



Admissions Policy

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Signed by Headteacher:	



INTRODUCTION

Exceed Academies Trust is the Admissions Authority of Bradford Alternative Provision Academy (BAPA) and is responsible for determining the provision's admissions policy.

BAPA provide a caring, nurturing and developmental environment for young people who have been excluded from, or are at risk of exclusion from mainstream education. After receiving our support over a period of time, we will ensure that individuals move on to their next destination having felt known, valued and understood.

The aim of BAPA is to re-engage its students into education and, where possible, allow them to return to mainstream schooling.

The number of Local Authority commissioned places at Bradford Alternative Provision Academy is 65.

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Bradford AP Academy may only admit a child of compulsory school age:

- a) referred by a local authority where the local authority has a duty to that child under section 19 of the Education Act 1996.
- b) referred by a maintained school or Academy where the maintained school or Academy has a duty under Section 100 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.
- c) referred by a maintained school under powers set out in section 29(A) of the Education Act 2002.
- d) referred by an Academy which, under general powers in the Articles of the Company may send pupils off-site to an Alternative Provision Academy as part of early intervention measures to address behaviour. Academies have the power to do this within their general powers under the Articles of a Company to advance education. However, as with a maintained school there is an expectation in law that a pupil will be educated at the school where he is registered, so placements would generally be relatively short and subject to review.

Referral arrangements, in respect of b), c) and d) above, will be coordinated in line with the Bradford Alternative Provision Academy Admissions and Referral Arrangements document. Referrals may be made at any time throughout the year. If more referrals are received than there are places available, the oversubscription criteria shall apply.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

Bradford Local Authority is the commissioner of places to Bradford Alternative Provision Academy. Where the number of referrals exceeds the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following oversubscription criteria, in priority order:

- (1) Children who are permanently excluded prioritised in the following order:
 - a. Children who are looked after by a local authority;
 - b. Other permanently excluded children.

- (2) Children referred under the exceptional cases procedure prioritised in the following order:
 - a. Children who are looked after by a local authority;
 - b. Other children referred under the exceptional places procedure.
- (3) Children referred for an intervention place prioritised in the following order:
 - a. Children who are looked after by a local authority;
 - b. Other children referred for an intervention place.

Where, after applying the above criteria in order, two or more referrals are tied for the last available place, the commissioner will decide which child should be admitted.

APPEALS

Parents/carers cannot express a formal preference for admission and cannot pursue an admissions appeal.

NOTE

A “looked after child” is defined as a child who, at the time of making the application is: in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

A “previously looked after child” is defined as a child who: was previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a Special Guardianship order or a Child Arrangements order, or (in accordance with DfE guidance 2018) has been in state care outside of England and ceased to be so as a result of being adopted. Evidence will be required on a case by case basis.