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When considering whether to make Batley Grammar School one of their choices, parents should be realistic about expectations. The Free School was very heavily oversubscribed for September 2011 entry and in the Primary Phase we were not able to offer places to all siblings.

Parents should be aware that we likewise expect to receive a very large number of applications for the September 2012 intake for both Reception and Year 7. Unfortunately, this means that there will be some very disappointed families. As the Free School cannot guarantee that a place will be available for your child it is very important that you apply to other schools as well as Batley Grammar School.

If your child is not offered a place

If your child is not offered a place at Batley Grammar School, your child will be placed on a waiting list which the school will administer. Where places become available they will be allocated in accordance with the criteria highlighted in 'Applying for a Year 7 Place'. The waiting list will remain open until 31st December 2012.

If you are dissatisfied with our admissions procedure, you will also have the right of appeal. The appeal panel will be independent of the school. The panel's decisions will be final and binding on the school. If you are considering an appeal, please contact the Admissions Secretary at the school for further information and advice.

Catchment area

The Free School does not have a 'catchment area' as such. In the Primary Phase distance is used as the final oversubscription criterion. The distance will be measured as the direct line distance ('as the crow flies') between the child's permanent address to the Free School's main entrance in Carlinghow Hill. The school will use a Global Positioning System (GPS) based Geographic Information System (GIS) to establish straight line co-ordinate point to point distance between home and school gate. The distance is measured to the exact Ordnance Survey point of each applicant's home. A child's permanent address is where he or she normally lives and sleeps and goes to school from.

Siblings

The term "sibling" means a full, step, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, but not cousins, who will be living permanently with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the Free School. To gain sibling consideration, the sibling must be older than the applicant and on the roll of the Free School. Parents will be required to produce birth certificates of both siblings to prove relationship.

Sixth Form Siblings

Sibling consideration is not given where the older sibling will be in Years 12 or 13 in September 2012.

Reserve (waiting) list

The school will hold a waiting list until 31st December 2012 for applicants who have not been offered a place. If a vacancy becomes available, places will be allocated from this reserve list strictly in order of the admissions criteria. Beyond 31st December 2012, pupils will only remain a reserve list at the written request of parents.

Appeals

Under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, parents have the right to appeal to an independent appeals panel against the decision of the admissions authority not to offer their child a place at a particular school.

The Free School received 44 appeals for the Year 7 September 2011 intake, 11 appeals for the Year 8 2011 intake and 31 Primary Phase appeals for the September 2010 intake. Of these none were upheld in Year 7, 2 were upheld in Year 8 and 1 was upheld in the Primary Phase.

Contacts

The Admissions Secretary, Mrs Rosie Gregg, is available on Wednesday afternoons 1.30-3.30 pm to help parents with their enquiries about admissions.

Sixth Form Admissions September 2012

Applications for Sixth Form are not part of the LA Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme. Places are allocated by the Free School. Application forms, a Sixth form prospectus and the Course Descriptions and Admissions Criteria are available from the Free School tel. 01924 474980.

Admissions to all other years outside the normal admissions round

Applications for places in Years 1-6 (Primary Phase) and 8-10 (Secondary Phase) should be made through the applicant's local authority as part of the co-ordinated admissions arrangements. This may be at the start of the school year or 'in-year'.

Parents who are considering making an application for other years should be well advised that all other years in the school are currently full and an application is likely to result in the child's name being placed on a waiting list until a place is vacated by another pupil/student leaving the school.

Appeals: Where the Free School is unable to offer a place, parents have the right to appeal to an independent panel against this decision.

Attendance Summary

Secondary students and Primary pupils are expected to aim for a consistently high attendance rate. Regular attendance and punctuality is essential for all students and pupils and has a direct effect on them achieving their full academic potential. We expect all secondary student and primary pupils to aim for at least 95% attendance in a school year.

Attendance figures for 2010 - 2011

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| Number of pupils of compulsory school age: | 345 |
| % attendance of pupils of compulsory school age: | 95.3% |
| % sessions missed through authorised absence | 3.7% |
| % sessions missed through unauthorised absence | 1.0% |