



Admissions Policy

This policy exists to promote the Boston Spa School Mission.

THE BOSTON SPA SCHOOL MISSION

Our ambition for every learner is:
Academic Capital: Achieving outcomes that match or exceed that which they would have achieved in any other school.

Moral Capital: To be young people who know right from wrong and make good moral decisions especially in the company of their peers.

Social Capital: To be 'nice people to know', who understand and model what it is to be an adult member of their communities.

Our ambition is achieved in a school where:
 Everyone is treated with respect
 Everyone makes progress
 No one steals learning

This creates:
 'A path to the future for all'

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Colleague with delegated SLT responsibility C Walsh
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Boston Spa Admission policy reflects the Local Authority policy for admission to Leeds schools. This is set out below. These criteria are designed to accommodate a parental preference-led system and to give as many people as possible a place for their child at a preferred school.

Boston Spa School has an admission limit for 200 for each year group years 7 to 11 and 180 for Years 12 and 13. These limits will be exceeded only to allow the admission of brothers and sisters of pupils who move into Leeds, or by request at the discretion of the Local Authority. An appeal process is operated by Leeds City Council.

Any child with a statement / EHC Plan where Boston Spa is the named school, will be admitted.

Where there are more applications received than places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied:

Priority 1

Children in public care or fostered under an arrangement made by the local authority. (see note 1)

Priority 2

Children with older brothers or sisters who will be attending Boston Spa at the start of the academic year and are living at the same address (see note 2).

Priority 3

Children who preference their nearest school will be given priority for a school place.

Priority 4

All other children.

Within each of these priority categories, if there are more children than places available, distance will be used to offer places to those living nearest to the school first. This will be measured by straight line distance by the Local Authority (see note 3).

Note 1

Children who have been adopted from local authority care, children with a residency order and those with special guardianship immediately following being Looked After will all be included within the higher priority for looked-after children (priority 1a).

Note 2

For these purposes, brothers and sisters must be living at the same address as your child. Siblings refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, foster brother or sister. The definition does not include cousins or other family members sharing a house.

Note 3

Leeds City Council uses a straight-line distance system. A national computer system to runs the school-admission system. As part of this system there is a program that measures the 'straight-line' distance from the centre of the main school building to your home address. The point measured to at your home address is determined by the Royal Mail Postcode.