



**BIDDULPH
HIGH
SCHOOL**



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12 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers and other interested parties

Re: Consultation on Biddulph High School Admissions Arrangements 2024-25.

The Local Governing Body, as the admission authority for Biddulph High School, is consulting on our proposed admissions arrangements for 2024-25 in line with the School Admissions Code 2021.

The consultation period will run for 6 weeks **from 12 December 2022 to 23 January 2023 at noon**. During the consultation period parents and carers, neighbouring schools, the local community and other interested parties are invited to express their views on the proposed changes. Please address any comments in writing to the Headteacher using the contact details below.

We are proposing the following changes after an initial review of our Admissions Policy by our Local Governing Body:

- **Oversubscription criteria (see Appendix 1)**

The proposed Admissions Policy for 2024-2025 at Biddulph High School can be viewed on our website at <https://biddulphhigh.co.uk/> or can be requested as a hard copy using the contact details below.

By post to:

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By email to:

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Yours Sincerely,

Liz Robinson,
Headteacher, Biddulph High School

John Hunter,
Chair of Local Governing Body, Biddulph High School



Appendix 1

Proposed oversubscription criteria

In accordance with legislation, after applicants with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan* which names the school have been admitted, priority for any remaining places will be given to those children who meet the oversubscription criteria set out in the priority order below. If there is oversubscription within a criterion and all children within that criterion cannot be admitted within the PAN of 211, places will be allocated in accordance with the remaining criteria. For example, if all children within criterion 4 cannot be accommodated, children within this criterion will be prioritised in accordance with criterion 5 () and 6 ().

1. Children in care or children who ceased to be in care because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order).
2. Children living within Biddulph High School's catchment area**.
3. Children who have an elder sibling in attendance at Biddulph High School and who will still be attending the school at the proposed admission date***
4. Children who attend James Bateman Middle School or Woodhouse Academy - defined as major contributory middle schools
5. Children of staff at Biddulph High School where the member of staff has been:
 - employed for two or more years at the time of application or
 - recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
6. Children arranged in order of priority according to how near their home addresses is to the main gate of the school on Conway Road, determined by a straight-line measurement as calculated by the local authority's geographical information system. ****
7. Children with exceptional medical or social needs.
8. If we cannot distinguish between applicants using the criteria listed, such as in the case of children who live in the same block of flats, then the child or children who will be offered the available spaces will be randomly selected. This process will be independently verified.

Previous oversubscription criteria

- a) Children in care and children who ceased to be in care because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order), including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- b) Students living within the catchment area of the preferred school
- c) Students who have an elder sibling in attendance at the preferred school Biddulph High School and who will still be attending the school at the proposed admission date; (For admission purposes, a brother or sister is a child who lives at the same address and either: have one or both natural parents in common; are related by a parent's marriage; are adopted or fostered by a common parent or are unrelated children who live at the same address, whose parents live as partners). The Academy reserves the right to ask for proof of relationship.
- d) Students who satisfy both of the following tests:
Test 1: they are distinguished from the great majority of applicants either on medical grounds or by other exceptional circumstances. Medical grounds must be supported by a medical report, (obtained by the parents). It must clearly justify, for health reasons only, why it is better for the child to attend the preferred school rather than any other school. Exceptional circumstances must relate to the choice of school Biddulph High School, i.e. the circumstances of the child, not the economic or social circumstances of the parent. They should be supported by a professional report, e.g. social worker, justifying why it is better for the child to attend the preferred Biddulph High School rather than any other school.
Test 2: They would suffer hardship if they were unable to attend the preferred Biddulph High School. Hardship means severe suffering of any kind, not merely difficulty or inconvenience, which is likely to be experienced as a result of the child attending a different school. Parents must provide detailed information about both the type and severity of any likely hardship.



- e) Students who attend certain primary Woodhouse Middle School or James Bateman Junior High School defined as major contributory primary Middle schools. (See Additional Notes below.)
- f) Other students arranged in order of priority according to how near their home addresses are to the main gate of the school, determined by a straight-line measurement as calculated by the Local Authority's Geographical Information System for Biddulph High School. Where it is not possible to accommodate all students applying for places within a particular category then the Directorate Biddulph High School will allocate the available places in accordance with the remaining criteria. If for instance, all the catchment area children cannot be accommodated at a school, children who are catchment area children and satisfy category (c) will receive offers of a place, followed by children who live in the catchment area and satisfy category (d), etc.
- g) Since 2014, if Biddulph High School is named on a statement of EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plans) the child will be admitted and this will reduce the number of places available for admission.

