



Helping you complete the Free School's Registration Form

1. **Looked after child:** If the applicant is looked after by the local authority please attach a copy of the care order to the registration form.
2. **Medical and Social Needs (exceptional circumstances) criterion**

Parents and a carers applying for admission may consider that there are exceptional reasons why their son or daughter's application should be given special consideration over and above those who meet the oversubscription criteria as set out in the admissions policy.

In a request for special consideration, parents/carers must demonstrate that Batley Grammar School is the only school which can meet the child's needs. Special consideration will not be given unless the request is supported in writing with independent third party evidence from someone in a professional capacity who is qualified to speak about the exceptional circumstance. For example, medical needs must be supported by a letter from a doctor or consultant; social needs must be supported by evidence from a social worker or educational psychologist. The Free School is not able to consider any exceptional circumstances unless you make your request at the time you **first apply**.

Examples of exceptional circumstances to which the Free School is unlikely to give special consideration:

- Your child has been bullied at primary school and you make a request on the basis that the Free School is the only school able to deal with this situation. The Free School is likely to argue that other schools will also be able to deal positively and respond to your child's social needs.
- Your child's friend already attends the Free School and you could share lifts;
- Your child has a non-serious medical condition such as mild asthma. The Free School is likely to argue that medical conditions like mild asthma can also be supported in other schools;
- You would find it very convenient because the Free School is on your route to work every day.

Examples of exceptional circumstances to which the Free School may be able to give special consideration:

- Your child is profoundly deaf and you live very close to school. You may argue that for safety reasons your child needs to walk to the nearest school;
- You live close to the school and your child has a serious medical condition which may require immediate hospital treatment in the event of a acute attack.