

Appendix B:

Proposed amendments to the Designated Areas of Loddon and Whiteknights Primary Schools and to residential criteria

Primary School designated areas

Earley Neighbourhood

This map gives a guide to the designated areas for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in the Wokingham Borough that use them in their over-subscription criteria.

If you require any further information, please contact the School Admissions team.

Areas not identified may be part of the designated area of a Voluntary Aided school.

Voluntary Aided schools are shown in blue for information only - please refer to the policies later in the guide.



1 Shared Designated Area for Aldryngton and Loddon Primary Schools. Note that the area marked “1” (bounded by solid black lines) continues to be the sole Designated Area of Aldryngton Primary School as well as becoming part of the extended Designated Area of the Loddon Primary School.

2 Shared Designated Area for Radstock and Whiteknights Primary Schools. Note that the area marked “2” (bounded by solid black lines) continues to be the sole Designated Area of Radstock Primary School as well as becoming part of the extended Designated Area of Whiteknights Primary School.

The Designated Areas of Loddon and Whiteknights Primary Schools will increase to include the designated areas of Aldryngton and Radstock Primary Schools respectively. The effect of these proposals is that children living within the current Designated Areas of Aldryngton and Radstock Primary Schools will also have Designated Area priority for Loddon and Whiteknights Primary Schools respectively. However, the current designated areas of Aldryngton and Radstock Primary Schools will remain unchanged – so only children living within the historic Designated Areas of Aldryngton and Radstock Primary Schools will have Designated Area priority for these two schools.

Residency

The 2017/18 arrangements state:

.....If there are two or more homes, evidence will be required as to which is the main home showing that the other property is either let out on a long term rental (6 months plus), that the property is uninhabitable, or that the address is in the process of being sold and the family live permanently in the declared property. This evidence is required to prove where an applicant was living at the time of making the application.

The proposed Wokingham Borough arrangements (2019/20) is now worded as follows:

“ Some residential arrangements will be considered to be temporary arrangements. The Council will consider the available evidence to determine if, on the balance of probability, the declared home address is the child’s permanent home. Where the applicant, or their partner or spouse reasonably considered to be living with them as a single family unit own another property, have previously lived in it and chose not live in it (including where a home is rented out to a third party) the owned property will ordinarily be considered to be the permanent home. Special circumstances that might lead to the declared address being considered as a permanent home despite another home being owned or otherwise available for occupation will need to be declared at the point of application by parents. Without being exhaustive these might include:

- an owned property being a considerable distance from the preferred school, indicating that the family had permanently relocated to the new home, or
- that the owned property is uninhabitable and cannot reasonably be made habitable in the period leading up to admission to the school or
- that the owned property is in the process of being sold and the family live permanently in the declared property or
- that following divorce or separation the family home cannot be occupied by the applicant or otherwise treated as the child’s permanent home

Where the declared address is rented and the applicant has no claim on any other property the declared address may be considered to be a temporary address if there is evidence the applicant has chosen to rent the property solely for the period necessary for a child to be admitted to a particular school.

Applicants should note that should any evidence arise after a child has been offered a place or admitted to a school that indicates that the declared home was not a permanent home, the place may be withdrawn, even when a child has started school.”