

Secondary Schools

2026-27

Closing date 31 October 2025



DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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Timetable for applications to start secondary school for the school year 2026-2027

12 September 2025	▶	Online applications can be made by logging on to Bradford Council's website, www.bradford.gov.uk/admissions and clicking on 'Apply now for a place at school'. Booklets are available from your child's primary school.
31 October 2025	▶	Closing date for all applications.
2 March 2026	▶	If you have applied online, you will receive an email informing you which school your child has been offered (unless you opt out of this service). If you applied on a paper form you will be sent a letter informing you which school has been offered after 2 March 2026.
16 March 2026	▶	Deadline to return acceptance slips and waiting list forms (if required).
13 April 2026	▶	Deadline for the return of appeal forms.
April 2026 onwards	▶	Re-allocations from waiting lists if places become available.
May – July 2026	▶	Appeal hearings take place.

Closing date for applications is 31 October 2025

This deadline is important. If you do not apply by this date, it is unlikely that your child will get a place at your preferred school.

Online applications

You can apply for a school place online by visiting the Bradford Council website: **www.bradford.gov.uk/admissions**

There are many advantages of applying online:

- It's quick, easy and secure
- It's available 24 hours a day, seven days a week from 12 September 2025 until the closing date on 31 October 2025, and you can apply from home, work, a library or from your mobile phone as long as you have an email address.
- You will get an email to confirm that your application has been received.
- The system helps you by checking for mistakes.
- You can view your application at any time and make changes up to the closing date.
- There is no need to fill in a paper application form.
- You will receive an email on 2 March 2026 to tell you the result of your application (unless you opt out of this service). If you applied on a paper form you will be sent a letter informing you which school has been offered after 2 March 2026.

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Introduction

This booklet tells you about the secondary schools in the district and how you can find out more about them. It explains how we deal with your request for your child to start secondary school and gives advice about how you can get financial help with paying for travel.

We have written this booklet for you if you have a child who is due to start Year 7 at secondary school in September 2026. These are children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015. We hope you find this booklet useful in helping you decide on a school for your child.

We have split the booklet into five sections.

- The first contains general information.
- The second contains advice on where to view policies on admissions (decisions schools make on which children they take).
- The third contains details about every secondary school in the Bradford district.
- The fourth contains information on where to view school priority areas.
- The fifth contains information on Atypical Age of Entry.

The majority of secondary schools are academies and it is the school governing body that makes decisions on who to offer places to. You can find details of these in section 3.

If you would like general information about schools, you should go to their open evenings or look at their websites. If you need information about applying for schools, please contact the Admissions Team at the address below.

**City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council,
Department of Children's Services, Admissions Team,
Britannia House, Hall Ings, Bradford, BD1 1HX**

If you have any questions about assistance with travel, you can contact the School Travel Assistance Team by phoning **01274 439450** or emailing them at **schooltravel@bradford.gov.uk**

The council's website, **www.bradford.gov.uk** gives general information on all the schools in the Bradford area. You may download a copy of this booklet from there.

You can get advice on free school meals from any council advice and information centre, phoning **01274 432772** or from the council's website.

We have used the term 'parent' throughout this booklet to refer to the person or people who are legally responsible for the care of a child.



Many schools are popular and oversubscribed so it is important that you are fully aware of the admission process and ensure your application is completed properly and on time. We will do our best to offer you a place at one of the schools you list on your application form. Last year around 94% of children starting secondary school were offered a place at one of their preferred schools.

This booklet was accurate at the time of publication (September 2025). However, it is possible there could be some changes before, during and after the 2026/2027 school year.

Co-ordinated admission arrangements

Under the Education Act 2002, local authorities (LAs) must draw up a scheme which co-ordinates admission arrangements for all secondary schools (but not special schools) in their area.

Our co-ordinated admission arrangements make sure that every parent of a pupil living in the Bradford local authority area who has applied for a secondary school place during the normal admission round receives an offer of one school place on the same day. Each authority exchanges information about any preferences for a school outside the LA in which the pupil lives with the 'home' authority.

You can apply for up to five secondary schools on-line or on a form (known as the 'common application form') if the child is offset. We have fully co-ordinated admission arrangements

with Calderdale, Kirklees, North Yorkshire and Leeds authorities. We also co-ordinate with other local authorities in England. This means that after information has been exchanged, if more than one LA can offer a place at a preferred school, the 'home' authority will offer a place at the school which you have ranked highest.

All offers of a secondary school place will be sent by email or letter to parents on 2 March 2026.

How do I decide which schools to apply for?

Information from schools

Every secondary school has their own website which gives a lot of information on the day-to-day running of the school. See section 3 for school website addresses.

Bradford Council website

Look at 'School Finder' to locate the schools in your area. You can also view school priority area admission maps.

Visiting schools

Before you decide on a particular school, you should visit the schools in your area.

Other information to consider

If you would like information on how particular schools are performing, you can get a summary of the latest Ofsted report on their website

www.ofsted.gov.uk

You can find information on the school's exam results on www.gov.uk or on the school's website.

Section 3 gives you information on the schools in the Bradford district and details of their applications for last year.



Types of schools

There are four types of secondary school in Bradford. It is important to know which type of school you would like your child to go to because different people are responsible for making decisions on which children to admit. Either we, as the local authority, or the school governors decide who gets a place. Voluntary-aided, foundation, trust schools, free schools and academies have their own oversubscription rules. These are the rules used when there are too many children for the number of places available at the school.

The following list tells you who is making the decision for the particular type of school. Applications for all schools must be made on the online common application form.

Some schools require parents to complete supplementary information forms. These are used if you are applying for faith reasons or to register for the fair banding assessment.

Please refer to Section 3 (page 17) which lists the type of each school.

Academies/Free School

These are state schools, independent of the local authority, and funded directly from the Department for Education.

Community schools

These are schools which the Local Authority provides the funding for and who are responsible for deciding who gets a place.

Voluntary-aided schools

The Local Authority provides funding for these schools but the governors are responsible for deciding who is given a place at the school.

Foundation and Trust schools

The Local Authority provides the funding for these schools but the governors decide who is given a place.

How does this information help me?

Read this booklet: before you apply for any schools, it is important to get a realistic idea of whether your child is likely to be offered a place. This guide provides a lot of information to help you, such as:

- a link to the admission criteria for each school (these are the rules under which applicants are considered) and who makes the decisions;
- how many applications there were last year and how the places were allocated;
- the total number of places at the school; and
- a link to maps showing school priority admission areas.

Be realistic: although we will do all we can to give you the school you want, we cannot guarantee a place. Demand for schools varies each year, and the fact that your neighbour was offered a place last year does not mean you can rely on being given a place this year. Many schools are oversubscribed, in other words they receive more applications than they have places to offer. We strongly advise you to apply for five schools and include the one you live closest to or the school in whose priority admission area you live (if

applicable) as one of your preferences.

Make your preferences count: You should apply for five secondary schools. If you only apply for one school, you will only be considered for that school and will be wasting the opportunity to be considered for any others. You will only be able to put your child's name on the waiting list or appeal for schools that you have applied for. Last year, 94% of children were offered one of their preferred schools.

The school I would like is in another local authority – what should I do?

