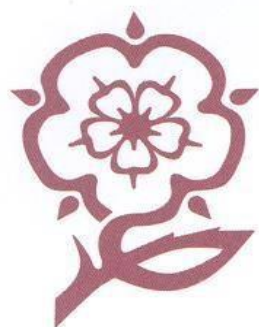


Bullers Wood School Multi-Academy Trust

Bullers Wood School for Girls Admissions Policy 2021-2022



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On 29 October 2021, the Board of Trustees agreed to vary this policy under Paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7 of the School Admissions Code 2021 to give effect to new requirements of that Code (which came into effect on 1 September 2021) and to address other areas that were not fully compliant. Consent was not required for these variations, which have been highlighted in green.

Policy created by: Headteacher	Date of adoption: February 2021	Date to be Reviewed: November 2021	To be reviewed by: Governing Board
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Admissions Policy for Entry – September 2021-2022

The closing date for applications to Year 7 for September ~~will be in line with Bromley guidelines is 31 October 2020~~. Applications must be made on the Common Application Form which is available on-line at www.bromley.gov.uk.

Places will be offered in line with the ~~Local Authority's~~ coordinated scheme for admission in the normal admissions round (Scheme).

Year 7

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 7 is 232.

The published admission number is inclusive of students with a statement of special educational needs or EHC (Education Health Plan) that are admitted to the School pursuant to the School being named in part 4 of their statement.

If the year group is oversubscribed places will be given (in the numbered order of the criteria) to students as follows:

1. ~~Children~~ Looked After and Previously Looked After ~~Children~~

- a. A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority in England, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. ~~These children must still be "CLA" when the child starts school unless (b) applies.~~
- b. ~~a~~ 'previously looked after child' is a child who was ~~previously~~ looked after (as defined above) but, immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order, or a child who appear to the Trust to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

2. Sibling

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~~ School for Girls or Bullers Wood School (for boys) 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.

3. Children of Staff

Staff children are the children of staff who have been employed directly by Bullers Wood Multi Academy Trust to work at Bullers Wood School for Girls for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the School is made, or a member of staff who has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which, in the judgement of the Governing Body's Admissions' Committee, there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

4. Proximity

Other children will be prioritised according to the distance they live from the school. Proximity will also be used to prioritise pupils in criteria 1, 2 and 3 above if the school becomes oversubscribed in either criterion.

Distance will be measured (in a straight line) from the child's home address (including flats) to the front entrance of the school building, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system that identifies the unique national grid reference (Easting and Northing) for the home property. Those living closer to the school will receive the higher priority. The furthest distance reached is checked to confirm it is unique. Where the next applicant measures the same, the system will go to further decimal places within a measurement to qualify who is nearer. Permanent address does not include short term rentals of less than a year. Documentary proof will be required that this is the principal place of residence. It is expected that the applicant and pupil will still be resident at the same address when the child starts school. Places may be withdrawn if the family move out of the proximity area covered by the school.

"Child's home" being where the child normally resides as their only or principal residence. Addresses involved in child minding (professional or relatives) are excluded.

Tie-Break If in categories 21-4 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to the front door of the school in a straight line. Where two or more children are equal distance from the School, places will be randomly allocated by drawing of lots.

Children of Multiple Births

Multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place will be admitted and exceed our Published Admission Number (PAN).

Where a girl who is part of a multiple birth (twin or triplet), or sibling born within the same academic year, has not been offered a place at Bullers Wood School for Girls but the twin/triplet or sibling born within the same academic year, has been offered a place at Bullers Wood School for Boys through proximity:

Once the place has been accepted at the linked school, the Bullers Wood School for Girls applicant will be considered under the sibling criteria in the reconciliation round before the twin/triplet or sibling born within the same academic year starts at the linked school in September. However, if the place at Bullers Wood School for Boys is subsequently declined, and the proximity at Bullers Wood School for Girls has not reached the address, then the Bullers Wood School place will be rescinded.

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) are dealt with under a separate process by the [child's home](#) Local Authority's Special Educational Needs Team. The policy provides for applications to be considered before the main allocation process begins.

In Year Admissions (Years 7 to 11)

An 'in-year application' is one which is made on or after the first day of the school year in Year 7, or at any time for Years 8 to 11.

The Local Authority co-ordinates all In Year applications. To apply for a secondary school place ~~other than at secondary transfer, ie. for current Year 7 to current Year 11 in-year~~, the In Year Secondary Application Form can be downloaded or collected from main reception at Bromley Civic Centre (Monday- Friday 08.30-1700).

The Local Authority process applications for Bromley secondary schools from residents of all local authorities. View or download the Education - Finding your place leaflet for more information.

Any parent can apply for a place at the School at any time. The Local Authority/School will not prevent an in-year application being made on the basis that there are no places available in the year group sought.

The application will be processed and, if there is a place available within the PAN (Year 7 only), it will be offered. In respect of Years 8 to 11, a place will only be offered where this will not prejudice the provision of efficient education or efficient use of resources.

Where multiple in-year applications are received and processed at the same time, and some but not all of the applicants can be offered a place, the oversubscription criteria set out above will be applied.

All in-year applications will be processed and the outcome notified to parents in writing (with reasons and details of the right of appeal, where the application is refused) within a maximum of 15 school days of receipt.

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, please do not complete an in year application form but contact ~~the~~your home Local Authority's Special Educational Needs team.

Children directed via Fair Access Protocol will take precedence over any child already on the School waiting list and this includes admitting children over the published admissions number.

Year 12

The School will make available sufficient places for all its existing Year 11 students meeting the Sixth Form admissions criteria. In addition, there will be a minimum of 40 places available for external applicants who meet the same criteria.

In the event of over-subscription, the criteria set out in points 1 to 4 will apply.

Students not offered a place into Year 12 have the right to appeal. Those wishing to appeal should register their intention to do so, by sending a letter addressed to the School c/o The Clerk to the Independent Appeals Panel within 30 days of the GCSE results day.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. The School will consider each request on its merits, taking into account the individual circumstances of the case, the child's best interests, the views of the Headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent. We will ensure the parent is aware of whether the request for admission out of age group has been agreed before final offers are made.

Late Applications

A 'late application' is one which was made in the normal admission round after the application closing date and before the first day of term in September, but not in time for the Local Authority to offer a place on National Offer Day.

Late applications may be made to the Local Authority and will be maintained in order of the over subscription criteria. Any student not offered a place will be placed on a waiting list and will have the statutory right to appeal. Please note that position on the list is *only* in accordance with the over subscription criteria: a late application cannot be given a lower priority simply on that basis as this would discriminate against the child.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. Appellants should refer to our website for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at www.bwsgirls.org.

Waiting lists

There is a waiting list in operation for each year group.

Where ~~in any year~~ the school receives more applications for places than there are places available for Year 7 applications, a waiting list will operate until 31st December. This is maintained by the Local Authority and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant (i.e. where a place becomes available within the PAN in Year 7, or the Trust determines that it can admit an additional child/children without prejudicing the provision of efficient education or efficient use of resources in Years 8 to 11) they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

Those wishing to remain on the waiting list for Year 7 after the 31st December should contact the Local Authority Admissions Team on 020 8313 4044.