



OLDFIELD
SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS 2023

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Oldfield School is a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales with company number 07495165. The registered office is at Kelston Road, Bath BA1 9AB

Admissions' Number

The admissions' number in 2023 is 200, however governors have agreed to work to admitting 224 in 2023.

The closing date for applications for 2023 entry is 31st October 2022.

Oldfield School is an open access school with places being offered without reference to ability or aptitude. Oldfield School ensures that it does not discriminate against students' admission to the school on the grounds of race, colour, ethnicity, nationality, first language, religion, attainment level, gender, disability (within the limitations of physical surroundings), class, background or any other reason that cannot be shown as justifiable.

Determination of Priorities

The Governing Body, as admissions authority for the school, has to operate an equal preference system. In the event of oversubscription, all applications for the school will be considered equally and ranked in order of how they meet the criteria:

1. Children in Public Care (looked after children).
2. Children whose older sibling will be attending the school on the admission date or have left the school within two years of the admission date.
3. Children of members of staff employed by the school in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. In the event of oversubscription, places will be offered to those living nearest to the school (measurements will be determined using the Local Authority's GIS computerised mapping system).

Application Process

Applications should be made using your Local Authority's (LA) Common Application Form or online via their website by the closing date for applications which is **31 October 2022**. Information provided by the LA on how to apply is sent to primary schools and will be sent home with Year 6 children.

Bath & North East Somerset Council (B&NES) process all applications on behalf of the school in line with the school's Admissions Policy. Offers of places are made by B&NES and if you live outside of the B&NES area, you will be notified by your own LA. Parents whose school place application is refused by the Governing Body have the legal right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Details concerning how to appeal will be explained in the decision letter. Parents who make a formal appeal will have their child's name kept on a waiting list for any places which may become available at Oldfield School. They may also ask for their child to remain on the waiting list without making a formal appeal.

Any places which do become available will be reallocated using the Admissions Criteria, taking into account those parents who have asked to remain on the waiting list or who have lodged a formal appeal together with any late applications received.

Applications for students with Education Health Care Plans (EHCP)

There is a different procedure for the admission to school for children with EHCP: it is administered by the Local Authority (LA) in whose area the family lives. The LA is responsible for issuing the EHCP and consulting parents and the governing body of Oldfield School, before the school is named in the EHCP. If the school is named in the EHCP the child will be admitted.

Appeal Timetable

01/03/23 Parents are notified by the Local Authority of their allocated school

01/04/23 Deadline for lodging an appeal for Oldfield school admission (September 2023)

June onwards Normal admission round appeal hearings

Please contact the Admissions Officer for further details: admissions@oldfieldschool.com.

Admissions Frequently Asked Questions

1. What policy is used to admit children to the school?

The Admissions Policy is published each year by the school following consultation with the Local Authority and community.

2. What is your catchment area?

There is no specified catchment area, our Admissions Criteria states: Those children who live nearest to the school, as measured in a direct line between the home address and preferred school.

3. How many students were admitted into Year 7 2021 and 2022?

2021 - 224

2022 - 224

4. How many appeals were heard for September 2022 intake?

5 appeals were heard, 1 was upheld.

Admissions Timetable

A timetable that shows the timescale for secondary school applications can be found in the Secondary Admissions Booklet 2023/24 which is available at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/policy-and-documents-library/secondary-admissions-booklet-2023-2024>