If you live in the Bradford district and want your child to go to a school outside the area, you must still apply on-line on the Bradford common application form. If you live outside the Bradford district, you can apply for any of our schools. However, you must apply to your 'home' authority. There is a list of our neighbouring authorities at the back of this booklet.

Do not apply for private schools via this system. Apply direct. If you secure a place at a private school please advise us in writing.

How do I apply?

You will find a full timetable of important dates on the inside front cover.

Applying online is the best way to apply. If you apply online you will receive the offer of a school place on 2 March, by email and will not have to wait for the postal services (unless you opt out of receiving any emails).

If your child is currently in year 6, but was not born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, please contact the Admissions Team for a paper application form. You will be unable to apply through the online system.

If you are unable to apply online, please contact your primary school who can assist parents with the online system. Parents can also contact the Admissions Team for assistance from an officer who will discuss the issues and decide if a paper form is required. The closing date for all applications is 31 October. You should not rely on the post to ensure your form is received, you may wish to send it recorded delivery.

We strongly advise you to use all five preferences and include the school you live closest to and/or the school in whose priority admission area you live (if applicable) to maximise your chances of being offered a locally accessible school.

You can apply for any school in the Bradford district or outside the district except fee paying schools. You should find out about the admission arrangements for each school by visiting the school's website or reading their admission policy.

If you are applying for a selective school in another local authority please consider using all five preferences on your child's application.

Supplementary information forms (SIF)

If you are applying for a Catholic school, Bradford Forster Academy, Feversham Girls' Secondary Academy or Immanuel College on faith grounds, you must also fill in the school's supplementary information form (SIF). You must fill in a SIF for each faith school that you are applying for and return them to the school by 31 October. If you do not do so, your child will be considered for a place within another category of the admission policy. Contact the schools for more advice. Supplementary information forms (SIFs) are available from the schools or can be downloaded from the council's website.

Please remember that you must also list these schools on the application you submit to your child's home authority.

Fair banding assessments

If you are applying for Dixons City Academy, Dixons Kings Academy, Bradford Girls' Grammar, Carlton Bolling and/or Trinity Academy Bradford, you will need to complete the schools' own supplementary information forms in order to register for the 'fair banding' assessments. This is because their admission policies state that their pupils must come from a wide ability range. To achieve this, all applicants need to take an assessment to divide them into different ability bands. The schools then admit the required number from each band based on the spread of ability of those applying. Please remember that you must also list these schools on the application you submit to your child's home authority.

If you are applying for Dixons City Academy or Dixons Kings Academy you must fill in their supplementary information form and return it to the relevant academy no later than

3.30pm on Tuesday 30 September 2025. If you return the form by the deadline, your child will be invited to sit an assessment at the school on Saturday 11 October 2025.

If you are applying for Bradford Girls' Grammar School, you must fill in the school's supplementary information form by Friday 31 October 2025. Your child will then be invited to sit an assessment (proposed date Saturday 22 November 2025).

If you are applying for Carlton Bolling you must fill in their supplementary information form by Tuesday 30 September 2025. If you return the form to the school by the deadline, your child will be invited to sit an assessment on Saturday 4 October.

If you are applying for Trinity Academy Bradford you must complete and submit the Fair Banding Registration Form by the deadline of Monday 22 September 2025. Your child will be invited to sit the assessment on Saturday 11 October 2025.

How do I fill in the online common application form?

It is important that you read this booklet before applying. If you need more help to fill in the form, please contact the Admissions Team on **01274 439200**.

Child's details

Child's name and address: This should be your child's legal name and the address at which they live permanently. Where a child lives with split parents with shared responsibility, parents must decide before applying which address to use for the allocation process. You must not use the address of a relative or child minder. If you have moved or are about to move house you must send us proof of your child's permanent address.

School preferences

Name up to five schools you are prepared to consider for your child, in order of preference. Make sure that your first preference is the school you most want for your child, as this is the one we will try to offer you where possible.

Brothers and sisters: Please give details of the youngest brother or sister who is already attending the school that you want and who will still be at the school in September 2026. Include stepbrothers, stepsisters or fostered or adopted children living at the same address as your child because they will be considered as brothers and sisters too.

Reasons for your preference: It is important that you tell us anything that could affect our decision, for example:

if there are specific social or medical reasons why your child must go to a particular school, you must send us a written recommendation from your child's paediatrician, consultant or professional from Children's Services, as appropriate, by 31 October 2025. This letter must explain why the school is the only school to meet your child's needs, and why no other school could provide the appropriate support in order for your child to be prioritised under these exceptional grounds.

Children in public care

This section must only be filled in if the child is looked after by a local authority. Applications for looked after children must be made by the child's social worker, not the carer.

Previously looked after children

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order) and 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. Priority is given in every admissions policy on these grounds, if sufficient evidence is provided to the Admissions Team by the deadline date (31 October 2025).

Private fostering arrangements

If you are looking after someone else's child this could be a private fostering arrangement and the Local Authority need to be notified. Private fostering is an arrangement made by the child or young person's parent or guardian and not the Local Authority, private fostering is when a child or young person under the age of 16 (18 if the young person has a disability) is looked after for 28 days or more by someone who is not a close relative, guardian, grandparent, uncle, auntie, brother, sister and step-relatives. The Local Authority has a duty to assess and monitor arrangements to make sure the child is safe and their needs are being met. There is a legal obligation that you and/or the parent notify the Local Authority of this arrangement. Further information is available on Bradford Children and Families Trust's private fostering page (www.bradfordcft.org.uk/children-in-our-care/private-fostering)

Tel: 0800 953 0966

Email: childrens.enquiries@bradfordcft.org.uk

Parent or carer details

The application should only be made by a person with parental responsibility for the child (this means legal responsibility for making decisions about the child's welfare, education and so on). Please include a daytime contact phone number.

If you are helping a parent apply online, please ensure their details are listed in this section, not yours.

If the child is in public care the application should be made by the social worker by 31 October.

Declaration

You must sign the declaration to confirm that you have parental responsibility and that the information you have given is accurate. For on-line applications, you must confirm that the information you have provided is correct. Where separated parents have shared responsibility, only one application must be made and both parents must agree on which schools to apply for. Otherwise this could delay the application process and the local authority may decide which application to use.

If you give deliberately false or misleading information or withhold important information that could affect your application it may result in the place offered being withdrawn. You would then need to re-apply, possibly after all allocations have been made, and legal action may be taken.



How do you deal with my application?

When you apply online, you will receive confirmation by email that we have received your application. If you live outside of Bradford, you must apply to your 'home authority'.

If you have applied for a Bradford district voluntary-aided, foundation, trust school, free school or an academy, we will send the details of your application to the governors and they tell us who qualifies for a place (unless the Local Authority have a service level agreement to undertake this work on behalf of the school/academy). We also send applications to other local authorities and they tell us which children they can offer places to. For community schools, we look at the applications and use the Council's admission policy to decide which applicants will be offered a place. We also check any supporting letters you have provided that could affect the decision. **Please ensure you also fill in and return any required supplementary information forms (SIF).**

Any parents who apply online will receive an email on 2 March informing them of the result of their application (unless you opt out of receiving emails). Parents who opt out of receiving an email or who apply on a paper form will receive a letter through the post. Letters will include an acceptance slip (for Bradford Schools only) which parents need to return to the relevant school by 16 March 2026.

