

# Allensbank Primary School



## Admissions Policy

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## 6. EXPLANATION OF OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

### 6.1 Child's Details - Address

The child's home address must be used on the application, this is where the child lives for all or the majority of the school week. Please see 'Submission of documents relating to a Child's Home Address' (8.2). The Council may not accept an address given if there is no evidence that a parent for the child lives at the property.

In order to qualify as a 'child's home address,' for the purposes of admission, the child must be resident on the application submission date. If the child moves address after applying and before the date to which the child would start school, the parent must inform the Council in writing (e-mail or letter) stating the new address otherwise any school offer made will be withdrawn and a new application will be required.

If the child moves closer to an oversubscribed preference school (or moves into the catchment area from outside the catchment area) after applying, should an offer to the oversubscribed school have already been made, this offer will not be affected.

If the child moves further away from an oversubscribed preference school (or moves out of the catchment area from inside the catchment area) after applying, should an offer to the oversubscribed school have already been made, this offer may be withdrawn and a new written decision (e-mail or letter) released.

### 6.2 Looked After Children (LAC) / previously Looked After Children (pLAC)

In the case of a child looked after by a Local Authority in England or Wales (as defined by Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 and Section 74 of the Social Services and Wellbeing [Wales] Act 2014), the relevant Local Authority (corporate parent) must apply and supporting evidence (a Care Order or Interim Care Order) must be provided with the application. Following consultation on the appropriateness of the named school in light of the child's background and needs, the Council has a **duty to admit** the child to the school and give highest priority in the oversubscription criteria.

In the case of a child previously looked after by a Local Authority in England or Wales (as defined by the Welsh Government School Admissions Code document no. 005/2013), supporting evidence (a letter from the relevant Local Authority [former corporate parent]) must be provided with the application. Following consultation on the appropriateness of the named school in light of the child's background and needs, the Council has a **duty to give highest priority** in the oversubscription criteria.

### 6.3 Funded Individual Healthcare Plan (FIHP)

FIHPs are assigned to children allocated nursery funding by the Early Years Assessment Panel or the Case Advisory Panel. Multi-agency panels allocate funding to a child with identified significant and/or complex needs, through an Individual Development Plan in order that the child may be supported to access their school entitlement.

### 6.4 Residence within the defined catchment area of a school

The defined catchment areas of community primary and secondary schools can be viewed on the Council's website ([www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk)).

#### **6.5 Compelling medical/compelling social grounds**

To qualify for compelling medical or compelling social grounds, a written recommendation from a medical consultant or a social worker dated no more than 6 (six) months prior to the application submission date, must give detailed reasons for the child's admission to a particular school.

#### **6.6 Siblings**

An application will be considered under the sibling criterion if the sibling, and the applicant on admission, would be attending the same school at the same time. The Council will only consider compulsory school-aged siblings (for nursery and primary school applications this refers to Reception to Year 6 and for secondary school applications this refers to Year 7 to Year 11):

- Clearly named on the application **and**
- Resident at the same address as the child subject to the application **and**
- Attending the preferred primary school (not nursery) **or**
- Attending the preferred secondary school (not sixth form).

Sibling, for the purposes of admission, is defined as: brother/sister; half-brother/half-sister (children who share one common parent); step brother/step sister (where children are related by virtue of their parents being married, co-habiting or in a civil partnership); adopted or fostered child.

#### **6.7 Proximity**

\* This criterion is the last to be applied in all oversubscription criteria. Where the number of preferences exceed the number of places available in any higher criterion, proximity is used as a tie breaker to determine which pupils are admitted.

The Council has developed a Geographical Information System (GIS), referred to as an 'Integrated Transport Network' (ITN), configured in compliance with the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 and the Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance 2014 route determination criteria. The shortest safe available route (as defined by the Welsh Government's 'Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance June 2014') is calculated (to 4 decimal places) from the co-ordinates of an applicant's home address (determined using the Local Land and Property Gazetteer [LLPG] address point data), to the nearest open school gate using Ordnance Survey (OS) route data.

- a) Where there is no safe route available, the nearest point on the ITN to the applicant's home address will be used to calculate the shortest driving route to the nearest open school gate.
- b) Tie-breaker: Where flats use the same LLPG address point co-ordinates, the route assessment is determined from the front entrance to each flat.

For applications for pupils residing within mainland UK but outside of the area covered by the integrated transport network (ITN), residence to school distances are calculated as the shortest driving distance as evaluated using google maps.

Where applicants reside outside of mainland Britain, route distances are determined as the shortest route as determined using google maps utilising available transport types.

## **7. DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE THAT MAY BE REQUIRED FROM APPLICANTS**

The Council may ask applicants to provide **clear** and **legible** documentation (e-mail: [schooladmissions@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cardiff.gov.uk)) to prove their claim to qualify for one or more admission criteria. Where satisfactory documentary evidence is not received, a place at an oversubscribed school will not be offered based on the claimed admission grounds.

Subject to applicant's consent upon submission of the application, the evidence provided may be checked with other government agencies including (if appropriate) the child's current school.

