

ANNEX 1

Admission Arrangements for Community Primary Schools

These rules apply to the following schools:

Alexander First	Furze Platt Junior	Oldfield Primary
Alwyn Infant	Hilltop First	South Ascot Village Primary
Cookham Rise Primary	Homer First	Waltham St Lawrence Primary
Courthouse Junior	Kings Court First	Wessex Primary
Dedworth Green First	Larchfield Primary	Woodlands Park Primary
Ellington Primary	Lowbrook Primary	Wraysbury Primary
Furze Platt Infant	Oakfield First	

The demand for places at Royal Borough schools means that the LA must operate admission rules to ensure the allocation of places is fair, objective and for the benefit of all children.

If your child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs, naming a particular school, they are required to be admitted to that named school.

For all other applicants the following rule will then be applied:

- 1) Looked After Children (a child who is in the care of the Local Authority).
- 2) Children of compulsory school age whose home address is in the area served by the school.
- 3) Children of compulsory school age who have brothers or sisters still attending the school when the applicant would enter the school *. (In the case of infant and junior schools, attendance of an elder sibling at either the infant or junior school qualifies as a sibling for the partner school **.)
- 4) Children of compulsory school age who have strong medical or social grounds for admission ***.
- 5) Children of compulsory school age whose parents have any other reason for their choice.

* Brothers or sisters: this includes a half, step, adopted or fostered child permanently living in the same family unit.

** The schools concerned are Furze Platt Infant and Junior; Alwyn Infant and Courthouse Junior.

*** The following descriptor relates to the strong medical or social grounds' rule: e.g. serious social problems in the family, or any chronic medical condition affecting the pupil that only the preferred school can deal with. These reasons must be fully supported at the time of application by written confirmation from the professional person involved in the case.

Please note: If a school does not have places for all the children in a particular rule, the borough applies tiebreakers to prioritise places. For category 2 places will be prioritised as follows:

1. Children who have older brother(s) or sister(s) at the school, when the applicant would enter the school.

If there are still not enough places for all the children in rule 2 once the sibling tiebreak has been applied, applications will be prioritised using the second tiebreak.

2. Proximity to the school, measured as the straight-line distance between home and school using a mathematical formula mapping system based on Ordnance Survey.

This second tiebreaker will also be used to prioritise applications if there are insufficient places for all children in rules 3, 4 or 5.

Where demand exists, places are allocated up to a school's Admission Number. The law does not permit places to be reserved for pupils moving into a schools designated area.

Notes

(a) In some cases a **tie-breaker** will be required within a particular category. If a school does not have places for all the children in a particular category, places will be allocated on the basis of where you live in relation to the school i.e. geographical proximity (measured as the straight line distance between home and school using a mathematical formula mapping system based on Ordnance Survey). Those living nearer to the school will be placed higher than those living further away.

(b) The term **sibling** refers to children who are living in the same family unit, at the same address and for whom the applicant has parental responsibility. This will be checked as necessary before an offer is made.

(c) Those parents seeking to apply on **strong social or strong medical grounds** for admission of their child to a particular school need to ensure that the appropriate evidence, from a relevant professional, is supplied by the published closing date for admission to support their application under this category. The LA/school reserves the right to ask parents to supply further evidence of clarification where the LA considers this necessary. It will be for parents to produce this evidence at their own expense whenever necessary.

(d) If rule 3 is used the relevant pairs of Infant and Junior Schools are Alwyn Infant and Courthouse Junior and Furze Platt Infant and Junior.

(e) Where demand exists, schools admit up to their admission number and no places are reserved for pupils moving into their designated area.

(f) These arrangements take account of all of the relevant legislation, including the Education Act 2002, School Standards and Framework Act 1998, legislation on sex discrimination, race relations and disability. They also take account of the guidance provided in relevant Codes of Practice.

PLEASE NOTE: New designated areas for Holyport CE Primary School and Oldfield Primary School come in to effect from September 2009.

Applications from residents who have been permanently residing in the area* on 1 September 2008 and who already have a sibling on roll and attending Oldfield Primary School will continue to be treated as designated area applicants. The sibling must still be on roll and attending the school when the younger child would be due to start. (e.g. an application for a younger sibling to start Oldfield school during the academic year 2009/10, when the elder sibling left the school in the previous July, would not be treated as a designated area pupil. (Both pupils must be on the roll of the school at the same time).

* by the area we mean those addresses previously considered as being in the designated area for Oldfield Primary School prior to this change.