Am I more likely to get a place at my first preference school?

Each school you apply for will be treated as a separate application and we or the governors decide if your child qualifies for a place at each school using the oversubscription rules (see section 2). This means that, for example, if how close children live to the school is an important factor, the children living closest are most likely to be offered places, regardless of the order the school was listed on the application form. The order in which you named the schools only matters if more than one of the schools can offer your child a place. If that happens, we will offer you the school which is the higher preference.

It is important that you list five different schools – asking for just one school or naming the same school several times on the application form will not increase the chances of your child being offered a place there. You cannot appeal or be placed on a waiting list for a school that you have not applied for.

What happens if I miss the deadline or want to change my preferences?

Before National Offer Day

The closing date for you to apply is 31 October 2025. If we receive your application after this date, due to exceptional circumstances (such as a house move), it must be received by 28 November 2025 in order to be considered as 'on-time' for allocation purposes. We are also unable to accept changes to your preferences after the closing date unless there are exceptional changes in your circumstances. The deadline for changes to be submitted due to exceptional circumstances is also 28 November 2025. Late applications are considered after all on-time applications.

After National Offer Day

If you have already applied for five schools, we will not accept new preferences unless there has been a significant change in circumstances and/or you wish to apply for undersubscribed schools (schools which had availability after all preferences had been considered). If your original application listed less than five preferences, you can apply for additional oversubscribed schools (schools which had more applications considered than places available). The maximum number of original preferences plus additional oversubscribed preferences is five.

From 1 September 2026, you would be able to apply for additional preferences through the 'in-year' application process, regardless of how many schools were listed on your child's annual Year 7 application. Please see 'In-year admissions and transfers' on page 12 for further details.

Other local authority schools

We will send late applications to other admission authorities, but they may not consider them. You may need to check with the relevant authority to see how they treat late applications and changes of preferences.



Does moving house affect my application?

We hold details on all of the children attending a Bradford Local Authority school. If the address you give on your application is different from that which we have on our records, or if you move house during the application process, you will need to provide proof of your house move. Please provide a copy of your council tax bill and a minimum of two additional documents from the following - gas, electricity, phone bill and child allowance or benefit document in your name or that of your child.

When considering applications, the address that is used is the 'child's permanent address at the time of admission'.

If you expect to move by September but you are still living at your current address when you apply, we can only consider your application from the new address if you provide the following documents:

- Proof of completion on your new property and confirmation of the sale or ending of your tenancy agreement for the previous property, or
- A rental agreement on the new property and confirmation of the sale or ending of your tenancy agreement for the previous property.

We will not accept mortgage offers or letters from estate agents as proof. If your house purchase or rental has not reached a stage where you can provide these documents by 28 November 2025, we will consider your application from your current address. However, it is important that you tell us if you move house at any time, as it could affect your child's allocation. Investigations will be made if we have reason to doubt where your child lives and this could result in a place being withdrawn.

If you have applied for a school located in another local authority or have applied for a school which is its own admission authority, we cannot guarantee that they will accept changes of address which take place after the 31 October 2025.

How do you decide who is offered a school place?

Please read the admissions policies by following the link contained in this booklet.

Please also refer to the individual school websites and ensure you understand which criteria, of the admission policy, you meet and if the school requires you to submit a supplementary information form (SIF) and/or sit a fair banding assessment test.

If you do not fill in all the required forms and sit any required tests you are unlikely to be offered a place at the school, even if siblings are attending.

Parents should also check the individual school policy to see if priority is given under social and medical grounds and what proof is required, if they wish to apply under this criteria.

A number of schools have priority areas which are used as part of the admissions criteria. Please refer to Section 4 to see which schools have these.

Would you ever withdraw the offer of a school place?

Yes, but we would only withdraw the offer in limited circumstances as outlined in the School Admissions Code 2021. These are:

- if you have not accepted the place you have been offered within a reasonable time;
 - if you have deliberately made a fraudulent or misleading application (for example, you have falsely claimed that your child's permanent address is nearer to the school, which means that another child has not been offered a place that they would have qualified for, had you not applied with the incorrect information);
- or
- If your child has been offered a place by mistake and the offer should not have been made as your child does not qualify for a place

Misleading or fraudulent applications

If you apply for a school place under sibling criteria and the admission policy requires the sibling to be in attendance at the school when the younger child starts in September, then the place may be withdrawn if it is considered that you have given misleading information in your application.

Similarly, if you move house and no longer qualify for a school place as the address you applied from is not your address in September and the policy specifically says the address you must use is the address at which you live in the September, the place may be withdrawn if it is considered that you have given misleading information in your application.

What happens if I don't get the school I want?

Allocations Against Preference

If we are unable to give you any of your preferred schools, we will offer your child another school with an available place. This may include faith and single sex schools.

We decide which is the most appropriate school, taking into consideration all children without a school place and available bus routes, where possible. If you do not apply for a local school and it becomes full, you may find that the school allocated is some distance from your home and more than one bus journey.

Waiting Lists

You can ask for your child's name to go on a waiting list for any schools that you applied for. If any places become available, they will be filled in line with the admission policy and not how long the name has been on the list. Most schools' waiting lists will close on 31 December 2026. If the school is located in another local authority area, you should contact the relevant authority directly regarding the waiting list.

Please Note – Some local authorities may keep all children on the waiting lists for higher preference schools they did not qualify for places at and may alter allocations without contacting families first. If you applied for any schools located outside of Bradford district, please ensure you check that authority's process directly.

Independent Appeals



You can make a formal appeal, to an independent appeals panel for any school that you have applied for.

This is a legal process and places are not 'reserved' for appeal panels to decide which children should be given places. The year group will be full and the panel will only

consider exceptional reasons why your child should be admitted to the school above the admission number.

Appeal forms are available from the Admissions Team for all Bradford district secondary schools, except Bingley Grammar School, Dixons Allerton Academy, Dixons City Academy, Dixons Kings Academy, Dixons McMillan Academy, Dixons Trinity Academy, Eden Boys' Leadership Academy and Trinity Academy Bradford. You must contact these schools directly for an appeal form. For schools outside the Bradford district, you must contact the relevant local authority.

For any academic year you can only appeal once for a particular school, however you may request a further appeal if your circumstances have changed significantly.

We expect parents to take up any place offered by an independent appeals panel within a reasonable time, which would normally be by the beginning of the next term.

We urge you to accept a place at the school you have been offered – it will not affect your chances of getting a place at your preferred school either from the waiting list or at appeal. You could also risk your child having no school place in September.

Can I educate my child at home?

If you prefer to educate your child at home, the law allows this. However, the law says that you must make sure your child gets 'efficient full-time education suitable to her or his age, ability and aptitude and to any special needs she or he may have'.

If you plan to educate your child at home, you must tell us as we have a duty to make sure you do this properly. Please phone us on **01274 439340** or email **electiveheducation@bradford.gov.uk**



Special educational needs



What should I do if my child has special needs?

The majority of children and young people with SEN or disabilities will have their needs met within local mainstream schools or colleges. Some children and young people may require an EHC (Education Health and Care) needs assessment in order for the local authority to decide whether it is necessary for it to make provision in accordance with an EHC plan.

