

GREAT BADDOW HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIALISING IN SCIENCE AND SPORT



ADMISSIONS POLICY – 2021/22

Year 7 Admissions Policy

The school will admit 240 students each September for this age group. Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order given, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children or children previously looked after (as defined in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).
2. Children with a sibling attending the school at the point of application.

A relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit, in the same family household and address, who attends Great Baddow High School at the point of application. Biological and adopted siblings who attend Great Baddow High School in any year group, will also be treated as siblings, irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings. In the case of twins or triplets, both or all will be offered places.

3. Children of staff at the school where the member of staff has been employed for a minimum of two years at the time of application or where a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Children living in the priority admission area; children attending a primary school within the priority admission area; plus children attending Barnes Farm, Chancellor Park and St. Andrew's Junior School, Hatfield Peverel.

Within this criterion, children will be ranked by proximity of home to school by straight line distance, those living nearest being accorded the higher priority. (Straight line distances are calculated by Essex County Council).

5. Up to 10% in each year group who demonstrate an aptitude for sport. To apply for a place under this criterion, the school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed.

If you qualify for criterion 1, 2, 3 or 4 outlined above, you do not need to apply for the sports selection day.

6. All remaining applications by proximity of home to school by straight line distance, those living nearest being accorded the higher priority. (Straight line distances are calculated by Essex County Council).

Parents have the right to appeal against admission decisions to an Independent Appeal Panel established under statutory regulations for this purpose. (See Essex County Council Secondary Education in Essex booklet for details).

The waiting list from the Local Authority will be kept until the end of the Autumn term only, then the school will maintain a waiting list for the remainder of the year.

Sixth Form Admissions Policy

The Sixth Form is open to all Great Baddow High School students, as well as external students. All applicants must meet the minimum entry requirements for their chosen course of study and any subject specific requirements. Full details of our courses and entry requirements are available on the website. The Sixth Form Open Evening takes place at the end of October (the actual date will be displayed on the school's website).

Mid-year Admissions Policy

Mid-year applications are made directly with the school and will be considered and dealt with promptly, as far as is practicable. In the event of oversubscription, applicants will be placed on the waiting list, with the exception of Year 10 (from the Spring Term) and Year 11. Parents have the right to appeal against admission decisions to an Independent Appeal Panel (via Essex County Council) established under statutory regulations for this purpose.

Opportunities to visit the school

- Our annual Open Evening is usually held at the end of September (the actual date will be displayed on the school's website).
- Tours of the school for Year 6 parents take place throughout September/October. Please contact the school for an appointment.