### **7.1 Submission of documents relating to a child of UK Service Personnel or other Crown Servants**

Children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces) or other Crown Servants will be treated as resident at a future address if their application is accompanied by an official Ministry of Defence (MOD) or Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) letter declaring a definite return date and confirmation of the new home or unit postal address.

Applications for children of former UK service personnel or other former Crown Servants will be treated as all other applications.

### **7.2 Submission of documents relating to a Child's Home Address**

To prove residency at a claimed 'Child's Home Address,' the following documentation will be required.

#### **Proof of Residency at Current Address**

##### **Tenancy Agreement:**

- Tenancy Start Date must be on or before the application submission date **and** Tenancy End Date must be on or after the date to which the child would start school.

##### **Mortgage Statement:**

- Date of statement must be no more than 6 (six) months prior to the application submission date.

##### **Council Tax Correspondence (bill/letter/statement):**

- Referring to payments made in the current financial year for the property claimed as the child's home address.

##### **Utility Supplier Correspondence (electricity/gas/water bill /letter / statement):**

- Referring to payments made in the current financial year for the property claimed as the child's home address;
- Electricity and Gas (or Dual Fuel) bills must be dated no more than 6 (six) months prior to the application submission date.

**Child Benefit Correspondence:**

- Date of correspondence must be no more than 6 (six) months prior to the application submission date.

**Proof of Residency at New Address**

If a child will be moving to a new address after the application submission date and before the date to which the child would start school:

**Leased Property:**

- A new tenancy agreement will be required which must state an end date on or after the date to which the child would start school;

**Owned Property:**

- An exchange of contracts document will be required which must be dated no more than 6 (six) months prior to the application submission date.

Subject to applicant's consent upon submission of the application, the evidence provided will be checked against records held by Council Tax, Electoral Register, the child's school (if appropriate) and external organisations including credit reference agencies. If the Council is not satisfied with the evidence provided, the claimed 'child's home address' will not be accepted for the purposes of the admission request.

**7.3 Submission of documents relating to Compelling Medical Grounds or Compelling Social Grounds**

To qualify for compelling medical or compelling social grounds, a written recommendation from a medical consultant or a social worker dated no more than 6 (six) months prior to the application submission date, must give detailed reasons for the child's admission to a particular school.

Subject to applicant's consent upon submission of the application, the evidence provided may be checked with other government agencies including (if appropriate) the child's current school.

## **8. OFFERS PROCESS**

### **8.1 School Offers**

If more than one place could be offered to a child, the applicant's highest available preference school will be offered. Any other school place that could be offered, will be offered to another child.

Decisions and responses will not be relayed over the telephone. Written confirmation (e-mail or letter) will be supplied.

Any offer not accepted by the date stated on the decision notice will be withdrawn and offered to another child.

If an offer to a higher community school preference is rejected by the applicant on the basis of the applicant declaring a former lower community school preference has become their preferred school, applicants must submit a new application for this community school preference to be re-considered.

### **8.2 No School Offers**

Applicants that receive written confirmation (e-mail or letter) advising their child has not been offered any of their school preferences, will be provided with an alternative preference form, details of community schools with vacancies and (for requests for admission to an age group of compulsory school age) information regarding their right to appeal against the Council's decision.

### **8.3 Withdrawal of School Offers**

Prior to the date to which the child would start school, any place approved may be withdrawn if it is found that the child's circumstances no longer meet the grounds for admission to which they were offered the school place. A new written decision (e-mail or letter) will be released.

### **8.4 Waiting Lists**

Where an applicant has been refused admission to a community nursery, primary or secondary school, the applicant will be placed on the waiting list for the preference school unless the applicant informs the Council to remove their child from the waiting list.

Unsuccessful applicants for admission into Nursery to start from the beginning of the term following their third (3<sup>rd</sup>) birthday, will remain on the waiting list until the end of the Summer Term 2020.

Unsuccessful 'on-time' applicants for admission into Reception or Year 7 to start from the beginning of the academic year (also referred to as 'normal admissions round'), will remain on the waiting list until the end of the Autumn Term 2019.

Unsuccessful applicants for admission into Reception to Year 11 (inclusive) whose application was received outside the normal admissions round (also referred to as an 'in-year application'), will remain on the waiting list until the end of the term to which the child would start school.

Places are not prioritised on the basis of how long a child has been on a waiting list. Priority is determined in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Applications are considered in line with the criteria and any places that become



available will be allocated on that basis. A child's position on the waiting list may change as applications may be received that have a higher degree of priority under the oversubscription criteria.

Should a child be allocated from the waiting list, the applicant will be contacted by the Council and requested to confirm if they accept the place. Upon acceptance, any other school place to which the child may already be allocated will be released and reallocated to another child.

Once the waiting list expiry date has been reached, should a parent wish their child to continue to be considered for admission a new application must be submitted.

