

# DISTRIBUTION OF PLACES IN BURY SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

## INFORMATION SHEET

### All Schools

Children with Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health & Care Plan will be given a place at the school named on their EHCP.

All figures below are given as of 2 March 2026.

### Oversubscription Criteria for Community Secondary Schools in Bury for September 2026

Category 1 Children in public care (Looked after Children) and previously looked after children

Category 2 Children who have an older brother or sister in the school in September 2026. For this purpose, a brother or sister may be a full or a stepbrother or a full or stepsister, living at the same address, at the time of admission

Category 3 Other children

If there is over-subscription in any category, places will be offered using straight line distance from the child's home address to the school as a tiebreaker. The distance will be measured using the Local Authority's computerised mapping system, which measures from the address point of the home property to the address point of the school as defined by Bury Council's LLPG (Local Land and Property Gazetteer). Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, (for example two children living in the same block of flats) the Local Authority will then use random allocation to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

**If applications are received after the closing date, it is not always possible to offer a place even if a place would have been offered if the application had been received on time.**

	Admission Number	Numbers offered in each category				FURTHEST DISTANCE OFFERED IN CATEGORY 3 (miles)	TOTAL OFFERED	UNABLE TO OFFER
		SEN	1	2	3			
<b>The Derby</b>	180	4	1	62	115	1.420	182	46
<b>The Elton</b>	210	6	2	46	156	0.871	210	101
<b>Hazel Wood</b>	120	4	2	39	75	ALL	120	0
<b>Parrenthorn</b>	210	8	6	62	134	1.803	210	36
<b>Philips</b>	182	3	1	40	138	4.384	182	4
<b>The Heys</b>	130	3	1	22	32	ALL	71*	0
<b>Tottington</b>	195	0	1	31	70	ALL	123*	0
<b>Unsworth</b>	200	10	3	40	147	8.632	200	5
<b>Woodhey</b>	225	9	5	77	135	1.909	225 (+1 RP)	71

\* In addition to the above, where it has not been possible to satisfy any of the preferences stated, places have been offered as the nearest school with the capacity to accommodate the applicant.

**Voluntary Aided Secondary Schools and Academies with own criteria**– The Governors of these schools are responsible for offers to these schools. The oversubscription criteria for Aided Secondary Schools are published in the Transfer to Secondary School Information Guide 2024 and on the website at [www.bury.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.bury.gov.uk/admissions). Any specific queries relating to how places have been offered should be directed to the individual school.

	<b>Admission Number</b>	<b>Categories offered</b>	<b>Last Category to be offered</b>	<b>Total offered</b>	<b>Unable to offer</b>
<b>St Gabriel’s</b>	210	ALL	ALL	196*	0
<b>St Monica’s</b>	230	ALL	ALL	195*	0
<b>Star Academy</b>	150	ALL	Distance – offered to 2.535 miles	150	11
<b>Bury Church</b>	162	ALL	ALL	130	0
<b>Manchester Mesivta</b>	40	ALL	ALL	47	2

**In summary, there may be vacancies at the following Bury secondary schools: Bury Church, The Heys, Tottington, St. Gabriels and St. Monicas RC.**

**If you wish your child to be considered for one of these schools, please contact the School Admissions Team on 0161 253 6474 or email [admissions@bury.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@bury.gov.uk).**

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## **CONTACT NUMBERS FOR OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

If you wish to appeal for a school in another area, you need to contact the appropriate Local Authority for advice. A list of contact names and numbers is given below.

Bolton	Pupil and Student Services	01204 332 137
Lancashire County Council (Rossendale Area)	Pupil Access Team	01254 220 718
Manchester	Admission Team	0161 245 7166
Oldham	Admissions	0161 770 4213
Rochdale	Pupil Services and Admissions	01706 925 982
Salford	Admissions & Exclusions	0161 909 6508