



Admission Arrangements for Edgbarrow School Academic Year 2020-21



Introduction

The admission arrangements set out below are for the children born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009.

Edgbarrow School is an Academy and part of a multi-academy Trust called The Corvus Learning Trust. The Corvus Learning Trust is the admissions authority for this school. The Corvus Learning Trust has delegated to The Governing Body of Edgbarrow School the responsibility for administering admissions to the school. The Trust works in close collaboration with Local Authorities to manage the admission process for parents and carers.

The Trustees have set the following admission arrangements in accordance with the applicable legislation and the School Admissions Code and after consultation with the relevant local admissions authorities and interested parties. They conform to the requirements of the Bracknell Forest Council's coordinated admissions arrangements.

Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 7 September 2020 for **Edgbarrow School**

The PAN for 2020 -21 is **210**

Making an application for Year 7 September 2020 for **Edgbarrow School**

Applications to this school are in accordance with a coordinated scheme determined by the Local Authority (LA) within which the applicant resides. It is to that LA that applications for a place at **Edgbarrow School** should be sent and that LA will advise the applicant of the result of their application. Coordinated admission schemes include procedures for the LA to pass on the application to the admission authorities for the schools concerned when it is not itself that authority. The Corvus Learning Trust is the admission authority for **Edgbarrow School**. As part of their delegated responsibility the school is responsible for considering any application made for a place at this school. The outcome of that consideration will be communicated to the applicant by the relevant LA.

Parents/Carers wishing to apply for a Year 7 place in September 2020 must complete the online or paper common application form provided by their home LA. The home LA is the LA in whose area the parents/carers live at the time of the application. The form must be returned to that LA no later than 31 October 2019. Offers and refusals of places will be sent by the home LA on 1 March 2020 (or the next working day).

Late applications for Year 7 September 2020 for a place at **Edgbarrow School**

If an application is received after the deadline of 31 October 2019, this will be considered 'late' and will be processed in line with the LA late procedure.

The Criteria for a place at Edgbarrow School

The admission authority is required by law to admit all pupils with an Educational Health and Care Plan, which names [Edgbarrow School](#) in the Plan.

The admission authority will then admit all applicants if it is possible to do so without exceeding the admission number determined for the year and in accordance to the following criteria:

- (A) Looked After Children¹ and all previously looked after children. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted² (or became subject to a child arrangements order³ or special guardianship order⁴) immediately following having been looked after.
- (B) Children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted⁵
- (C) Children who have either medical or social grounds for admission to Edgbarrow School. This evidence must set out the particular reason why the school is the only suitable school and the difficulties caused if the child had to attend another school. The Trustee's decision in these matters is final. An additional form will need to be completed.
- (D) Children of staff at the school. Where a member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is demonstrable skill shortage. The skills shortage area will be determined by The Corvus Learning Trust and Edgbarrow School by 1 July each year and made available on the school website.
- (E) Children who live in the **designated area** of the school and who have a **sibling** who will still be attending the school at the time of the child's admission.
- (F) Children who live in the **designated area** of the school.
- (G) Children who do not live in the designated area of the school but who have a **sibling** at the school, and who will still be attending school at the time of the child's admission.
- (H) All other children.

¹ A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority in England, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

² This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).

³ Child arrangements orders are defined in s.8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order.

⁴ See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

⁵ This includes children who were in state care in a place outside of England, if they were accommodated by, a public authority, a religious organisation or other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

Children must be living in the designated area at the closing date of 31 October 2019 to be considered under this criterion.

Sibling does not include those in the 6th form of the school.

Tie Break

If there are still insufficient places and no distinction can be made between the applicants or if they do not fulfil any of the above criteria, a final decision will be made on the *radial distance* (straight line distance on a map) between the home and the school. Those living nearer to the school will be placed higher than those living further away. Radial distance will be based on the co-ordinates for the property and the school as defined in the Local Land and Property Gazetteer and based on the Ordnance Survey's national system.

Distances are measured using direct distance calculations within a computer system. The measurement of each distance has been calculated using Pythagoras' Theorem.

In the unlikely event that two or more children live at the same distance or additional distance (measured as stated above) from school (including, for example, flats within the same building), and there are fewer places available, random allocation will be used to decide which child will be allocated the remaining place(s). This will be by supervised drawing of lots, carried out by at least two Governors as part of the delegated responsibility from The Corvus Learning Trust.

Notes on criteria

- **Looked After Child or Previously Looked After Child**

If a parent or LA (where relevant) wishes to apply under this criterion it is their responsibility to ensure that all relevant paper work is submitted with the application, for example of a copy of the relevant order issued by the family court. Should a parent not submit any relevant documentation with their application it will be assumed that the parent does not wish these circumstances to be taken into account.

