

## Summary of preferences and offers into Secondary School September 2026 (2 March 2026)

Admission criteria can be found at [bolton.gov.uk/admissions](http://bolton.gov.uk/admissions) or via the relevant schools' website.

### **Bolton Muslim Girls School** Admission Number 180

There were 354 preferences expressed for the school. Any child refused a place where BMGS is a higher preference than the school offered will be kept on the waiting list. For further information about admissions please contact the school.

How places were allocated	number of children
EHCP	3
Criteria 1 (LAC)	0
Criteria 2 (sibling)	44
Criteria 3.1 (Rumworth Electoral Ward)	48
Criteria 3.2 (Heaton & Lostock Electoral Ward)	6
Criteria 3.3 (Hulton Electoral Ward)	13
Criteria 3.4 (Astley Bridge Electoral Ward)	4
Criteria 3.5 (Halliwell Electoral Ward)	6
Criteria 3.6 (Great Lever Electoral Ward)	3
Criteria 3.7 (Queens Park Electoral Ward)	3
Criteria 4 (member of staff)	0
Criteria 5 (Exceptional medical/social)	0
Criteria 6 (distance to school, last distance 1.09 miles)	50
Number of children on waiting list	70

### **Bolton St Catherine's Academy** Admission number 160

There were 196 preferences expressed for the school. Places were offered to all those who expressed the school as a preference and had not been offered a higher preference school.

How places were allocated	number of children
children with EHCP	13
LAC/previous	3
Criterion 2 (vulnerable)	7
criterion 3 (sibling)	58
criterion 4 (medical)	1
criterion 5 (children of staff)	1
criterion 6 (proximity)	52
Alternative/no preference offers	25
Places available	0

### **Canon Slade CE** Admission Number 300

There were 770 preferences expressed for the school. Any child refused a place where Canon Slade school is a higher preference than the school offered will be kept on the waiting list. For further information about admissions please contact the school.

How places allocated:	number of children
Children with EHCP	7
LAC/previous	9
Applications with faith points	247
0 points (last distance 1.53)	37
Places available	0
Number of children on waiting list	58

**Eden Boys' School Bolton**

Admission number 124

There were 365 preferences expressed for the school. Any child refused a place where Eden Boys' School is a higher preference than the school offered will be kept on the waiting list. For further information about admissions please contact the school.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	8
LAC/previous LAC	0
Staff	3
Social/Medical	1
Attending The Olive School	19
Sibling	19
BL3 resident (reduced by any already allocated by sibling/attending The Olive Primary)	34
Proximity (last distance offered 0.66 miles)	40
Places available	0
Number of children on waiting list	150

**Essa Academy**

Admission number 210

There were 618 preferences expressed for the school. Any child refused a place where Essa is a higher preference than the school offered will be kept on the waiting list.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	10
LAC/previous LAC	2
criterion 2 (vulnerable)	2
criterion 3 (sibling)	83
criterion 4 (Essa Primary)	16
criterion 5 (medical/social)	0
Criterion 6 (Staff child)	2
criterion 7 (proximity, last distance offered 0.82 miles)	95
Places available	0
Number of children on waiting list	78

**Harper Green**

Admission Number 240

There were 316 preferences expressed for the school. Places were offered to all those who expressed the school as a preference and had not been offered a higher preference school.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	3
LAC/previous LAC	0
criterion 2 (child protection)	0
criterion 3 (sibling)	55
criterion 4 (medical)	0
criterion 5 (proximity)	99
Alternative/no preference offers	63
Places available	20

**Kearsley Academy**

Admission Number 180

There were 284 preferences expressed for the school. Places were offered to all those who expressed the school as a preference and had not been offered a higher preference school.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	4
LAC/previous LAC	1
criterion 2 (child protection)	0
criterion 3 (sibling)	45
criterion 4 (medical)	0
criterion 5 (proximity)	121
Alternative/no preference offer	9
Places available	0

**Kings Leadership Academy**

Admission number 190

There were 470 preferences expressed for the school. Any child refused a place where Kings Leadership is a higher preference than the school offered will be kept on the waiting list. For further information about admissions please contact the school.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	3
LAC/previous LAC	0
criterion 1 (sibling)	58
criterion 2 (social/medical)	0
criterion 3 (staff children)	0
criterion 4 (proximity, last distance offered 3.8 miles)	119
Places available	0
Number of children on waiting list	12

**Ladybridge High**

Admission number 240

There were 554 preferences expressed for the school, any child refused a place where Ladybridge school is a higher preference than the school offered will be kept on the waiting list.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	10
LAC/previous LAC	0
criterion 2 (child protection)	0
criterion 3 (sibling)	83
criterion 4 (medical)	0
criterion 5 (proximity, last distance offered 1.7 miles)	147
Places available	0
Number of children on waiting list	38

**Little Lever**

Admission number 240

There were 378 preferences expressed for the school. Any child refused a place where Little Lever school is a higher preference than the school offered will be kept on the waiting list. For further information about admissions please contact the school

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	8
LAC/previous	4
criterion 2 (child protection)	0
criterion 3 (sibling)	64
criterion 4 (medical)	4
criterion 5 (proximity, last distance offered 2.7 miles)	160
Places available	0
Number of children on waiting list	10