If your son or daughter has an Education, Health and Care Plan the SEN Assessment Team will write to you to explain the process and enclose a preference form during Year 6 and Year 11. In all other cases please complete the Common Application Form.

A small number of Secondary schools provide specialist facilities for children who have special educational needs, called Resourced Provisions which are led either by the school (RP-SL) or the local authority (RP-LA). **These can only be accessed if named in a child's EHCP.**

Resourced Provision schools employ specialist staff who can meet the needs of specific groups of pupils. The children are supported within the school wherever possible, and they also receive intensive support in small groups when needed.

Schools which have 'Resourced Provision' are:

Appleton Academy – Communication and Interaction Inc. Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Beckfoot School – Physical difficulties

Beckfoot Thornton – Learning difficulties

Bradford Academy – Communication and Interaction Inc. Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Physical difficulties

Bradford Forster Academy – Learning difficulties

Co-op Academy Grange – Communication and Interaction Inc. Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Ilkley Grammar – Communication and Interaction Inc. Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Oasis Academy Lister Park – Speech Language and Communication Needs

Parkside School – Communication and Interaction Inc. Autistic Spectrum Disorder

The Holy Family Catholic School – Communication and Interaction Inc. Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Titus Salt School – Learning difficulties

Hanson Academy – Hearing Impairment & Visual Impairment

In some instances, a child's special educational needs cannot be met in a mainstream school or a Resourced Provision. Bradford has a number of special schools. You can find details of these in section 3.

Contact the Special Educational Needs team on **01274 435750** for more information. The Bradford SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities) Local Offer is a new way of giving children and young people with SEND including behaviour and mental health from birth to 25 years and their parent carers information about what services, activities and support is available in the area you live. It will make it easier to find out what you need to know, when you need to know it. The Bradford Local Offer has been developed by children, young people, parents and carers living in the Bradford district. To view the Bradford, SEND Local Offer visit **www.localoffer.bradford.gov.uk** or telephone **01274 439261**. If you would like independent advice about special education needs provision and the decisions affecting your child in school, contact Barnardo's SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Independent Advice and Support Service) on **01274 513300**.

What can I do to help my child succeed at school?

Planning ahead for your child

Your child will probably be both excited and anxious about changing school. This is normal. Some children may need more support in managing change and challenge at this time. You, your child's primary school and the secondary school can help to prepare your child for this change.



Attendance

Your child must go to school regularly so she or he can learn, achieve and make friends. Even if your child only misses school occasionally, it can affect their progress. Regular and punctual attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for pupils to maximise their educational opportunities and outcomes later in life. It is really important that your child builds up a good pattern of attendance. Please see your child's school's attendance policy for more information.

Leave of absence in term-time

You should take all leave of absence during the school holidays. If you have to take leave of absence during term-time, you must ask permission from the Head Teacher. Head Teachers can no longer authorise any leave of absence for a holiday. Leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. If you take leave of absence in term-time without the school's permission, you may be fined or in certain circumstances prosecuted.

In-year admissions and transfers

What if my child wants to transfer to another secondary school?

Transferring schools, other than at normal transition times, can be very disruptive to your child's education and is not recommended. If you want to apply for admission into any year group after 1 September and at any other time during the school year, you must fill in an 'in-year application form'.

In Bradford, children can only change schools at the start of a full term unless there are special reasons.

In-year application forms are available from schools, from the Admissions Team or can be downloaded from the Bradford Council website www.bradford.gov.uk. If applying for any Catholic school, Barkerend Primary Leadership Academy, Eden Boys' Leadership Academy, High Craggs Primary Leadership Academy, Laisterdyke Leadership Academy, Rainbow Primary Leadership Academy, Thornbury Leadership Academy or Tong Leadership Academy please contact the school direct.

Fair Access Protocol

All local authorities must have a Fair Access Protocol (FAP) to ensure children who have no school place, and have not secured one through normal in-year admission procedures, have access to education as quickly as possible. Children admitted through the protocol are likely to be the most vulnerable and may have a history of challenging behaviour. As set out in the School Admissions Code of Practice, the operation of Fair Access Protocols sits outside the normal admission arrangements detailed in this booklet.

Financial help

Free school meals and clothing

Bradford Council no longer provides a school clothing allowance for low income families. Bradford schools have now taken on the responsibility for providing parents with support for this where appropriate. How schools provide this support will vary from school to school so parents should contact the allocated school for more information.

If your child attends a tax-payer funded school and you live in the Bradford district you may be able to get Free School Meals. Families should apply if they get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided you are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- the 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (you will need to apply directly to the School if you receive this benefit and not Bradford Council)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit with annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400

You should make your application after you have received your allocated school place.

You can get advice on free school meals at www.bradford.gov.uk/schoolmeals, by phoning 01274 432772 or by visiting any Council Enquiry Office.

Your child's journey to school

Key points to remember:

- Make sure you read and understand the Home to School Travel and Transport Policy for Children of Compulsory School Age if entitlement to school transport is important to you.
- School priority admission areas and feeder schools are not relevant to transport eligibility.
- Transport is generally only provided to the nearest available qualifying school where the distance criteria is met.
- The Council uses a GIS measuring system, no other measurement is valid.
- The priority area school for your address may not be the nearest school.
- It is vital you carefully consider the transport implications before you make your application for a school place.
- Please contact us if you need advice.

Home to school travel assistance

You should consider carefully how your child will get to and from the school(s) you apply for before you make your application for a school place.

Children will only be entitled to free travel assistance if there is an entitlement under the Council's Home to School Travel and Transport Policy for Children of Compulsory School Age. If a sibling or other local child is already in receipt of transport to a school, **this does not guarantee** that a new child will automatically qualify for transport to the same school. The policy criteria must be met in all cases.

Where there is no entitlement to travel assistance from the Council, parents are fully responsible for all financial costs and transport arrangements for their child.

The full Home to School Travel and Transport Policy for Children of Compulsory School Age can be found on our website www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/travel-assistance/assistance-with-travel-to-home-school-and-college

Please note that entitlement to travel assistance will not be assessed on the basis of priority admission areas, feeder schools or where travel assistance has historically been provided. Applications are assessed against the following criteria.

Bradford Council in accordance with its statutory duty, will provide free home to school assistance for children of secondary school age to the nearest available school to their home address, if they live 3 miles or more from that school.

It is important to note that the 'priority' or 'feeder' school for your address may not be the nearest school.

Bradford Council will measure using the shortest walking route to calculate distances to establish which is the nearest 'suitable qualifying school' to a child's home address. We determine your nearest 'suitable qualifying school' with places available at the time of allocation. If you apply outside of this time, because for example you move address; we will determine it at the time of the application. The Council uses a Geographical Information System (GIS) to measure and calculate home to school distances. **The measurements produced by the Council's GIS are the definitive distance calculations that the Council will use to determine travel assistance eligibility.**

For children from low income families, the policy is extended to provide travel assistance to any one of the three nearest state secondary schools to the home address which are between 2 and 6 miles from the home address. Children from low income groups are defined as those who are entitled to free school meals.

Entitlement is also extended to those children from low income families who are attending their nearest faith school (the child must be of that faith) which is 2 miles or more, but not more than 15 miles from home by the shortest road route. To evidence that the child is attending a school based on religion or belief, their baptism certificate or a written statement supporting the reasons for selecting a faith school must be provided.

