application Form at the time of application.

On receipt of the medical certificate / letter, the case will be referred to either the Consultant Community Paediatrician or the Principal Educational Psychologist for their professional advice. This is because evidence is required to show that admission to the particular school is essential.

Following receipt of advice, a place will only be allocated under this criterion if there is firm evidence that the child's needs can only be met at the school to which the parent is applying.

You should note that providing evidence does not automatically mean that a place will be allocated under this criterion.

Admission Numbers proposed for 2010

Community Primary Schools

School	Proposed Admission Number
Alkrington	60
Ashfield Valley	30
Belfield	40
Boarshaw	30
Bowlee	60
Brimrod	30
Broadfield	60
Caldershaw	30
Castleton	30
Deeplish	45
Elm Wood	58
Greenbank	60
Hamer	38
Harwood Park	45
Heap Bridge	25
Heybrook	75
Hollin	30
Hopwood	45
Kentmere	45
Littleborough	60
Lowerplace	60
Marland Hill	60
Meanwood	60
Moorhouse	30
Newhey	30
Norden	60
Parkfield	35
Sandbrook	60
Shawclough	60
Spotland	60
Whittaker Moss	35
Woodland	60

Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools

School	Proposed Admission Number
All Souls' CE	30
Little Heaton CE	30
St Andrew's CE, Dearnley	30
St Edward's CE	50
St Gabriel's CE	30
St Luke's CE	30
St Mary's CE, Balderstone	30
St Peter's CE	60
Stansfield Hall	20

Community Secondary Schools

School	Proposed Admission Number
Balderstone/Springhill	240
Falinge Park	240
Heywood Community	0
Matthew Moss	180
Middleton Technology	210
Oulder Hill	300
Siddal Moor	210

Balderstone Technology College and Springhill High School will cease to be maintained with effect from 31st August 2010 to be replaced by a new school on one of the existing sites from 1st September 2010.