

BLACKFEN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY 2020

BLACKFEN STUDENTS

All Blackfen students have automatic application to the Sixth Form. They do not need to complete an application form.

Published Admission Number: 200 (90 is the number of external girls and boys to be admitted to the sixth form – if the number of internal students entering the sixth form is less than the planned number, more external students may be admitted).

OVER-SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA AND PRIORITY

Priority 1 - This is given to a girl or boy in public care ('Looked After') or a girl or boy who has previously been in public care (previously Looked After), but has ceased to be so because she/he has been adopted or become subject to a residence or special guardianship order.

Priority 2 - Social and Medical

This is given where a girl or boy, sibling or a parent has a medical condition which makes it essential on medical grounds, for the girl or boy to attend Blackfen School. Documented social, medical or psychological evidence must be provided from an appropriate independent registered professional. The Council's own medical advisor may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented.

Priority 3 – Students in Year 11 at a Penhill Academies Trust school named here (Hurstmere)

Priority 4 – Sibling

This is given to a girl or boy with a sister or brother attending a Penhill Academies Trust school named in the list here (Sherwood Park Primary School, Blackfen School or Hurstmere School). This includes a full or adopted sister/brother, ~~or~~ step/half-sister or brother or foster sister/brother living at the same address at the time of application. Where twins or children from a multiple birth apply, if one child is allocated a place, their sibling or siblings will automatically be allocated a place.

Priority 5 – Distance

On the basis of proximity to the school measured by reference to the shortest radial distance (direct line distance) between the applicant's home address to Blackfen School's main visitor pedestrian entrance.

Home address will be taken as the girl or boy's home address at the time of application. That is the address at which she or he lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer; that is

the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit or if this does not apply the address where the child spends the majority of the school week (Monday-Friday).

Tie-break

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the school is the same. This process will be independently verified.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

There is the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel for unsuccessful applicants. Please contact the school to make an appeal.