Once eligible for assistance with travel because of low income, your child will receive assistance for the rest of the school year, subject to there being no other changes that may affect eligibility, such as a house move or change of school.

Unless the low income criteria are met, travel assistance will not be provided to a school if:

- There is any nearer school to the home for which a parent did not apply on the original admission application
- There is any nearer school which was listed as a lower preference on the original admission application
- The parent has rejected an offer of a place at any nearer school

What is the nearest school for transport purposes?

Any parent who wants to find out which school the Council considers to be their nearest school for transport purposes should send an email to schooltravel@bradford.gov.uk.

The email should state the child's name and address, asking what the Council considers to be the nearest secondary school for transport purposes to that address.

Points to remember

- An offer of a school place does not guarantee free school transport even if you live over three miles away from the school you have been offered, even if it is your priority admission area school.
- Before you apply for a school place and for travel assistance you should read the information made available to you in this booklet and the full travel assistance policy on the website: www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/travel-assistance/assistance-with-travel-to-home-school-and-college

There are currently school buses that take children to some schools in the Bradford region.

There has been a consultation by West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) this summer and there is no guarantee that all current school bus services will be the same next year.

If your choice of school requires your child to travel on a dedicated school bus and WYCA changes this service, your child's attendance at that school will be your responsibility.

with parent groups, schools and SEND professionals to change the way we deliver school travel for children with additional needs. You will need to give full details on the application form and your application must be supported by specialist advice relating to the medical or behavioural needs of your child and after consultation from the school and other agencies involved in your child's wellbeing.

Travel provision

If your child qualifies, we will usually give them a 'smart card' to travel free on the bus or train for one journey to and from school each day. If your child has additional needs and is unable to travel independently by bus or train, we may provide an escort or travel training to encourage independence, a personal budget, dedicated or specialist transport. For more detailed information on assistance with travel to school, visit the Bradford Council website, www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/travel-assistance/assistance-with-travel-to-home-school-and-college or contact the Travel Assistance Service on 01274 439450 or email schooltravel@bradford.gov.uk

Fares and passes

Reduced fares are available to pupils in full-time education travelling on all trains and most buses displaying the Metro symbol. Five to 18 year olds can buy a School Plus Ticket for travel on most buses (but not trains) at any time of the day including evenings and weekends.

For more information about reduced fares and bus and train times, phone Metroline on 0113 245 7676, open 8am to 8pm, seven days a week or visit the Metro website: www.wymetro.com/schools

How and when to apply

Complete the application form that best meets your child's circumstances:

For those wishing to apply for a bus pass please download an application form from: www.wymetro.com/schools

Those children with special educational needs, a disability or temporary medical condition can now apply online or download an application form from;

www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/travel-assistance/assistance-with-travel-to-home-school-and-college or request one from the Travel Assistance Service at schooltravel@bradford.gov.uk.

Most people apply when they have their school place confirmed. Application forms should be returned by the last Friday in May in order for us to process your application for the term starting in September.

Entitlement for children with additional needs

Children who are unable to walk to school because of their special educational needs, disability or temporary medical condition may qualify for assistance. The Council is working

Secondary school opening evenings – Questions to ask and points to consider

Questions you may like to ask during your visit:

- How is the school organised?
- How does the school group students?
- How are parents encouraged to help support their child's learning?
- How do the school's examination and assessment results compare to those of other schools?
- What range of courses and qualifications are offered at pre-16 and post-16?
- In what way are students encouraged to continue their education when they leave secondary school?
- How does the school monitor a student's progress and how often is this reported to parents?
- What special help does the school give if a student starts to find difficulty with a certain subject or area of learning?
- What special provision is made for very able students or those with particular abilities?
- How are parents expected to support the school's discipline policy?
- How many students are there in a class?
- What activities take place at lunchtime and outside school hours?
- What are the school policies in areas such as sex education, equal opportunities, religious education, collective worship and assemblies?
- What are the current pastoral support arrangements?
- How does the school deal with issues of bullying?
- What careers advice and guidance is available to students?

Points to look for when you visit with your son/daughter:

- Do we feel the school considers our visit important?
- Can we visit all the areas we feel are important?
- Have we had the chance to speak to individual members of staff and have they been happy to answer our questions?
- Are there informative displays of students' work?
- Do books and equipment seem readily available to the students?
- Does my child feel happy in this environment?
- Are staff engaging and interested in my child?

After visiting the school and reading the school booklet, think carefully about what you have found. You may want to visit a few schools before you make your final decision. You can always ask to visit schools during the school day if you want to see the school in action.

Questions to ask yourself:

- Do I live in my preferred school's priority admission area?
- Have I discussed with my child how he or she feels about the schools we have visited? What are the reasons for his or her preference?
- To what extent will I take into consideration the views of my child on which school he or she would like to attend?
- How far do I feel it is reasonable for my child to travel to school? What transport arrangements are there? Does my child qualify for help with transport costs?
- Do I want my child to attend the same school as most of their friends?
- How can I prepare myself and my child for receiving an offer of a school that I haven't preferred or is one of our lower preferences?

School Admissions Policies

Pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

The admission of pupils with an education, health and care plan is dealt with by a separate procedure. Such children will be admitted to the school named on the EHCP without reference to school admission policies.

Distances from school

In some of the admission policies in Section 2, proximity to school is used as a tie-breaker, those living the closest being given priority. The Council use a Geographical Information System (GIS) to measure and calculate home to school distances. This is a straight-line distance taken from the Ordnance Survey reference point of the home address to the main entrance of the school (unless an alternative point is specified in a specific school's policy).

Where the offer of places to those applicants with equi-distant addresses would lead to oversubscription, the decision of whom will be offered the place will be made by random selection.

Twins and siblings from a multiple birth

Where a family of twins or siblings from a multiple birth request admission and there is only one place available, the remaining siblings will also be offered places above the admission number.

Catholic means a member of a church in communion with See of Rome. A certificate of baptism in a Catholic church, or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church, will normally evidence this. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches.

Admission Policy for Entry into Sixth Form

Entry requirements are set by each school or sixth form college and full details of these can be found in the respective schools' sixth form prospectus and website. Students not currently on roll of the school who wish to join the sixth form must complete an application form and return it to the school by the date specified.

Year 11 students currently on roll at the school may proceed to Year 12 where the entry requirements are met.

