

## **Admission rules for Community and Voluntary-Controlled schools – for September 2017**

Once places have been allocated to children with an Educational Health and Care Plan (Statement of Special Educational Needs), the remaining places will be allocated in the following order:

**Rule 1-** Looked After children.

**Rule 2-** Children who have exceptional medical or social needs, which can only be met at that school, supported by written evidence from an appropriate professional person.

**Rule- 3** Children living within the catchment area of the school.

**Rule 4 - For the main point of entry:** Siblings of children who are attending the school or a 'linked primary' school in Year R to Year 5 at the time the allocations are made (March 2017), and are expected to be on the school roll or linked school roll at the time of the proposed admission, or who have already been offered a place to start in the current academic year at the school or a 'linked primary' school.

**For immediate in year admission after the normal point of entry:** Siblings of children who are in Year R to Year 6 at the time of admission to the school.

**Rule 5 -** Children attending a primary school linked to the school named in the list of 'linked primary' schools at the time allocations are made (March 2017). This rule does not apply to those applying for a place in Reception.

**Rule 6 -** Once the above rules have been applied, then any further places will be offered in distance order, using the distance between the family's Normal Home Address and the school's nearest entrance gate, offering the closest first. We use straight line distance.

Where a school can take some, but not all, of the children who qualify under one of these rules, we will give priority to children by taking account of the next rule (or rules) in the numbered list to decide who has priority for places.

For example, places are offered to catchment siblings before children living in the catchment area without siblings. In each case, distance is used to prioritise which children should be offered places.

If it is not possible to decide between two applicants who are equidistant then in all cases including flats and apartments, where addresses are equidistant an independently scrutinised random allocation will be made to allocate the final place.

Further information on admissions and an explanation of the terms used in the admissions policy can be found on the Buckinghamshire County Councils website [www.buckscc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/admissions)