

Bullers Wood School for Girls Admissions Appeals

Frequently Asked Questions

How many appeals have been successful in previous years and did this result in the school having to exceed its Published Admissions Number?

2021 – 27 appeals, 3 upheld

2020 – 2 appeals, 1 upheld

2019 – 14 appeals 1 upheld

2018 - 8 appeals 1 upheld

2017 – 8 appeals 1 upheld

How do you measure the home/school distance and how do you ensure it is correct?

Bromley Admissions administers our allocation of school places and they provide and check the home/school distance. They will provide a statement about each student appealing and how the admissions criteria have been applied in their case.

My child has a cousin attending the school, are they considered under the sibling criterion?

Cousins are not considered as siblings. Siblings are defined as:

Sibling refers to sister or brother, half sister or brother, adopted sister or brother, step sister or brother, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address. The elder sibling must still be on roll at Bullers Wood Multi Academy Trust when the younger child starts school.

Sibling applications will only be accepted for siblings of students in Years 7 to 10 and siblings of Year 11 students who are committed to staying on to the 6th form. Sibling applications will not be accepted for siblings of students in Year 13.

I know of children who live further away from my home that attend this school, why has my child not been offered a place?

How far the school is able to offer under the distance criterion is dependent on the applicants who applied, what criterion that they are considered under and where they live.

School	2019	2020	2021
Bullers Wood Girls	1.377mile	1.576mile	1.26 mile

I put your school down as my 1st preference but have not been offered a place, but my friend put you down as a lower preference and has been offered a place; why?

Schools are not allowed to know the preference where they have been placed on the common application form, only the LA are aware of this. All applicants are considered under the school's published Admissions criteria. If 2 or more school can offer the child a place then the local authority will look at the preferences and offer places to the highest preference school.

How does the waiting list work?

All children that apply to the school and have not been offered a place go on the waiting list unless they have been offered a place at a school they listed as a higher preference. Places are offered from the waiting list as they become available as per the admissions criteria. An applicant's place on the waiting list can change from day to day as new applicants are added to the list.

If I appeal, will it change my place on the waiting list?

No

My child has not been offered any of the schools we applied for and the LA have given us a school that is too far for him/her to travel.

Unfortunately, this indicates that you have not met the distance criteria of all the schools that you applied to attend. They were unable to accommodate your child as others that lived closer would have been offered the places that were available. There are limited places available at each school and unfortunately places cannot be offered to all pupils who are within walking distance to the school. It is the LA's responsibility to ensure that every child has a school place and will therefore offer a school that has a vacancy.

I have to work and my family member/friend who has children attending this school has agreed to support me with the school runs, do you take this into consideration?

We are unable to take such matters into consideration. We have set admissions criteria to ensure every child an equal opportunity.

You are my closest school; I can't understand why my child has not been offered a place?

Your child has been considered under the distance criterion. The furthest distance we were able to offer this year was 1.266 miles. You must live further than this distance and therefore this is the reason your child was not offered a place.

The school my child has been offered will be a difficult journey for them; is this taken into consideration?

Journey time is not taken into consideration. If we took all such matters into consideration for every child, we would not be able to apply the admissions criteria fairly and without discrimination.

My child is high achieving; is this taken into consideration?

We are a non-selective school. All applicants are considered under the published admissions criteria.

Information on the appeals process can be found at:

[School Admission Appeals Code 2012](#)