



Admissions Policy 2026 - 2027

Brentside High School will be participating in the Ealing Coordinated Admissions Scheme. Late applications will also be processed by the Local Authority. The Governing Body will ensure that the number of students admitted in each year group will not inhibit the education of students at the school nor adversely affect the health, safety and security of students or staff.

Planned Admission Limit (or agreed admission number) for the year group is 224.

Students will be admitted to the school according to the order of priority in the oversubscription criteria detailed below.

Over subscription criteria:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. Including children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (see below for definitions of children who are looked after or were previously looked after).

Definition: Children who are looked after or were previously looked after.

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) 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). 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 arrangements order or special guardianship order immediately following having been looked after. Adopted children are those 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). 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. A special guardianship order is defined by s. 14A of the Children Act 1989 as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians). A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

2. Children with an older brother or sister attending the school at the time of application who will be at the school in September 2025. Proof of date of birth of the applicant and his/her brother/sister must be provided to show this entitlement. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step-brother or sister, or the child of the parent / carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.

3. Children with a parent who has been employed by Brentside High School for a minimum of two years before date of application or who has been recruited to meet a particular skills shortage.
4. Proximity of the child's home* to the school measured as a straight line. Proof of address will be required. The distance from the child's home to Brentside High School is measured by straight line from the front door of the child's home to the nearest gated entrance which is used by pupils to enter the school grounds. The measuring system is an integral part of the admissions software produced by Tribal Technology Ltd. It uses Ordnance Survey maps and is accurate to 1 metre. In the case of multi occupancy buildings e.g. flats, priority will be given to the applicants whose door number is lowest numerically and/or alphabetically, e.g. 11B takes priority over 12A.
5. If two or more students have equal priority under the criteria random allocation will be used.

* Home is defined as the abode where the child spends the majority of their weekdays during term time.

Waiting Lists:

If it is not possible to offer a place to a child immediately, parents can ask for their child's name to be placed on a waiting list. The criteria for admission will be used to determine the position on the waiting list. The waiting list for Year 7 places in 2026 will be maintained until 01/01/2027. Waiting lists for other year groups will be cleared at the end of each term.

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Admission to Year 12:

Sixth Form places are available for students who fulfil the individual requirement for each subject of the proposed course as set out in the prospectus. Admission to Sixth Form does not guarantee that students will be able to undertake any course of study for which they have expressed a preference.

180 places are available for students who have attended Brentside High School in the previous academic year providing that they meet the requirements set out in the prospectus.

In addition, Governors will admit 40 students from other schools providing that they meet the requirements set out in the prospectus.