

OVER-SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR COMMUNITY, VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED, VOLUNTARY AIDED AND ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN BURY FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

- Category 1 Children in public care (Looked After Children) and previously looked after children (1).
- Category 2 Children who have an older brother or sister in the school. For this purpose, a brother or sister may be a full or stepbrother or a full or stepsister, living at the same address, at the time of admission.
- Category 3 Any other children based on proximity to the school, measured by a straight-line distance from home to school.

(1) Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order).

If there is over-subscription in any category, places will be offered using a straight-line measurement from home to school as a tie breaker. 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 & Property Gazetteer). Those living closer to the school will receive higher priority.

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.

All Schools

As part of the policy, children with Education, Health & Care Plans have been offered places at the school named on their Plan.

The schools listed below have satisfied all preferences and **may** have one or more vacancies.

All Saints	Higher Lane	St Bernadette's RC
Bury and Whitefield Jewish	Hollins Grundy	St Hildas CE
Butterstile	Hollymount RC	St Johns CE
Cams Lane	Mersey Drive	St Joseph's RC
Chesham	Old Hall	St Marys Hawkshaw
Christ Church Ainsworth	Our Lady of Grace RC	St Marys RC Radcliffe
Christ Church Walshaw	Our Lady of Lourdes RC	St Michaels RC
Elton	Park View	St Stephens CE
Gorsefield	Peel Brow	Summerseat Methodist
Greenhill	Radcliffe Primary	Tottington
Greenmount	Ribble Drive	Wesley Methodist
Hazlehurst	Sedgley Park	Whitefield
Heaton Park	St Andrew's Ramsbottom	

Please contact the Admissions Team (0161 253 6474) if you are interested in places at the above schools.

Numbers offered in each category								
	ADMISSION NUMBER	SEN	1	2	3	FURTHEST DISTANCE OFFERED IN CATEGORY 3 (miles)	TOTAL PLACES OFFERED	UNABLE TO OFFER
Chantlers	35	1	0	21	13	0.386	35	31
Chapelfield	40	1	0	13	26	2.064	40	3

Fairfield	30	0	0	13	17	0.459	30	6
Holcombe Brook	40	1	0	13	26	1.636	40	2
Lowercroft	30	1	0	5	24	2.179	30	2
Radcliffe Hall	30	0	0	12	18	0.738	30	7
St Luke's	60	2	0	24	34	0.327	60	12
St Margaret's	30	0	0	14	16	2.031	30	0
St Peter's	30	0	0	11	19	0.366	30	9
St Thomas's	60	0	1	28	31	0.942	60	3
Unsworth	30	6	0	8	18	1.287	30 + 2 RP	4

Voluntary Aided & Academy Primary Schools (with their own criteria) – The Governors of these schools are responsible for offers to these schools. The oversubscription criteria for Aided Primary Schools are published in the Admissions to Primary School Guide to Admissions Policies 2026 and on the website at www.bury.gov.uk/admissionsprimary. Any specific queries relating to how places have been offered should be directed to the individual school.

	Admission Number	Categories offered	Last Category to be offered	Total offered	Unable to offer
Emmanuel Holcombe	15	All on time applications from categories 1 - 3	1 place offered from category 3	15	8 from category 6
Guardian Angels	30	All on time applications from categories 1 - 7	10 places offered from category 8	30	6 from category 8
Holy Trinity	30	All on time applications from categories 1 - 3	17 places offered from category 4.	30	10 from category 4
St Andrew's CE Radcliffe	30	All on time applications from categories 1 - 6	13 from category 7	30	1 from category 7
St Joseph & St Bede	45	All on time applications from categories 1 - 7	13 from category 8	45	10 from category 8
St Marie's RC	30	All on-time applications from categories 1 - 6	13 places from category 7	30	33 from category 7
St Mary's CE Prestwich	30	All on-time applications from categories 1 - 6	5 places from category 7	30	8 from category 7
Sunnybank	30	All on time applications from categories 1 - 3	16 places offered from category 4	30	21 from category 4