

Ribblesdale School – Admission Policy

Ribblesdale School
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11-16 Mixed Comprehensive
Head: Mr S A Smith
Number on Roll January 2011: 1290
Admission Number: 255

Information relating to Autumn Term 2011 Year 7 Admissions:

Places available: 255

Total parental preferences	1 st	228
(considered equally)	2 nd	243
Ranked by parents	3 rd	133
Total preferences received		604

Initial allocation under each criterion:

Looked after children	1
Social/Medical/Welfare	-
Sibling	84
Geographical in GPA no siblings	170
Geographical out GPA no siblings	-
SEN	-

SUMMARY OF POLICY - This is a Community School.

GEOGRAPHICAL PRIORITY AREA

The above school's priority area is Clitheroe, Worston, Pendleton, Mearley, Whalley, Wiswell, Mitton, Read, Sabden, Simonstone, Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley, Billington, Dinckley, Balderstone, Clayton-le-Dale, Mellor, Osbaldeston, Ramsgreave, Salesbury, Wilpshire, Barrow, Stoneyhurst, Brockhall Village, Hurst Green and Langho.

Ribble Valley parishes (see entries for Bowland High School and Ribblesdale School):

Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley, Balderstone, Bashall Eaves, Billington, Bolton-by-Bowland, Bowland Forest (High and Low), Bowland with Leagram, Clayton-le-Dale, Clitheroe, Dinckley, Easington, Gisburn, Gisburn Forest, Great Mitton, Grindleton, Horton, Little Mitton, Mearley, Mellor, Middop, Newsholme, Newton, Osbaldeston, Paythorne, Pendleton, Ramsgreave, Read, Rimington, Sabden, Salesbury, Sawley, Simonstone, Slaidburn, Waddington, West Bradford, Whalley, Wilpshire, Wiswell, Worston.

Parents should note that Ribblesdale School does have pupils on roll who live outside the stated priority area. Details of the admissions are available from school.

TRANSPORT

Pupils living in the above geographical priority areas may be entitled to travelling expenses to Ribblesdale provided they reside three miles or more from the school, measured by the shortest walking route. If you are in doubt over the distance between your home and the school, please check with the Area Education Office.

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In a community or Voluntary Controlled Secondary School the following priorities apply:

- I. Children in public care (children looked after) who are in public care at the time when preferences are expressed and still expected to be in public care when admitted to the school then,
- II. Children for whom the County Council accepts there are exceptionally strong medical, social or welfare reasons for admission associated with child/or family which are directly relevant to the school concerned, (see note** below), then
- III. Children living in the school's geographical priority area who will have a sibling in attendance at the school at the time of transfer, (see note * below), then
- IV. Children living within the school's geographical priority area, then
- V. Children living outside of the school's geographical priority area who will have a sibling in attendance at the school at the time of transfer, (see note * below), then
- VI. Children living outside of the school's geographical priority area.

Notes

** Siblings include stepchildren, half brothers and sisters and adopted and foster children who are living with the same family at the same address. The priority does not apply to siblings whose brothers and sisters transferred into a 6th Form at 16+. (Consideration may be given to applying the sibling rule to full brothers and sisters only who reside at different addresses).*

*** This may include some non-statemented pupils who have special educational needs. Pupils who have a statement for special educational needs which names the particular school have priority for admission and are considered under a separate admissions procedure.*

If there are more children in any of the individual categories than there are places remaining, then those pupils who live the nearest to the school by a straight line (radial) measure, will have priority. The distance is measured using a geographical information system and the measurement is taken from the centre point of the property to the centre point of the school.

Written evidence from an appropriate professional is required for the County Council to consider medical, social or welfare reasons for admission. This should accompany the application form. Please note: only *exceptional* reasons associated with the child and/or family and relating to the suitability of the school are normally accepted in this criterion.

THIS POLICY APPLIES IN FULL FOR ALL BURNLEY AND PENDLE SECONDARY SCHOOLS (NO PHASING IN).

FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN HYNDBURN, RIBBLE VALLEY AND ROSSENDALE

Please note that for admissions for September 2010 onwards there was a change to the sibling criteria for new pupils admitted to school. From September 2010 onwards, siblings living inside the school's geographical priority area will have a higher priority than siblings who live outside the geographical priority area.

This arrangement is being implemented on a phased basis as follows:

Previous Sibling Criterion will apply?				
Intake	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Sept 2012	No	No	No	Yes
Sept 2012	No	No	No	No

So for pupils starting Ribblesdale in September 2012 the in/out of area criteria will apply if they have an elder sibling who will be at the preferred school in Years 8, 9 or 10 when they start. If however they have an elder sibling in Year 11 in September 2012 then the former sibling criteria will be applied.

The application of the former criterion will cease after September 2012 intakes and the criterion will apply fully from September 2013.

Offers (Letters and on-line Access)

For September 2012 secondary school places, the offer letters will be issued by first class post on 1st March 2012.

Parents who would like to view their school offer quickly are however advised to apply on-line (see front inside cover of the glossy booklet "Secondary School Admissions in Lancashire Information for Parents 2012/13"). The on-line system will go live on the evening of 1st March 2012 and will allow on-line applicants to view their school offer.

Apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/e-admissions