

TITLE Update on secondary transfer – September 2013

FOR CONSIDERATION BY Schools Admissions Forum on 13 March 2013

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Forum with information regarding the allocation of places for those transferring from primary to secondary school in September 2013.

The allocation was made by the national offer date of 1 March 2013, with email notification to those who applied online and letters to all Wokingham Borough applicants sent by first class post on 1 March despite the difficulty with the council's IT systems.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Forum to note the information.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Primary to Secondary transfer:

Places were allocated in line with published arrangements and there were sufficient places in the Borough at the time of allocation. This is the first year that Oakbank School was part of the co-ordinated scheme.

1,713 applications were received from Wokingham Borough residents, excluding applications for children with Statements of Special Educational Need (1,673 last year). 384 expressed one preference, 389 expressed two preferences, 479 expressed three preferences and 459 expressed four preferences. 69% applied online (79% last year).

1,467 (86%) received an offer of their first preferred school, 154 (9%) their second preferred school, 36 (2%) their third preferred school and 13 (1%) their fourth preferred school. 79% received their first preferred school last year. 39 pupils were allocated to the nearest school with places as their preferred schools were full. There were 12 late applications to be considered before 15 March.

Places available at the date of this report are The Bulmershe – 74, The Emmbrook - 50 and Oakbank - 20.

Annexes

Allocation schedules at the date of allocation and appeal statements are attached as appendices to this report.

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List of Background Papers

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ALLOCATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES TO START YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2013

AS AT 1 MARCH 2013

School	Oversubscription Criteria								*Unsuccessful applications most accessible school allocated	Admission Number	Number Allocated	Total number of preferences received for the school by the deadline
	Children with Statements of Special Education Need and Looked after and previously looked after children	Medical, physical or psychological conditions	Living in designated area with siblings	Living in designated area	Siblings living outside designated area	Single sex preference	Any other children					
The Bulmershe	3	0	29	63	6	n/a	25	40	240	166	336	
The Emmbrook	6	0	48	74	8	n/a	18	9	210	163	623	
The Forest	1	0	25	76	23	72	3	0	200	200	534	
The Holt**	6	0	41	151	3	0	0	0	200	201***	504	
Maiden Erleigh**	10	n/a	109	159	0	n/a	0	0	278	278	816	
Oakbank	This is an own admission authority school and places were allocated in accordance with the school policy								3	112	93	169
The Piggott	This is an own admission authority school and places were allocated in accordance with the school policy								0	180	180	535
St Crispin's	4	0	50	121	14	n/a	0	0	189	189	706	
Waingels College	4	1	78	109	15	n/a	33	0	240	240	522	

*Places allocated against this column are for those children for whom no higher ranked preference could be offered, therefore the most accessible school with places is provisionally allocated, in the majority of cases this will be the designated area school if this is undersubscribed.

**Own admission authority schools which commission Wokingham Borough Council to rank applications against the school's criteria on behalf of the school

***Includes child allocated in accordance with the school's multiple birth policy.

Please refer to the Parent's Guide to Secondary School Admissions for more information about how places are allocated.

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH SCHOOLS ALLOCATION OF PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2013



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The following information is based on the initial allocation at 1 March 2013 for applications received by the deadline. Please see page 3 for an explanation of the oversubscription criteria which applies to The Bulmershe, The Emmbrook, The Forest and St Crispin's Schools and Waingels College. Pages 22 to 24 of the Parent's Guide to Secondary School gives more detailed information and the guide also provides information relating to individual school policies for The Holt, Maiden Erlegh, Oakbank and The Piggott Schools. This information sheet provides you with a statement on the allocation for individual schools should you wish to exercise your right to appeal and details how places were allocated (allocation information for undersubscribed schools is included for completeness).

School	Admission Number	Information regarding the allocation
The Bulmershe	240	All applicants who expressed a preference and where no higher ranked preference could be offered were allocated places. 40 pupils, whose applications for other schools were unsuccessful, were allocated to the school as the nearest school with places.
The Emmbrook	210	All applicants who expressed a preference and where no higher ranked preference could be offered were allocated places. 9 pupils, whose applications for other schools were unsuccessful, were allocated to the school as the nearest school with places.
The Forest	200	The school was fully allocated with applicants who qualified under oversubscription criteria A to F plus 3 pupils based on radial distance in criterion G. The last pupil allocated under criterion G lives 1.121 miles from the school according to the computerised mapping system used by the council's School Admissions Team. There were insufficient places for the remaining 28 applicants in criterion G. These applicants have been provisionally placed on a waiting list pending confirmation from parents that they wish to remain on the waiting list for the school.
The Holt	200	The Governing Body at The Holt School commissioned Wokingham Borough Council to rank applications on its behalf against the school's oversubscription criteria. The school was fully allocated with applicants who qualified under oversubscription criteria A to D plus 3 applicants based on radial distance in criterion E. The last pupil allocated under criterion E lived a radial distance of 3.639 miles from The Holt School according to the computerised mapping system used by the council's School Admissions Team and was allocated in accordance with the school's multiple birth policy. There were insufficient places for the remaining 1 applicant in criterion E; 33 applicants in criterion F and 8 in criterion G. These applicants have been provisionally placed on the waiting list pending confirmation from parents that they wish to remain on the waiting list for the school.
Maiden Erlegh	278	The Governing Body at Maiden Erlegh School commissioned Wokingham Borough Council to rank applications on its behalf against the school's oversubscription criteria. The school was fully allocated with applicants who qualified under oversubscription criteria A to B plus 159 applicants based on radial distance in criterion C. The last pupil allocated under criterion C lives 1.030 miles from the school according to the computerised mapping system used by the council's School Admissions Team. There were insufficient places for the remaining 31 applicants in criterion C; 10 applicants in criterion D and 112 in criterion E. These applicants have been provisionally placed on the waiting list pending confirmation from parents that they wish to remain on the waiting list for the school.