**Mount St Joseph RC**

Admission number 180

There were 423 preferences expressed for the school. Any child refused a place where Mount St Joseph school is a higher preference than the school offered will be kept on the waiting list. For further information about admissions please contact the school.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	6
Criterion 1(RC LAC &previous LAC)	0
criterion 2 (RC feeder primary)	16
criterion 3 (other RC)	5
criterion 4 (other LAC)	4
criterion 5 (sibling)	52
criterion 6 (staff)	2
criterion 7 (non RC partner primary)	22
criterion 8 (non RC other RC primary)	2
criterion 9 (proximity, last distance offered 0.93 miles)	71
Places available	0
Number of children on waiting list	21

**Rivington and Blackrod**

Admission number 300

There were 632 preferences expressed for the school. Any child refused a place where Rivington is a higher preference than the school offered will be kept on the waiting list.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	22
LAC/previous LAC	3
criterion 2 (child protection)	2
criterion 3 (sibling)	82
criterion 4 (medical)	0
criterion 5 (faith)	5
Criterion 6 (Horwich/Blackrod)	101
Criterion 7 (Children of staff)	2
Criterion 8 (Lostock Primary)	10
criterion 7 (proximity, last distance offered 4.05 miles)	73

Alternative offer/no preference offer	0
Places available	0
Number of children on waiting list	40

## Sharples

Admission number 240

There were 871 preferences expressed for the school, any child refused a place where Sharples school is a higher preference than the school offered will be kept on the waiting list. For further information about admissions please contact the school.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	15
LAC/previous LAC	7
criterion 2 (child protection)	2
criterion 3 (sibling)	66
criterion 4 (medical)	0
criterion 5 (staff child)	3
Criterion 6 (proximity, last distance offered 1.1 miles)	147
Places available	240
Number of children on waiting list	180

## Smithills

Admission number 250

There were 370 preferences expressed for the school. Places were offered to all those who expressed the school as a preference and had not been offered a higher preference school.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	7
LAC/previous LAC	3
criterion 2 (vulnerable)	1
criterion 3 (sibling)	58
criterion 4 (medical/social)	0
criterion 5 (proximity)	119
Alternative offer, not a preference	52
Places available	0

## St James's CE

Admission number 210

There were 785 preferences expressed for the school. Any child refused a place where St James's school is a higher preference than the school offered will be kept on the waiting list. Applicants who received 16 points or more were allocated places. Tiebreak was applied at 14 points. Not all children with 14 points could be offered a place. For further information about admissions please contact the school

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	11
LAC/previous LAC	2
Applications with 28 points	50
Applications with 24 points	10
Applications with 22 points	102

Applications with 20 points	2
Applications with 19 points	3
Applications with 18 points	26
Applications with 16 points	1
Applications with 14 points	3
Places available	0
Number of children on waiting list	152

### St Joseph RC

Admission number 216

There were 563 preferences expressed for the school. Any child refused a place where St Joseph school is a higher preference than the school offered will be kept on the waiting list. For further information about admissions please contact the school.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	11
LAC	7
Category 2 (RC parish)	53
Category 3 (RC not parish associated primary)	8
Category 4 (RC sibling)	2
Category 5 (other RC)	10
Category 6 (staff)	3
Category 7 (social/medical)	0
Category 8 (non RC associated primary)	35
Category 9 (non RC sibling)	24
Category 10 (proximity, last distance offered 2.7 miles)	63
Places available	0
Number of children on waiting list	32

### Thornleigh RC

Admission number 270

There were 662 preferences expressed for the school. Any child refused a place where the school is a higher preference than the one offered will be kept on the waiting list. For further information about admissions please contact the school.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	7
Category A (RC LAC)	3
Category B (RC parish associated primary)	68
Category C (RC parish)	14
Category D (RC not parish associated primary)	5
Category E (RC sibling)	3
Category F (other RC)	2
Category G (staff)	1
Category H (other at associated primary)	91
Category I (other sibling)	19
Category J (proximity, last distance offered 0.91 miles)	57
Places available	0
Number of children on waiting list	24

**Turton**

Admission number 270

There were 553 preferences expressed for the school. Any child refused a place where Turton school is a higher preference than the school offered will be kept on the waiting list.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	10
LAC/previous LAC	7
criterion 2 (child protection)	4
criterion 3 (sibling)	86
criterion 4 (medical)	0
criterion 5 (Turton nearest)	94
criterion 6 (proximity, last distance offered 2.2 miles)	69
Places available	0
Number of children on waiting list	35

**Westhoughton**

Admission number 270

The were 382 preferences expressed for the school. Places were offered to all those who expressed the school as a preference and had not been offered a higher preference school.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	3
LAC/previous LAC	2
criterion 2 (child protection)	0
criterion 3 (sibling)	75
criterion 4 (medical)	1
criterion 5 (proximity)	159
Places available	30
Number of children on waiting list	0

**University Collegiate School**

Admission number 120

There were 247 preferences expressed for the school. Any child refused a place where UCS is a higher preference will be kept on the waiting list. For further information about admissions please contact the school.

How places were allocated	number of children
Children with EHCP	2
LAC/previous LAC	0
criterion 2 (social/medical)	0
criterion 3 (sibling)	40
criterion 4 (QUEST primary)	0
criterion 5 (proximity)	74
Alternative/no preference offers	4
Places available	0
Number of children on waiting list	8