

Reasons for Refusal and Information Regarding Appeals

Primary School Admissions, September 2021



If we have not been able to offer your child a place at your preferred school, this is because there were more applications for the school than there were available places and not all requests for places could be met.

Places were allocated in line with the admissions criteria published by the relevant admission authority and your application was not ranked high enough to obtain a place. If you listed own admissions authority schools (e.g. voluntary aided or academy schools) on your application and this school was listed higher than the school offered, then the Governors of the school were unable to offer a place to your child as your application was not ranked high enough against their admissions criteria.

For late applicants: if we have not been able to offer your child a place at your preferred school, this is because the school has reached its admissions number (the maximum number of children that can be admitted to the year group for September 2021) from the initial round of admissions.

If you have been refused a school place at a school within another local authority (LA) you should refer to the relevant LA for information regarding refusal.

Reason for refusal

There are two different grounds for refusing a school place. The ground for refusal will depend on the school that you have applied for, the school's admission number and the class organisation.

Infant Class Size Grounds

Admissions Authorities within Bracknell Forest fully recognise the need to meet parental preference wherever possible. However the relevant year group within the school is currently full and the law states that Key Stage 1 pupils, this is those children in reception, year 1 and 2, cannot be taught in classes of more than 30 pupils to one fully qualified teacher. Therefore a place has not been offered because to do so would be in breach of the duty to comply with the infant class size limit which is set at 30. The application has therefore been refused.

Ordinary Prejudice Grounds

Admissions Authorities within Bracknell Forest fully recognise the need to meet parental preference wherever possible. However, the relevant year group within the school is currently full and the point has been reached where considerations of parental preference have become outweighed by the adverse financial and accommodation consequences of admitting further pupils over the admission number. It would place pressure on staff and existing pupils and have an impact on successful teaching and learning. It will prejudice the provision of efficient education and the efficient use of resources in terms of Section 86(3) of the School Standards & Framework Act 1998. Therefore it is not possible to accede to parental preference in this case and the application has been refused.

Information regarding appeals

If we were unable to allocate your child a place at your preferred school(s), you have the right to appeal for a school place and attend the appeal hearing under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. An Independent Appeal Panel will be formed to consider your appeal convened under the School Admission Appeals Code issued by the Department for Education.

Completed appeal forms must be returned by the date specified below to be heard in the summer term (June/July). Appeals received after this date may not be heard in the summer term (within the normal admissions round) and may have to be heard in September 2021.

Appeal application forms and information packs can be obtained from the schools Appeal Clerk. This is usually the admission authority of the school for which you are appealing for. If you are unsure as to which is the correct authority to contact, then please contact your local School Admissions Team for advice.

If you have been refused a school place at one of the following schools, you will need to contact the school directly as the school is their own admission authority and arrange their own appeal process:

- Binfield CE Primary School
- Crown Wood Primary School
- St Michaels CE Sandhurst
- St Michaels CE Easthampstead
- St Margaret Clitherow RC Primary School
- St Josephs RC Primary School
- Jennett's Park CofE Primary School
- Wildmoor Heath School

If you are appealing for one of the following schools visit www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schooladmissionappeals to complete an appeal application form.

Ascot Heath Primary School	New Scotland Hill Primary
Birch Hill Primary	Owlsmoor Primary
Cranbourne Primary	Sandy Lane Primary
College Town Primary	The Pines Primary
Crowthorne CE Primary	Uplands Primary
Crown Wood Primary	Whitegrove Primary
Fox Hill Primary	Winkfield St Mary's CE Primary
Great Hollands Primary	Warfield CE Primary
Harmans Water Primary	Wildridings Primary
Holly Spring Primary School	King's Academy Oakwood
King's Academy Binfield (Primary Phase)	Meadow Vale Primary

Alternatively, you can call 01344 352000, email: customer.services@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or post; Clerk to the Appeal Panel, Time Square, Bracknell, RG12 1JD.

Bracknell Forest also represent the following non-Bracknell Forest schools for appeals and you can use the above link to complete and appeal application form;

Nine Mile Ride Primary School	Hatch Ride Primary School
Oaklands Infant School	Shinfield Infant School
*Oaklands Junior School	

Please note: The reason for refusal to these schools may differ to Bracknell Forest and you should refer to the information provided by the relevant LA.

*Bracknell Forest no longer have any Junior Schools within the borough however, if you have been refused a Junior School Place (Year 3) at Oakland's Junior School then you can submit your appeal application form to Bracknell Forest using the above details. If you wish to appeal for any other Junior School you will be required to contact the relevant admissions authority for further information.

Completed forms must be returned by **18 May 2021**

If you wish to appeal for a school that is not listed above then please contact the school or relevant admissions authority for further information as processes and dates may vary.

If your child has been refused a place at one of the following schools the grounds that apply are **Infant Class Size Grounds**.

Ascot Heath Primary School	Meadow Vale Primary
Binfield CE Primary	New Scotland Hill Primary
Birch Hill Primary	Owlsmoor Primary
Cranbourne Primary	Sandy Lane Primary
College Town Primary	St Joseph's RC Primary
Crowthorne CE Primary	St Margaret Clitherow RC Primary
Crown Wood Primary	St Michael's CE Primary, Sandhurst
Fox Hill Primary	The Pines Primary
Great Hollands Primary	Uplands Primary
Harmans Water Primary	Whitegrove Primary
Holly Spring Primary	Winkfield St Mary's CE Primary
Jennett's Park CE Primary	Warfield CE Primary
King's Academy Binfield (Primary Phase)	Wildridings Primary
King's Academy Oakwood	Wildmoor Heath

If your child has been refused a place at one of the following schools the grounds that apply are **Ordinary Prejudice Grounds**.

St Michael's CE Primary, Easthampstead
Wooden Hill