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Bolton Local Authority has responsibility for admissions to the school, in accordance with the requirements of the law. The admissions limit is 30 pupils for the school year commencing September.

Parents and Carers who wish to apply for a place in our school, must do via Bolton Local Authority. Where demand for places exceeds the number of places available.

Admissions Criteria

The criteria listed below will be applied in priority order:

- The children admitted under Priorities 1, 2 and 4 are minimal and only make up a very small percentage of our pupils, nevertheless, the priority criteria still applies.
- Children who have a statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) will be offered places first. The following criteria will then apply:-

Priority 1

Children in public care (Looked after Children) who are the subject of a full care order.

Priority 2

Other children considered 'vulnerable' and whose application is supported by the Assistant Director for Social Care.

Priority 3

Children who have older siblings in years Reception- Year 6. 'Siblings' includes full, step, half, foster and adopted brothers and sisters living permanently at the same address.

Priority 4

Children who have a medical condition or disability.

Priority 5

Proximity

Shortest walking distance to school.

The admission to primary school's booklet, giving full details is available on the Bolton council website.

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/primary-school-places-1>

Oversubscription and appeals

As required by the law, the Local Authority will not admit more than 30 pupils to anyone Reception or Key Stage 1 class. If there are more applicants than places, we will then refer to our admissions criteria, to prioritise places. Parents will be offered a place in the late spring term, for the following September, via a letter from the Local Authority. Any appeals for a place must be submitted to Bolton Local Authority.

New Pupils

New pupils to Reception and Nursery, and their parents, enjoy a comprehensive induction process which helps them to settle quickly and become familiar with the school.

There is a short but effective, staggered intake in September to help the Foundation Stage children settle happily into their new class.

Children joining the school at stages other than Reception will start in a class appropriate to their age and will undergo a comprehensive induction process, which includes having a 'Buddy' to help them settle quickly and happily at Eatock.

Open Days

We hold an annual Open Day at Eatock to provide an opportunity for parents / carers to view the school and meet the staff and children. We also welcome pre-arranged visits by parents / carers who wish to come along to see our school and judge for themselves the high standard of attainment, behavior, teaching and learning that we achieve at Eatock.

Visitors will be able to see for themselves that Eatock is a happy school where children have a love of learning and where the development of the 'whole' child underpins our vision and aims.