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ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

2017-2018





Admission arrangements for the admission of pupils to Beal High School 2017-2018

1 Definitions

In this document the following words and expressions (unless the context requires otherwise) have the following meanings:

- 1.1 **Admission Authority:** The body responsible for setting and applying a school's admission arrangements. For academies this is the Academy Trust.
- 1.2 **Beacon Academy Trust (BMAT).** Beacon Academy Trust may also be referred to as the 'Beal Academy Trust' (BAT). It should be noted that Beacon Academy Trust is the admissions authority for Beal High School.
- 1.3 **'Geographic Information Systems' (GIS).** This refers to the computer software by which straight line distance measurements are calculated from the school's front gate to the home postcode of applicants.
- 1.4 **Local Authority (LA)** may also be referred to as Redbridge. The LA coordinates admissions to all secondary schools in Redbridge as part of the Pan-London agreement.
- 1.5 **Published Admission Number (PAN).** As part of determining their admission arrangements, all admission authorities must set an admission number for each 'relevant age group'. This is the number of places that the admission authority must offer in each age group at which pupils will be normally admitted to the school from outside; years 7 and 12.
- 1.6 **Siblings.** Brothers and sisters living at the same address as the child for whom the application is being made. This includes half brothers and sisters, step brothers and sisters, foster siblings and adopted siblings who live at the same address.

2 Introduction

- 2.1 Beacon Academy Trust is the Admissions Authority for Beal High School. This policy will be administered fairly and impartially and is in accordance with The Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty, The Human Rights Act 1998, School Standards Framework Act 1998 and the DfE School Admissions Code December 2014. The Admissions policy for Beal High School will be reviewed annually in line with requirements laid down in the Admissions Code and full consultation occurs at least every seven years.

3 The Application Process for year 7

- 3.1 Beal High School participates in the co-ordinated admissions procedure, provided and administered by the local authority, for schools and academies in Redbridge. The Local Authority co-ordinates the application process on behalf of Beal High School according to the scheme which they publish in their annual Admissions Booklet.
- 3.2 Parents must use the Local Authority Common Application Form (CAF) to apply for a place for their child at Beal High School. The CAF must be submitted to the Local Authority by the deadline date published in the Local Authority Admissions Booklet which also includes clear guidance on how to complete the CAF on-line, information on dates for



notification to parents of admissions decisions and the closing dates for accepting places or lodging appeals.

- 3.3 All children with a statement of Special Education Needs (SEN) or Education, Health & Care (EHC) plan, where Beal High School is named on the statement, are admitted ahead of other applicants but will be included in the Published Admission Number (PAN).

4 Admission Policy for year 7

- 4.1 The Published Admission Number (PAN) for Beal High School in year 7 is 360.

- 4.2 Beal High School has a set 'catchment area' and children living in the catchment area have priority for admission. A catchment area is the area around the school covering a number of roads or parts of roads. The catchment area for Beal High School is available to download from our website at www.bealhighschool.co.uk.

- 4.3 All children whose statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Education, Health & Care (EHC) plan names the school will be admitted to the school.

- 4.4 If the school is not over-subscribed all children will be offered a place. If the demand is more than the number of places available, all applications will be considered on an equal basis according to the following oversubscription criteria:

- a. Looked after children or children previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement or special guardianship order. 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 service functions (see section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989);
- b. Children for whom there are particular medical or social reasons which justify admission to the school. Requests which are based upon the serious medical or psychological condition of a child must be supported by a qualified professional;
- c. Children who live in the catchment area;
- d. Children with a sibling attending the school, who are in Years 7 to 10, at the time of application. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters;
- e. Children living outside the catchment area, without a sibling.

- 4.5 In each category, if there are more children than places available, priority will be based on the shortest measured walking distance as measured by a Geographic Information System from the child's home to the main entrance of the school using public roads and recognised footpaths. It should be noted that when measurements involve flats in the same block, the distance will be to the entrance of each individual flat. In using distance as a tie-breaker, should there be more than one applicant for a final place living an identical distance from the school in question, the random allocation facility within the Tribunal 'Admissions and Transfer' system pupil data base will apply.



- 4.6 Applications received after the published deadline (31st October 2016) will not be considered until all of the applications received by that date have been dealt with unless there is evidence to show that the application could not have been reasonably made on time. Late applications will be dealt with after all 'on time' applications in the first round of offers on the statutory annual allocation dates.
- 4.7 If a parents' preference cannot be met a child's name can be put on the waiting list of the school. As places become available they will be allocated from the waiting list.
- 4.8 The waiting list will continue to operate until 31st December and applicants will be told in advance of the need to re-apply for continued consideration.

5 In-Year Admissions

- 5.1 Any parent can apply for a place at Beal High School at any time during the school year – there are no deadline dates for in-year applications.
- 5.2 Applications must be made using the LA in-year CAF.
- 5.3 The allocation of any places which may become available during the year will be made on the basis of the current over-subscription criteria described in section 4 of this policy.
- 5.6 Beal High School participates in the Local Authority in-year Fair Access Protocol.

6 Admissions Appeals

- 6.1 If parents are unsuccessful in gaining a place for their child at Beal High School they will be informed by the Local Authority in writing and informed of their right to an independent appeal against the decision.
- 6.2 All Admission Appeals are considered by an independent Appeals Panel.

7 Waiting Lists

- 7.1 If we receive more applications than there are places available we will operate a waiting list. The waiting list will continue to operate until 31st December.
- 7.2 After the 31st December parents will be told in advance of the need to re-apply for continued consideration.
- 7.3 A student's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the over-subscription criteria detailed in Section 4 of this policy.
- 7.4 If a place becomes available students will be offered a place in accordance with the over-subscription criteria detailed in Section 4 of this policy.
- 7.5 Looked after children, previously looked after children, and those allocated a place in accordance with a fair access protocol, will take precedence over those on the waiting list.