

# **Bullers Wood School for Boys admissions arrangements for 2018**

## **Introductory statement**

Bullers Wood School for Boys will be a thriving six form entry secondary school for boys which will form part of the Bullers Wood Multi-Academy Trust (BWMAT). This school will share all of the core values, structural support and academically high aspirations that makes our existing school, Bullers Wood School for Girls, one of the most successful non-selective secondary schools in the Country.

The school has an admission number of 180 for entry in year 7.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

## **Application process**

The school will process applications outside the normal local authority process for coordinating school offers. This means you will need to complete your LA common application form for your other choices of school in addition to a separate application for this school.

Applications should be submitted online or if you require a hard copy please email [kmccarthy@bullerswood.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:kmccarthy@bullerswood.bromley.sch.uk)

The closing date for applications is 31/10/2017

Offers will be made on 22/02/2018. If we have not entered into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State opening the school by that date, they will be conditional offers and will be confirmed once we have a signed funding agreement.

## **Oversubscription criteria**

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

- 1. Looked After Children (Children in Public Care) and Previously Looked After Children**

- a) A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. These children must still be “looked after” when the child starts school unless (b) applies.
  
- b) Or a child who was previously looked after by an English local Authority, and immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, or special guardianship order. This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children’s Act 2002.

## **2. Sibling**

The sibling priority will be for boys who have a sibling already on roll at the Girls’ school or this school.

Sibling refers to sister or brother, half sister or brother, adopted sister or brother, step sister or brother, or the child of the parent/carer’s partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address. The elder sibling must still be on roll at Bullers Wood School for Girls or at this school when the younger child starts School.

Sibling applications will only be accepted for siblings of students in Years 7 to 11 and siblings of Year 12 students who are attending a 2 year course. Sibling applications will not be accepted for siblings of students in **Year 13**.

## **3. Children of Staff**

For September 2018 intake, staff children are children of a member of staff who has been recruited to fill a vacant post at the school for which, in the judgement of the Governing Body’s Admissions’ Committee, there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

## **4. Proximity**

Other children will be prioritised according to the distance they live from the school. Proximity will also be used to prioritise pupils in criteria 2 and 3 above if the school becomes oversubscribed in either criterion.

Distance will be measured (in a straight line) from the front door of the child’s home address (including flats) to the existing gates on Bickley Road, using the Local Authority’s computerised measuring system that identifies the unique national grid reference (Easting and Northing) for the property. Those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. Permanent address

does not include short term rentals of less than a year. Documentary proof will be required that this is the principal place of residence.

“Child’s home” being where the child normally resides as their only or principal residence. Addresses involved in child minding (professional or relatives) are excluded.

## **Tie-break**

If in categories 2-4 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child’s home to the front gates of the school in a straight line.

Where two children are equal distance from the School, places will be randomly allocated by drawing of lots.

## **Children of Multiple Births**

Multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place will be admitted and exceed our Published Admission Number (PAN).

## **Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs**

Children with a full Statement of Special Educational Needs or EHC (Education Health Plan) are dealt with under a separate process by the Local Authority Special Educational Needs Team. The policy provides for applications to be considered before the main allocation process begins. Any child who has Bullers Wood School for Boys on their statement/EHC plan will be admitted

## **In Year Admissions**

If an application is received for a student to join the year group at a time other than when joining Year 7 in September 2018, the school will admit the student if there are spaces in that year group. However, in the event of over subscription, a student will be placed on a waiting list and each case will be considered in light of the oversubscription criteria above. Parents have a statutory right of appeal.

Children directed via Fair Access Protocol will take precedence over any child already on the School waiting list and this includes admitting children over the published admissions number.

## **Late Applications**

If the school is undersubscribed, any late applicants will be offered a place. If the school is oversubscribed, then late applications will be handled after all on-time applications have been considered. If the child cannot be admitted they will then be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the over subscription criteria above.

Please note that position on the list is *only* in accordance with the over subscription criteria: a late application cannot be given a lower priority simply on that basis as this would discriminate against the child.

## **Admission of children outside their normal age group**

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the Headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

## **Waiting list**

The School will operate a waiting list for year 7 when the school receives more applications than places available. This will be maintained by BWMAT and it will be open to any parent to ask for their child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list. The waiting list will operate until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

Those wishing to remain on the waiting list should contact the Admissions Officer at the School.

## **Appeals**

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should refer to our website for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at [www.bwsboys.org](http://www.bwsboys.org)

Those wishing to appeal should register their intention of doing so by sending a letter, addressed to The Clerk to the Appeal Panel, c/o Bullers Wood School, within 20 school days of being informed that their child has not been allocated a place.