School	Admission Number	Information regarding the allocation
Oakbank	120	<p>The Governing Body ranked the applications as follows: Children with Statements of Special Educational Needs followed by Founder children and siblings. The remaining places were prioritised based on the percentages allocated to each sector. Sector 1 (Shinfield) has 30% of the places which equates to 30 children, sector 2 (Spencer's Wood and Swallowfield) has 40% of the places which equates to 41 children and sector 3 (Three Mile Cross and Grazeley) has 30 percent of the places which equates to 30 children. Sectors 2 and 3 are not oversubscribed, so all of the children living in those sectors can be prioritised (49 children), and the remaining 52 places could be prioritised to sector 1, which is oversubscribed and has been ranked by distance from the school. If there are any remaining places available after these 3 sectors have been allocated they could be offered to applicants living outside of the 4 mile sector, selected by lottery if there are not enough remaining places.</p> <p>After co-ordination, all applicants who expressed a preference and where no higher ranked preference could be offered were allocated places. 3 pupils, whose applications for other schools were unsuccessful, are allocated to the school as the nearest school with places.</p>
The Piggott	180	<p>The Governing Body ranked the applications and after co-ordination, the school was fully allocated with applicants who qualified under oversubscription criteria A to C plus 20 applicants in criterion D. The last pupil allocated under criterion D lives 4.091 miles from the school according to the computerised mapping system used by the council's School Admissions Team. There were insufficient places for the remaining 106 applicants (10 in criterion D, 15 in criterion E, 23 in criterion F and 58 in criterion G). These applicants have been provisionally placed on the waiting list pending confirmation from parents that they wish to remain on the waiting list for the school.</p>
St Crispin's	189	<p>The school was fully allocated with applicants who qualified under oversubscription criteria A to E. The last pupil was allocated under Criterion E and lives 6.368 miles from the school according to the computerised mapping system used by the council's School Admissions Team. There were insufficient places for the 39 applicants considered in criterion G. These applicants have been provisionally placed on the waiting list pending confirmation from parents that they wish to remain on the waiting list for the school.</p>
Waingels College	240	<p>The school was fully allocated with applicants who qualified under oversubscription criteria A to F plus 33 pupils based on radial distance in criterion G. The last pupil allocated under criterion G lives 1.860 miles from the school according to the computerised mapping system used by the council's School Admissions Team. There were insufficient places for the remaining 34 applicants in criterion G. These applicants have been provisionally placed on a waiting list pending confirmation from parents that they wish to remain on the waiting list for the school.</p>

KEY TO HOW PLACES WERE ALLOCATED FOR WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMUNITY OVERSUBSCRIBED SCHOOLS
Applicable to The Bulmershe, The Emmbrook, The Forest, St Crispin's Schools and Waingels College

Full details are given on pages 22 – 24 of the Parent's Guide to Secondary School Admissions in the Wokingham Borough

Children with statements of special educational needs that named a school in the statement were admitted to the school that is named.

Oversubscription Criteria:

- A Priority will be given to looked-after children and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order (previously looked-after children).
- A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). Previous 'looked after children' include those children under the terms of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (section 46 relating to adoption orders), Children Act 1989, section 8 which defines a 'residence order' as an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live and section 14A which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).
- B Children who have a serious medical, physical or psychological condition for admission to a particular school. This must be supported by written evidence, relating specifically to the school you are applying to under this criterion, from an independent professional aware of the child's case (e.g. doctor, hospital consultant or psychologist) which must explain the reason why the school in question is the most suitable and the difficulties caused if the child had to attend another school.
- C Children whose permanent home address is in the school's designated area and who have a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or step sister or the child of parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling and who will be at the school when the child will enter the school.
- D Children whose permanent home address is in the school's designated area
- E Children who have a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or step sister or the child of parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling and who will be at the school when the child will enter the school
- F Children whose parents have a preference for single sex education
- G Any other children

If the school does not have sufficient places for all children in any category A to G, places will then be allocated on the basis of the radial distance between the home and the school (straight line measurement). All measurements are undertaken consistently using the computerised mapping system used by the council's School Admissions Team and the distance will be measured as a straight line between the Land and Property Gazetteer address points for the respective home address and school. Living in the designated area does not guarantee a school place as there may be more applications from parents living in the designated area than places available. A separate tiebreaker is in place for applicants in categories C and D for The Forest School where priority is given to the applicant whose permanent home address is the shortest combined radial distance to The Forest School and The Holt School.

The guide will also provide additional notes to the above oversubscription criteria.