To view all schools admission policies please use the following link: www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/school-admissions/school-policies-and-supplementary-information-forms



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Appleton Academy Woodside Road, Wyke, Bradford BD12 8AL Phone: 01274 600550 Email: info@appletonacademy.co.uk Website: www.appletonacademy.co.uk Ms H Jones	Academy	397 applications 199 applications considered 180 total allocations 8 SEN allocations 42 allocations from the school's primary phase 8 priority 1 allocations 29 sibling allocations 93 allocations on distance (furthest distance 2.402 miles)	180	1238	Pupils attending the academy in year 6 may automatically transfer to year 7, but an application form must still be completed with the academy listed as preference.
Beckfoot Oakbank Oakworth Road, Keighley BD22 7DU Phone: 01535 210111 Email: office@beckfootoakbank.org Website: www.beckfootoakbank.org Mrs L Hart	Academy	337 applications 196 applications considered 237 total allocations (includes 41 allocations against preference)	250	1503	
Beckfoot School Wagon Lane, Bingley BD16 1EE Phone: 01274 771444 Email: admin@beckfoot.org Website: www.beckfoot.org Mr S Wade	Academy	1219 applications 502 applications considered 270 total allocations 11 SEN allocations 5 priority 1 allocations 89 sibling allocations in priority area 17 feeder school allocations 148 non-sibling allocations in priority area (furthest distance 1.484 miles)	270	1605	
Beckfoot Thornton Leaventhorpe Lane, Thornton, Bradford BD13 3BH Phone: 01274 881082 Email: office@beckfootthornton.org Website: www.beckfootthornton.org Mrs S Trusselle	Academy	584 applications 299 applications considered 260 total allocations 13 SEN allocations 4 priority 1 allocations 35 sibling allocations in priority area 1 8 sibling allocations in priority area 2 13 feeder school allocations 83 non-sibling allocations in priority area 1 15 non-sibling allocations in priority area 2 29 sibling allocations outside of priority areas 60 allocations on distance (furthest distance 1.316 miles)	260	1272	
Beckfoot Upper Heaton Thorn Lane, Bingley Road, Bradford BD9 6AL Phone: 01274 493533 Email: reception@beckfootupperheaton.org Website: www.beckfootupperheaton.org Mr B K Dey	Academy	269 applications 107 applications considered 143 total allocations (includes 36 allocations against preference)	145	682	
Belle Vue Girls' Academy Thorn Lane, Bingley Road, Bradford BD9 6NA Phone: 01274 492341 Email: community@bvga.bdat-academies.org Website: www.bvgacademy.co.uk Mrs D Anness	Academy	293 applications 133 applications considered 165 total allocations (includes 32 allocations against preference)	180	956	
Bingley Grammar School Keighley Road, Bingley BD16 2RS Phone: 01274 807700 Email: school@bingleygrammar.org Website: www.bingleygrammar.org Mr L Weston	VA	1172 applications 436 applications considered 330 total allocations 12 SEN allocations 2 priority 1 allocations 3 staff child allocations 36 sibling allocations in priority area 71 non-sibling allocations in priority area 80 sibling allocations outside priority area 126 allocations on distance (furthest distance 3.278 miles)	300	1966	

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Bradford Academy Teasdale Street, Bradford BD4 7QJ (satnav BD4 7QR) Phone: 01274 256789 Email: info@bradfordacademy.co.uk Website: www.bradfordacademy.co.uk Ms M Savile (exec principal) Mr Rowbottom (secondary principal)	Academy	476 applications 247 applications considered 230 total allocations 20 SEN allocations 40 allocations from the school's primary phase 4 priority 1 allocations 61 sibling allocations 105 allocations on distance (furthest distance 1.502 miles)	230	1617	Pupils attending the academy in year 6 may automatically transfer to year 7, but an application form must still be completed with the academy listed as a preference. Applications for staff priority must be made directly to the school.
Bradford Forster Academy Fenby Avenue, Bradford BD4 8RG Phone: 01274 302400 Email: info@bfa.bdat-academies.org Website: www.bradfordforsteracademy.co.uk Mrs G Earles	Academy	258 applications 127 applications considered 192 total allocations (includes 65 allocations against preference)	210	969	If applying on faith grounds, applicants must also complete the academy's supplementary form and return it to the academy by 31 October 2025.
Bradford Girls' Grammar School Squire Lane, Bradford BD9 6RB Phone: 01274 545395 Email: office@bggs.bdat-academies.org Website: www.bggs.com Mrs C Foster	Free School	356 applications 118 applications considered 126 total allocations (includes 8 allocations against preference)	145	672	The closing date for the return of the supplementary information form is 31 October 2025. Applicants will be invited to sit a fair banding assessment (proposed date Saturday 22 November 2025).
Bronte Girls' Academy Bolling Road, Bradford BD4 7EB Phone: 01274 044055 Email: office@bga.iexel.org.uk Website: www.bga.iexel.org.uk Mrs R Shafquat	Free School	469 applications 228 applications considered 150 total allocations 1 priority 1 allocation 2 feeder school allocations 39 sibling allocations 2 staff child allocations 106 allocations on distance (furthest distance 1.512 miles)	150	714	
Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College Academy Reevy Road West, Buttershaw, Bradford BD6 3PX Phone: 01274 676285 Email: admin@bbec.bdat-academies.org Website: www.buttershaw.net Mr A Taylor	Academy	347 applications 230 applications considered 294 total allocations (includes 64 allocations against preference)	300	1415	
Carlton Bolling Undercliffe Lane, Bradford BD3 0DU Phone: 01274 633111 Email: admin@cb.catrust.uk Website: www.carltonbolling.co.uk Mr M Azum	Academy	788 applications 503 applications considered 300 total allocations 13 SEN allocations 7 priority 1 allocations 1 medical/social priority allocation 134 sibling allocations in priority area 1 staff child allocation 4 feeder school allocations 140 non-sibling allocations in priority area (furthest distance: 0.625 miles)	300	1630	The closing date for the return of supplementary information form (SIF) is Tuesday 30 September 2025. Applicants will then be invited to sit a fair banding assessment on the Saturday 4th October.
Carlton Keighley Greenhead Road, Keighley BD20 6EB Phone: 01535 210333 Email: admin@ck.catrust.uk Website: www.carltonkeighley.org.uk Mr M Turvey	Academy	404 applications 240 applications considered 180 total allocations 15 SEN allocations 4 priority 1 allocations 58 sibling allocations in priority area 2 staff child allocations 101 non-sibling allocations in priority area (furthest distance: 0.939 miles)	180	790	
Co-op Academy Grange Haycliffe Lane, Bradford BD5 9ET Phone: 01274 779662 Email: grange@coopacademies.co.uk Website: www.grange.coopacademies.co.uk Mr S Moncaster	Academy	352 applications 205 applications considered 297 total allocations (includes 92 allocations against preference)	300	1419	

