

The Council has recently reviewed its oversubscription criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary schools in Monmouthshire. The changes will be implemented from September 2020 intake.

The changes relate to a prioritisation given under the criteria to children residing within the catchment area over those residing outside of the catchment area but with relevant siblings.

Please take some time to note the revised oversubscription criteria below before completing your application.

Oversubscription criteria - community and voluntary controlled Primary schools

When considering the remaining available places, the following criteria will be used to determine the children that are to be offered places:

Priority rank	Criteria
<i>Children in receipt of a Statement of special educational needs (statutory requirement for admission)</i>	
1.	Looked after children or previously looked after children i.e. children that are in the care of or have previously been in the care of a local authority, will be afforded priority over those fulfilling points 2-8 below. (Please see section 9.0 of the School Admissions Policy 2020/21)
2.	Children with exceptional medical circumstances, will be afforded priority over those fulfilling points 3-8 below (please see section 7.5 of the School Admissions Policy 2020/21)
3.	Children residing within the catchment area for the preferred school who have relevant siblings will be afforded priority over those fulfilling points 4-8 below (please see sections 7.6 and 7.7 of the School Admissions Policy 2020/21)
4.	Children residing outside of the catchment area for the preferred school, but with relevant siblings who will continue to be in attendance at the preferred school due to being unsuccessful in their application for a place at their catchment school. will be afforded priority over those fulfilling points 5-8 below (please see explanatory notes below, and section 7.6 of the School Admissions Policy 2020/21)
5.	Children residing outside of the catchment area, but with relevant existing siblings enrolled at the preferred school by September 2019, will be afforded priority over those fulfilling points 6-8 below (please see explanatory notes below, and section 7.6 of the School Admissions Policy 2020/21)

6.	Children residing inside the catchment area for the preferred school will be afforded priority over those fulfilling points 7-8 below (please see section 7.7 of the School Admissions Policy 2020/21)
7.	Children residing outside of the catchment area for the preferred school, with a relevant sibling (who will be in attendance at the preferred school at time of admission) that does not meet criteria points 4 and 5 above (please see section 7.7 of the School Admissions Policy 2020/21)
8.	After applying the categories above, or should the school continue to be in a position of over-subscription in any of the above categories, priority will be based on closeness to the preferred school, measured using the shortest safe walking route.

To clarify, any over-subscription in the above criteria will result in the final determination of the allocation of a place being made on distance. So for example, if there are more applications than places available after applying point 6 above, places will be allocated to those children whose home address is determined to be closer to the preferred school.

Explanatory Notes

Priority rank 4 - This criteria would apply only in the event that a parent has been unsuccessful in obtaining a place for their child at their catchment school, and is subsequently attending an alternative school with a younger sibling eligible to attend.

Priority rank 5 - This criteria would be relevant for existing siblings only, placed on roll at the preferred school by September 2019, with younger siblings eligible to start Primary School (Reception) in September 2020, September 2021, September 2022, September 2023, and September 2024.