

The Bliss Charity School Admissions Policy

Mission Statement

The Bliss Charity School aims to provide a caring, secure and enriching experience; each child is encouraged to develop strong personal, academic, physical and creative skills for lifelong learning.

The Bliss Charity School is a nondenominational aided primary school for children aged 4+ to 11.

The planned admission limit, i.e. the maximum number of children it is planned to accept into the 4+ age group in the academic year is 30.

The admission oversubscription criteria are as follows:

Places will be allocated to pupils who have a Statement of Educational Needs / EHC plan that names the school as appropriate provision.

When there are more applications than places available, priority will be given in the following order:

1. Children in Public Care or previously in public care but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence/child arrangements order or special guardianship order
2. Children with specific medical and or social needs, supported by written evidence from an appropriate professional person- see NCC policy.
3. Children living in Upper and Nether Heyford. The school reserves the right to request further information from NCC and other agencies to verify the accuracy and permanence of any home address stated in the application.
4. Pupils with an older brother or sister continuing at the school at the time of admission of the younger child. The school reserves the right to request further information from NCC and other agencies to verify the accuracy and permanence of any home address stated in the application.
5. Other children.

If the admission number is exceeded within any criterion, applications will be prioritised by use of distance tie break. This is the distance the children live from the school. These distances are measured on straight line basis in line with the NCC measurement systems.

If you expect to be living at a different address when your child's place is required, and you would like the new address to be considered as your child's place of residence when the application is considered, then written evidence confirming the move will be required before considering any application for a place.

The school would expect to see either a letter from your solicitors confirming exchange of contracts (in the case of the purchase) or written confirmation from your landlord that a tenancy has been granted and in either case that the move will be completed on or before the date the place is required. An official document such as the electoral roll may also be used to check addresses.

If a place is offered on the basis of a fraudulent or misleading application from a parent (for example a false claim to residence in a linked area) which results in a child with a stronger claim being turned down, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.