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Dixons Allerton Academy Rhodesway, Bradford BD8 0DH Phone: 01274 089890 Email: admin@dixonsaa.com Website: www.dixonsaa.com Mr D Carr	Academy	616 applications 276 applications considered 245 total allocations 10 SEN allocations 47 allocations from the school's primary phase 73 sibling allocations 3 feeder school allocations 112 allocations on distance (furthest distance 1.431 miles)	245	1820	Parents/carers wishing to apply under exceptional medical or social need or children of staff criteria must write to the Governing Body, via the Admissions Office at the Academy, by 31 October 2025. Details of what is required can be found on the Admissions page of the Academy's website or by contacting the Admissions Office at the Academy. Pupils attending the academy in year 6 may automatically transfer to year 7, but an application form must still be completed with the academy listed as a preference.
Dixons City Academy Ripley Street, Bradford BD5 7RR Phone: 01274 089850 Email: info@dixonsca.com Website: www.dixonsca.com Mr R Mohammed	Academy	1320 applications 624 applications considered 181 total allocations 1 late priority 1 allocation 180 pupil allocations from nine ability bands, in order of the oversubscription criteria (see Academy website for breakdown)	180	904	Parents/carers must complete a supplementary information form (SIF) before 3.30pm on Tuesday 30 September 2025 to enter a child for the fair-banding assessment which will take place on Saturday 11 October 2025. Parents/carers wishing to apply under exceptional medical or social need, or children of staff, criteria must submit a direct application to the Academy by 31 October 2025. The application form can be found on the Admissions page of the Academy's website or requested by contacting the Admissions Office for the Academy.
Dixons Cottingley Academy Cottingley New Road, Bingley BD16 1TZ Phone: 01274 567281 Email: info@dixonsco.com Website: www.dixonsco.com Ms F Hitch	Academy	433 applications 184 applications considered 180 total allocations 33 sibling allocations in priority area 65 non-sibling allocations in priority area 22 sibling allocations outside priority areas 3 feeder school allocations 57 allocations on distance (furthest distance: 5.017 miles)	180	862	Parents/carers wishing to apply under exceptional medical or social need or children of staff criteria must write to the Governing Body, via the Admissions Office at the Academy, by 31 October 2025. Details of what is required can be found on the Admissions page of the Academy's website or by contacting the Admissions Office at the Academy.
Dixons Kings Academy Northside Road, Bradford BD7 2AN Phone: 01274 089910 Email: info@dixonska.com Website: www.dixonska.com Mr R Wilson	Academy	1214 applications 583 applications considered 160 total allocations from 9 ability bands in order of the oversubscription criteria (see Academy website for breakdown)	160	832	Parents/carers must complete a supplementary information form (SIF) before 3.30pm on Tuesday 30 September 2025 to enter a child for the fair-banding assessment which will take place on Saturday 11 October 2025. Parents/carers wishing to apply under exceptional medical or social need, or children of staff, criteria must submit a direct application to the Academy by 31 October 2025. The application form can be found on the Admissions page of the Academy's website or requested by contacting the Admissions Office for the Academy.
Dixons McMillan Academy Trinity Road, Bradford BD5 0JD Phone: 01274 089880 Email: info@dixonsma.com Website: www.dixonsma.com Mrs K Lang	Academy	1009 applications 433 applications considered 134 total allocations 1 SEN allocation 2 priority 1 allocations 1 medical/social priority allocation 50 sibling allocations 1 feeder school allocation 79 allocations on distance (furthest distance 0.719 miles)	134	674	Parents/ carers wishing to apply under exceptional medical or social need, or children of staff, criteria must submit a direct application to the Academy by 31 October 2025. The application form can be found on the Admissions page of the Academy's website or requested by contacting the Admissions Officer for the Academy.
Dixons Trinity Academy Trinity Road, Bradford BD5 0BE Phone: 01274 089860 Email: info@dixonsta.com Website: www.dixonsta.com Miss E Steele	Academy	1227 applications 505 applications considered 134 total allocations 4 SEN allocations 1 staff child allocation 52 sibling allocations 23 feeder school allocations 54 allocations on distance (furthest distance 0.604 miles)	134	678	Parents/ carers wishing to apply under exceptional medical or social need, or children of staff, criteria must submit a direct application to the Academy by 31 October 2025. The application form can be found on the Admissions page of the Academy's website or requested by contacting the Admissions Officer for the Academy.

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Eden Boys' Leadership Academy Syedna Way, Bradford BD8 9AR Phone: 01274 280350 Email: info@ebbradford.staracademies.org Website: www.edenboysbradford.com Miss R Naznine	Free School	642 applications 348 applications considered 120 total allocations 3 SEN allocations 1 priority 1 allocation 1 medical priority allocation 40 sibling allocations 75 allocations on distance (furthest distance 0.579 miles)	120	598	Parents/carers wishing to submit an application under exceptional medical or social need must write to the school, via Admissions Office at the Academy, by 31 October 2025. Details of what is required can be found on the Admissions page of the Academy's website or by contacting Admissions Office at the Academy.
Feversham Girls' Secondary Academy Cliffe Road, Bradford BD3 0LT Phone: 01274 559500 Email: office@fga.iexel.org.uk Website: www.fga.iexel.org.uk Ms S Muneer	Academy	521 applications 293 applications considered 130 total allocations (all completed SIF) 2 SEN allocations 7 feeder school allocations 12 sibling allocations in priority areas 36 non-sibling priority area allocations (the only priority area which was oversubscribed was BD3a) 1 staff child allocation 18 sibling allocations outside priority areas 54 allocations on distance (furthest distance 1.079 miles)	130	811	The closing date for the return of the supplementary information form is 31 October 2025. You must fill in the SIF as well as the council application in order for your child to be considered for a place.
Hanson Academy Sutton Avenue, Bradford BD2 1JP Phone: 01274 987008 Email: info@hanson.org.uk Website: www.hanson.org.uk Mr S Sheedy	Academy	481 applications 236 applications considered 288 total allocations (includes 52 allocations against preference)	300	1530	
Ilkley Grammar School Cowpasture Road, Ilkley LS29 8TR Phone: 01943 608424 Email: admin@ilkleygs.co.uk Website: www.ilkleygrammarschool.com Mrs C Purnell	Academy	907 applications 428 applications considered 320 total allocations 15 SEN allocations 3 priority 1 allocations 103 sibling allocations in priority area 1 169 non-sibling allocations in priority area 1 17 sibling allocations in priority area 2 13 non-sibling allocations in priority area 2 (furthest distance 4.014 miles)	300	2172	
Immanuel College Leeds Road, Idle, Bradford BD10 9AQ Phone: 01274 425900 Email: office@immanuel.bdat-academies.org Website: www.immanuelcollege.net Mr S Mulligan	Academy	584 applications 305 applications considered 300 total allocations 9 SEN allocations 5 priority 1 allocations 109 allocations in church categories (all applicants considered in these categories were allocated) 177 allocations in community categories Of these - 41 sibling allocations in priority area 95 non-sibling allocations in priority area 14 sibling allocations outside priority area 27 allocations on distance (furthest distance 3.281 miles)	300	1716	If applying on faith grounds, applicants must complete the school's supplementary information form by 31 October 2025.
Laisterdyke Leadership Academy Thornbury Road, Bradford BD3 8HE Phone: 01274 454400 Email: info@laisterdyke.staracademies.org Website: www.laisterdykeleadershipacademy.com Mr M H Khan	Academy	345 applications 166 applications considered 177 total allocations (includes 11 allocations against preference)	180	886	Parents/carers wishing to submit an application under exceptional medical or social need must write to the school, via the Admissions Office at the Academy, by 31 October 2025. Details of what is required can be found on the Admissions page of the Academy's website or by contacting Admissions Office at the Academy.
Oasis Academy Lister Park North Avenue, Bradford BD8 7ND Phone: 01274 362050 Email: admin@oasislisterpark.org Website: www.oasisacademylisterpark.org Mrs J Miller	Academy	259 applications 101 applications considered 157 total allocations (includes 56 allocations against preference)	160	760	

