



Determined Admissions Policy 2025-2026

11503 Bowland High

This is an academy school.

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11-16 Mixed Comprehensive
Head: Mrs L Fielden
Number on Roll January 2024: 589
Admission Number: 140

Admission number for September 2025: **140**

SUMMARY OF POLICY

Bowland High is a school serving its local community. This is reflected in its admissions policy.

Children will be admitted to the school in the following priority order:

- a. Looked after children or a child who was previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order, or special guardianship order or those children who appear to the school to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- b. Children who have exceptionally strong medical, social or welfare reasons for admission associated with the child and/or family which are directly relevant to the school concerned, then
- c. Children living in the school's geographical priority area who will have a sibling¹ in attendance at the school at the time of transfer, then
- d. Children living within the school's geographical priority area², then
- e. Children of current employees of the school who have had a permanent contract for at least two years prior to the admissions deadline or with immediate effect if the member of staff is recruited to fill a post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage, then
- f. Children living outside of the school's geographical priority area who will have a sibling in attendance at the school at the time of transfer, then
- g. Children living outside of the school's geographical priority area.

¹ Sibling includes step children, half brothers and sisters, fostered and adopted children living with the same family at the same address (consideration may be given to applying this criterion to full brothers and sisters who reside at different addresses).

² Tie Break- The distance criterion which will be used as the tie breaker if there is oversubscription within any of the admission criteria is a straight line (radial) measure. If the Local Authority is unable to distinguish between applicants using the published criteria (e.g. twins or same block of flats) places will be offered via a random draw. The distance measure is a straight line (radial) measured centre of building [home] to centre of building [school].

Making an Application

All admissions applications should be made via the Lancashire County Council website: www.lancashire.gov.uk (search on the A-Z for 'school admissions'). Once on the site, families can access all the admissions information. The secondary closing date is 31st October with offers being sent out on 1st March (or earlier if the process permits).

In-year admission

In-year admission is the process of applying for a school place during the school year. Any applications for the intake made after the start of the autumn term will be treated as an in-year application.

The in-year admission process is managed by the school. Parents are required to complete the in-year application form, which is available from the school website.

Where a place cannot be secured, parents will be offered a legal right of appeal to an independent appeal panel.

Lancashire County Council administers the appeals process on behalf of the school. Parents can complete the school's [appeal form](#) on Lancashire County Council's website

Parents and Carers with Shared Responsibility for a Child

Where parents or carers have shared responsibility for a child the place of residency will be determined as the address where the child lives for the majority of the week (e.g. where the child wakes up between Monday to Friday). Full details must be submitted to enable the Academy to determine which address will be used for the purpose of admission.

Waiting Lists

Those pupils refused a place will be placed on a waiting list if their parents indicate in writing that they wish them to be so.

Waiting lists will be held in criteria order and not on a 'first come, first served' basis. Placing a child's name on a waiting list does not affect the statutory right of appeal.

Waiting lists will be held until the end of the autumn term in the normal year of admission.

Late Applications

Applications for school places which are received late will not necessarily be dealt with at the same time as those received by the set deadline. The reasons for a late application may be requested and where these are not exceptional the relevant admission criteria will be initially applied to all others received on time. The late application will be dealt with after this process.

GEOGRAPHICAL PRIORITY AREA ▼

The above school's priority area is Bashall Eaves, Bolton-by-Bowland, Bowland Forest Low, Bowland Forest High, Bowland with Leagram, Chatburn, Downham, Dunsop Bridge, Easington, Gisburn, Gisburn Forest, Great Mitton, Grindleton, Horton, Middop, Newsholme, Newton, Paythorne, Rimington, Sawley, Slaidburn, Twiston, Waddington and West Bradford.

Parents should note that the school does have pupils on roll who live outside the stated priority area. Details of admissions are available from the school.

TRANSPORT

Pupils living in the above geographical priority areas may be entitled to travelling expenses to this school provided they reside three miles or more from the school, measured by the shortest walking route. If you are in doubt over the distance between your home and the school, please check with the Area Education Office.