

## **The Brakenhale High School – Appeal Hearings Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Does the school have a Designated Area?**

Yes. The designated area (catchment area) is a distinct geographical area that is served by a school. This is determined by the Local Authority. The admission arrangements for most schools in Bracknell Forest give preference to children living within that area. You can check the designated area by visiting the website: [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/findmynearest](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/findmynearest)

### **How are distances calculated?**

Distances are measured using direct distance calculations within a computer system. The measurement of each distance is calculated using Pythagoras' Theorem. The way in which this is done is to calculate the distance in metres between the Easting and Northing co-ordinates for each location. The measurement in metres is then multiplied by 0.000621318 to convert this measurement to miles. The same method of calculation is used for each direct distance measured.

### **What was the furthest distance allocated a place under the Distance criteria?**

The furthest distance allocated a place varies from year to year. The information below details the furthest distance allocated a place under the distance criteria.

2020: No places were offered under the distance criteria for entry in September 2020

2019: No places were offered under the distance criteria for entry in September 2019

2018: 0.966 miles under the distance criteria

### **What was the furthest distance allocated a place under the Designated Area criteria?**

2020: 1.090 miles

### **I applied after the closing date, is my application regarded as late?**

Application forms received after the closing date will be considered after those that are received on time, unless exceptional circumstances apply. These must comply with the Local Authority's ruling on late applications

Where it can reasonably be assumed that your application could not be made by the closing date of the 31 October 2019 (for example that you have just moved into Bracknell Forest) but is submitted before 31 December 2019, the application will be considered on time. However evidence to support the reason for the late application will be required by The School Admissions Team. The LA's decision is final.

### **I moved house after the closing date, why can't my new address be taken into account?**

If you move house within Bracknell Forest after the closing date of 31 October 2019 and before 31 December 2019 you must contact The School Admissions Team to discuss any changes of preferences you may wish to make. You must provide evidence.

However if the application is received on or after 31 December 2019 it will be processed in the second round of allocations from 15 March 2020.

**Does the school have any primary feeder schools?**

No. The schools admission arrangements do not name any primary feeder schools.

**Home Address**

The address where the child lives at the closing date of 31 October 2019 will be used to process the application. As part of the application process all addresses will be verified, however it remains the applicants responsibility, should there be any discrepancies, to satisfy the admission authority that the child lives at the address they state. If a parent/carer owns a property within the Borough which they do not occupy and/or rent out and then move into another property within, or nearer to the designated area of the preferred school the address of the property they own will be the address for determining their designated area, unless the owned house has been rented out for 12 months prior to the closing date of 31 October 2019.

If an applicant already owns a property within the borough which is in the process of being sold Bracknell Forest is able to accept the address of the new property on submission of the appropriate evidence in support e.g. exchange of contracts letter. The address must be a permanent address, temporary addresses are not acceptable.

**I have a family member/childminder who lives close to the school, can this address be used for the application?**

No. The address on the application must be that of the parent or carer where the child is habitually resident. The School Admissions Team is unable to use the address of an individual's child care arrangements.

**My child regularly stays with my ex- partner, what address do we use to apply?**

If the parents do not live together, it should be the parent with whom the child spends the majority of time. This will normally be the main address held by the primary school and the address of the parent who receives Child Benefit in respect of the child. This should be the case if there is a formal share custody arrangement between the parents.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to provide the relevant evidence.

**How many appeals have been lodged in previous years?**

Year	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Withdrawn	Appeals heard	Appeals upheld
2019	13	2	11	1
2018	13	6	7	0