- **Social and Medical Grounds**

If a child has a social and medical need that would cause significant physical and/or mental hardship, an applicant can indicate that they wish their application to be considered under social and medical grounds.

It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain an Edgbarrow School Supplementary Social and Medical Information Form which must be completed and returned to the School Admissions Team along with supporting written evidence from a professional by the given closing date. The supporting evidence for social and medical grounds should be from the relevant registered professional(s) involved with the child. Examples include registered health professionals, such as Consultant, GP, Psychologist or Psychiatrist. All evidence must be on letter headed paper and reflect the child's current situation.

This evidence must prove why **Edgbarrow School** is the **only** suitable school and why the child cannot attend another school. This evidence must be specific to the school.

It is the applicant's responsibility to provide all evidence in support of their request and it is not possible for it to be considered under this criterion if no evidence is supplied.

Edgbarrow School has the resources to work with special educational needs and common childhood complaints such as asthma.

Requests will be considered in accordance with the Equalities Act 2010.

- **Staff**

Any applications under this criterion will be referred to the school for confirmation that the application meets the set criterion. The skills shortage area will be determined by The Corvus Learning Trust and Edgbarrow School by 1 July each year and made available on the school website.

Accepting or declining the offer of a place at Edgbarrow School

Offers will be sent to parents/carers by the home LA and are required to accept or decline the allocated place in accordance with their home local authority procedure which will be outlined in the offer letter.

Appeals for a place(s) at Edgbarrow School

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should contact customer.services@bracknell-forest.gov.uk for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on the school's website.

Waiting list for a place(s) at Edgbarrow School

Bracknell Forest Council on behalf of The Corvus Learning Trust and Edgbarrow School will maintain a waiting list for unsuccessful applicants. Pupils on the list will be placed in order according to the criteria used in considering the original applications. Places, if they become available, will be offered to pupils from this list in strict order. Parents/Carers who are unsuccessful will have their child's name placed on the waiting list for their year and will be advised, on request, where the pupil stands in the list. It should be remembered that a pupil's position on the list may rise and fall as others are added or removed from the list. Parents/Carers are requested to notify Bracknell Forest School Admissions Team if at any time they no longer wish their pupil to be considered for a place at the school.

Admission of children outside their normal age group for Edgbarrow School

Children are normally allocated to their chronological year group. Requests from parents for school places outside a normal age group will be considered carefully whether for gifted and talented pupils or for those who have experienced problems, e.g. having missed education due to ill health, etc.

Each case will be considered on its own merits and circumstances and will only be agreed by the Headteacher and The Corvus Learning Trust where there is consensus between the parents, school and any relevant professionals asked for their opinion by the committee, that to do so would be in the pupil's interests. Parents will be informed of their statutory right to appeal. This right does not apply if they are offered a place in another year group at the school.

Definitions

- **Sibling**

A sibling refers to a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling. Sibling relates to children attending Year 7-11 at the time of admission and does not include those attending the sixth form.

- **Home address**

The address where the child lives at the closing date of 31 October 2019 will be used to process the application. It is for the applicant to satisfy the local authority that they live at the address that they state.

In-year Admissions applications for a place(s) at [Edgbarrow School](#)

All applications for admission to the school outside the normal admissions round, other than applications for the Sixth Form, will be treated as in-year applications and are processed by the School Admissions Team at Bracknell Council on behalf of The Corvus Learning Trust as the admissions authority for [Edgbarrow School](#).

Pupils admitted under the agreed Bracknell Forest Fair Access Protocol may take priority over children on the Waiting List.

Parents/Carers wishing to apply for a place at this school can apply online via the Bracknell Forest Council's website or obtain an in year application form from their child's current Bracknell Forest school. This should be sent to the Bracknell Forest School Admissions Team who will forward it to the school for consideration.

Where there are places available then the school will determine a place can be offered to the applicant. If however at the time of this determination the school has more applications than places available in the same year group, all the applications will be ordered according to the criteria used in determining initial admissions and will be considered in that order and places will be offered accordingly.

Unless they are statutorily obliged to admit the applicant or the application is covered by the Local Authority's Fair Access Protocol, the school will, when reaching a decision on an application for admission to a full year group refuse the application

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Offer of a place at [Edgbarrow School](#)

Parents/Carers will be contacted either by email or phone if an offer of a place can be made at the school. Parents will then be advised of the process to start their child at the school.

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If a place cannot be offered at [Edgbarrow School](#) the child's name will be added to a waiting list for that year group. Bracknell Forest Council on behalf of The Corvus Learning Trust and Edgbarrow School will maintain that waiting list. Pupils on the list will be placed in order according to the criteria published. Places, if they become available, will be offered to pupils from this list in strict order. Parents/Carers are requested to notify Bracknell Forest School Admissions Team if at any time they no longer wish their pupil to be considered for a place at the school. If a place cannot be offered parents will be given the right of appeal against that decision.

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