**There is no guarantee of an offer of a place at a child's catchment area school nor the school at which a sibling attends.**

## Appendix 1

### School Admission Numbers 2019/20

<b>Community Primary Schools</b>	<b>Admission Number</b>
Adamsdown Primary School	60
Albany Primary School	60
Allensbank Primary School	45
Baden Powell Primary School	60
Birchgrove Primary School	58
Bryn Celyn Primary School	30
Bryn Deri Primary School	30 <sup>(1)</sup>
Bryn Hafod Primary School	60
Coed Glas Primary School	75
Coryton Primary School	30 <sup>(1)</sup>
Creigiau Primary School (English)	29
Danescourt Primary School	60
Fairwater Primary School	40
Gabalfa Primary School	30
Gladstone Primary School	30
Glan Yr Afon Primary School	41
Glyncoed Primary School	60
Grangetown Primary School	60
Greenway Primary School	30
Ysgol Gynradd Gwaelod Y Garth Primary School (English)	7
Hawthorn Primary School	30
Herbert Thompson Primary School	60
Howardian Primary School	60
Hywel Dda Primary School	60
Kitchener Primary School	60
Lakeside Primary School	60
Lansdowne Primary School	60
Llanedeyrn Primary School	55
Llanishen Fach Primary School	60
Llysfaen Primary School	60
Marlborough Primary School	60
Meadowlane Primary School	45
Millbank Primary School	30

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Moorland Primary School	60
Mount Stuart Primary School	60
Ninian Park Primary School	90
Oakfield Primary School	60
Pencaerau Primary School	30
Pentrebane Primary School	30
Pentyrch Primary School	20
Pen-y-Bryn Primary School	30
Peter Lea Primary School	45
Pontprennau Primary School	60
Radnor Primary School	45
Radyr Primary School	60
Rhiwbeina Primary School	75
Rhydypenau Primary School	60
Roath Park Primary School	58
Rumney Primary School	60
Severn Primary School	60
Springwood Primary School	60
Stacey Primary School	30 <sup>(1)</sup>
Thornhill Primary School	60
Tongwynlais Primary School	28
Ton-yr-Ywen Primary School	60
Trelai Primary School	60
Trowbridge Primary School	30
Whitchurch Primary School	90
Willowbrook Primary School	60
Windsor Clive Primary School	60
Ysgol Bro Eirwg	60 <sup>(1)</sup>
Ysgol Gymraeg Coed-y-Gof	60
Creigiau Primary School (Welsh)	29
Ysgol Glan Ceubal	30
Ysgol Glan Morfa	60
Ysgol Gynradd Gwaelod Y Garth Primary School (Welsh)	26
Ysgol Hamadryad	60
Ysgol Gymraeg Melin Gruffydd	60
Ysgol Mynydd Bychan	30 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Community Primary Schools</b>	<b>Admission Number</b>

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Ysgol Pencae	30 <sup>(1)</sup>
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pen-Y-Groes	30
Ysgol Gymraeg Pwll Coch	60
Ysgol Gymraeg Treganna	90
Ysgol y Berllan Deg	60 <sup>(1)</sup>
Ysgol Y Wern	75
Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Caerau	30
Ysgol Pen Y Pil.	30
<b>Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools</b>	<b>Admission Number</b>
St Mellons C.W. Primary School	15
<b>Voluntary Aided Primary Schools</b>	<b>Admission Number</b>
All Saints C.W. Primary School	30
Bishop Childs C.W. Primary School	30 <sup>(1)</sup>
Christ The King R.C. Primary School	30
Holy Family R.C. Primary School	35
Llandaff C.W. Primary School	60
St Alban's R.C. Primary School	30
St Bernadette's R.C. Primary School	30
St Cadoc's R.C. Primary School	45
St Cuthbert's R.C. Primary School	22
St David's C.W. Primary School	30
St Fagans C.W. Primary School	30
St Francis R.C. Primary School	55
St John Lloyd R.C. Primary School	45
St Joseph's R.C. Primary School	30
St Mary The Virgin C.W. Primary School	60
St Mary's R.C. Primary School	37
St Monica's C.W. Primary School	20
St Patrick's R.C. Primary School	45
St Paul's C.W. Primary School	30 <sup>(1)</sup>
St Peter's R.C. Primary School	75
St Philip Evans R.C. Primary School	52
Tredegaville C.W. Primary School	30
<b>Community Secondary Schools</b>	<b>Admission Number</b>
Cantonian High School	181
Cardiff High School	240
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Cardiff West Community High School	240
Cathays High School	165
Eastern High	240
Fitzalan High School	300 (Yrs 7-8) & 286 (Yrs 9-11)
Llanishen High School	300
Radyr Comprehensive School	210
Willows High School	224
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf	240
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr	180
Ysgol Bro Eder	180
<b>Foundation Secondary Schools</b>	<b>Admission Number</b>
Whitchurch High School	390
<b>Voluntary Aided Secondary Schools</b>	<b>Admission Number</b>
Bishop of Llandaff C.W. High School	180
Corpus Christi R.C. High School	186
Mary Immaculate R.C. High School	159
St Illtyd's R.C. High School	176
St Teilo's C.W. High School	240

**It should be noted that in progressing school reorganisation proposals, some admission numbers may need to change.**

<sup>(1)</sup> It is proposed to maintain the current admission number for **2019** as allowed by WG regulations, pending extensive discussions with Head and Governors to agree an appropriate way forward within the context of demand for places and the capacity of the premises.