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One In A Million Free School Cliffe Terrace, Bradford BD8 7DX Phone: 01274 723439 Email: info@oneinamillion.org.uk Website: www.oiam.org Mrs J Hobbs	Free School	269 applications 95 applications considered 75 total allocations 4 SEN allocations 26 sibling allocations 16 priority area 1 allocations (oversubscribed) 20 priority area 2 allocations (all children requiring a place were allocated) 9 priority area 3 allocations (all children requiring a place were allocated)	75	364	
Parkside School Parkside Terrace, Cullingworth, Bradford BD13 5AD Phone: 01535 272752 Email: mail@parksideschool.net Website: www.parksideschool.net Mr R Ghosal	Academy	490 applications 252 applications considered 210 total allocations 16 SEN allocations 3 priority 1 allocations 19 sibling allocations in priority area 1 43 non-sibling allocations in priority area 1 29 sibling allocations in priority area 2 77 non-sibling allocations in priority area 2 12 sibling allocations outside of priority areas 11 allocations on distance (furthest distance 2.264 miles)	210	1102	
St. Bede's and St. Joseph's Catholic College Cunliffe Road, Bradford BD8 7AP Phone: 01274 941941 Email: admin@sbsj.co.uk Website: www.sbsj.co.uk Mr L Bentley	Academy	763 applications 390 applications considered 290 total allocations 5 SEN allocations 145 Catholic allocations 1 priority 8 allocation 3 Eastern Christian Church allocations 26 non-Catholic sibling allocations 72 feeder school allocations 38 allocations on distance (furthest distance 0.786 miles)	290	1794	If applying on faith grounds, applicants must complete the school's supplementary information form by 31 October 2025. Lower School (Years 7-9) are based at the site on Cunliffe Road and Upper School (Years 10-13) are at the site on Highgate Road.
The Holy Family Catholic School, a Voluntary Academy Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley BD20 6LH Phone: 01535 210212 Email: office@holyfamilyschool.uk Website: www.holyfamilyschool.uk Ms S Mather	Academy	267 applications 106 applications considered 131 total allocations (includes 25 allocations against preference)	150	700	If applying on faith grounds, applicants must complete the school's supplementary information form by 31 October 2025.
Titus Salt School Higher Coach Road, Baildon, Shipley BD17 5RH Phone: 01274 258969 Email: enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk Website: www.titussaltschool.co.uk Mr P Temple	Community	792 applications 285 applications considered 255 total allocations 17 SEN allocations 8 priority 1 allocations 46 sibling allocations in priority area 134 non-sibling allocations in priority area 8 sibling allocations outside priority area 42 allocations on distance (furthest distance 2.150 miles)	250	1430	
Tong Leadership Academy Westgate Hill Street, Bradford BD4 6NR Phone: 01274 681455 Email: info@tong.staracademies.org Website: www.tongleadershipacademy.com Mr Munif Zia	Academy	371 applications 174 applications considered 174 total allocations	180	791	Parents/carers wishing to submit an application under exceptional medical or social need must write to the school, via the Admissions Office at the Academy, by 31 October 2025. Details of what is required can be found on the Admissions page of the Academy's website or by contacting Admissions Office at the Academy.
Trinity Academy Bradford Deanstones Lane, Queensbury, Bradford BD13 2AS Phone: 01274 882214 Email: contactus@bradford.trinitymat.org Website: www.bradford.trinitymat.org Mr T Taylor	Academy	573 applications 316 applications considered 181 total allocations 1 unassessed SEN allocation 180 allocations from four ability bands, in order of the oversubscription criteria	210	924	For year 7 entry into the academy for 2026, parent/carers must register their to sit the Fair Banding Assessment. Registration opens for the Fair Banding Assessment on Tuesday 1 July and closes on Monday 22 September 2025

*includes 6th form and primary phase figures if applicable.

Secondary special schools in the Bradford Metropolitan District

The special schools below provide for pupils with severe learning difficulties, profound and multiple learning difficulties and severe and complex autistic spectrum disorders. Oastler School provides for pupils with emotional, social and behavioural difficulties.

School	Age of pupils
Beechcliffe Special School , Greenhead Road, Keighley, BD20 6ED Tel: 01535 603041	11 - 19 years
Beechcliffe Special School , Ellar Carr Road, Thackley, BD10 0TD Tel: 01274 619504	
Hazelbeck Special School , Wagon Lane, Bingley, BD16 1EE Tel: 01274 777107	11 -19 years
High Park School , Thorn Lane, Heaton, Bradford, BD9 6RY Tel: 01274 696740	3 -19 years
Oastler's School , Flockton Road, Bradford, BD4 7RH Tel: 01274 307456	11 -19 years
Co-Op Academy Southfield , Haycliffe Lane, Bradford, BD5 9ET Tel: 01274 779662	11 - 19 years

Other Local Authority Schools

Please contact other local authorities for information on schools in their area. Some of these schools may require a supplementary information form to be completed. If you are a Bradford resident and you wish to apply for another authority school you will still need to list this school on your Bradford online application.

Calderdale Council School Organisation and Access Team, Princess Buildings, Halifax, HX1 1TX Tel: 01422 392617 Email: cyps.admissions@calderdale.gov.uk www.calderdale.gov.uk/schools-and-learning	Leeds Council Admissions, PO Box 837, Leeds, LS1 9PZ Tel: 01132224414 Email: startingsecondary@leeds.gov.uk www.leeds.gov.uk/apply
Kirklees Council Kirklees Pupil Admissions, PO Box 1720, Huddersfield, HD1 9EL Tel: 01484 225007 Email: pupiladmissions@kirklees.gov.uk www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions	North Yorkshire Council School Admissions, Transport Eligibility and Free School Meals, Harrogate Civic Centre, St Luke's Mount, Harrogate, HG1 2AE Tel: 01609 533 679 Email: schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions



Maps showing secondary school priority admission areas

The following schools include priority areas as part of their admission arrangements:-

Beckfoot Oakbank	Feversham Girls' Secondary Academy
Beckfoot School	Hanson Academy
Beckfoot Thornton	Ilkley Grammar School
Beckfoot Upper Heaton	Immanuel College
Belle Vue Girls' Academy	Oasis Academy Lister Park
Bingley Grammar School	One In A Million Free School
Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College	Parkside School
Carlton Bolling	Titus Salt School
Carlton Keighley	
Dixons Cottingley Academy	

Please use the following link to view the schools priority areas

www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/school-admissions/school-priority-admission-area-maps

Atypical Age of Entry

At Bradford Council we understand that as a parent or carer you have a key role in supporting your teenager to make informed and appropriate choices for their next steps in education. Whilst the majority of young people will find that continuing their statutory education is best served within their current school, in line with Government legislation, please find below the additional learning options that are open to applications from Bradford residents from Year 10 onwards.

University Technical College Leeds (UTC Leeds) – Part of the Rodillian Multi Academy Trust

UTC Leeds is a government funded college for 14 -19 year old students who have a particular interest in Maths, Science, Computing or Engineering. Your son or daughter can apply to join in Year 10 to start in September 2026. The UTC also admits students to Year 12. **If you are interested in applying you must contact the UTC directly.**

University Technical College Leeds

Sayner Road, Leeds, LS10 1LA

Tel: 0113 353 0140

Email: enquiries@utcleeds.co.uk

Web: www.utcleeds.co.uk

Details of the admissions policy can be found on the website.

The statutory duty to provide impartial careers information, advice and guidance to young people in years 8 to 11 remains with schools and we would strongly recommend that all young people and parent/carers discuss their Year 10 learning pathways with their Careers Adviser in school.



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Email: school.governor@bradford.gov.uk

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