



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

9th December 2021

LCC school number: 11/504

URN: 137512

RE: Admissions policy 2023/24

The Governing Body of Belthorn Academy Primary School Trust are in consultation on changes to the Belthorn Academy Primary School admission categories for September 2023/24 admission.

These proposed changes affect pupils joining the Reception class at Belthorn Academy Primary School in September 2023.

The categories for the academic year 2023/24 are as follows:

Pupils are admitted at the start of the school year in which they reach the age of 5 regardless of ability or aptitude. Over subscription – Where applications for admission exceeds the number of places available the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which children to admit.

Criteria:

- 1a) Looked after children and previously looked after children.
- 1b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.
- 2) Children who have a sibling attending the school at the time of application and admission (see note c)
- 3) Children residing in the village of Belthorn
- 4) Children who are enrolled at Belthorn Academy Primary Pre-School (Little Bells) in the year prior to Reception class admission application
- 5) Other children

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category then the distance between the ordnance survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor. Nearer addresses will have priority over more distant ones. The address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where the cut-off point is for





*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

addresses within the same building then the single measure between address points will apply and a random draw will determine which addresses receive the offer of a place.

Notes:

- a) **Looked after:** A looked after child is a child who is in care of the Local Authority or being provided with accommodation by the Local Authority in the exercise of their Social Services function. A previously looked after child is one who immediately moved on to being adopted or becoming subject to a residence/child arrangement order or special guardianship order.
- b) **Special medical/social circumstances:** Supporting evidence from a professional i.e. a doctor, psychologist, social worker is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances. Such evidence must set out the particular reasons why Belthorn Academy Primary is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would impact on the child if they were to attend another school.
- c) **Siblings:** Belthorn Academy Primary defines siblings as brothers, sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, step-brothers, step-sisters, fostered and adopted children residing at the same address.
- d) **Address of child:** Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of a week, the child's "permanent place of residence" will be determined as the address of the parent who normally has responsibility for the majority of school days in a week. Where care is split equally, the household in receipt of the child benefit will determine the address used. Proof of address may be requested for all categories of admissions.
- e) **Twins:** Where twins/children of multiple births request admission where one of the children is the 30th child admitted the other child or children may also be admitted. This also includes exceptions under the school admissions code.

The full proposed admission policy for 2023/24 is available on the schools website www.belthornacademy.co.uk

The consultation will take place from Friday 10 December 2021 until Thursday 20th January 2022 inclusive. Any objections must be put in writing to Mrs Y Brown, Chair of Governors care of the school's address before Friday 21st January 2022.

Following consideration of any objections the Governing Body will decide whether to implement the changes.

Thank you for your time in considering this consultation.

Yours sincerely,





*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Mrs Y Brown

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body of Belthorn Academy Primary



Belthorn Rd, Belthorn, Blackburn, BB1 2NY | Tel: 01254 55620 | sbm2@belthornacademy.co.uk
www.belthornacademy.co.uk