

# THE RADCLYFFE SCHOOL

“Working Together for Excellence”



## The Radclyffe School Admissions Policy 2013-2014

The Radclyffe School is a ten form entry school for girls and boys aged 11-16 years. We are a Specialist Technology College that has been designated as a High Performing Specialist School by the government. Our mission statement is “Working Together for Excellence” which underpins everything we do.

The Radclyffe School is a member of The Radclyffe Co-operative Learning Trust working with the following associate partner schools: Bare Trees Primary; Christ Church C of E Chadderton; Chadderton Hall Junior; Freehold Primary; Mills Hill Primary; St Luke’s C of E Primary; St Anne’s C of E Primary Royton; Stanley Road Community Primary; Thorp Primary; Whitegate End Primary and Nursery.

There is no guarantee of a place but children attending an associate partner school will be prioritised for admission in Criterion groups 3 and 4.

The Local Authority is Oldham Council, who will co-ordinate the applications.

The published admission number (PAN) is 300.

The policy fully complies with the School Admissions Code (2010) and all relevant Education Acts and Regulations.

Children who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs will automatically be allocated a place where The Radclyffe School has been named in the statement.

### Oversubscription Criteria

**Criterion 1:** Children who are in public care.

**Criterion 2:** Children who are considered to have an exceptional medical or social reason as to why they should attend The Radclyffe School (Parents will be required to submit evidence to support their application under this criterion).

**Criterion 3:** Children attending a named associate partner school in The Radclyffe Co-operative Learning Trust (Bare Trees Primary; Christ Church C of E Chadderton; Chadderton Hall Junior; Freehold Primary; Mills Hill Primary; St Luke’s C of E Primary; St Anne’s C of E Primary Royton; Stanley Road Community Primary; Thorp Primary; Whitegate End Primary and Nursery) who will have a sibling attending The Radclyffe School in September 2013.

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**Criterion 4:** Children attending a named associate partner school in The Radclyffe Co-operative Learning Trust (see Criterion 3) who will not have a sibling attending The Radclyffe School in September 2013.

**Criterion 5:** Children who do not attend a named associate partner school and who will have a sibling attending The Radclyffe School in September 2013.

**Criterion 6:** Children who do not attend a named associate partner school and who will not have a sibling attending The Radclyffe School in September 2013.

## **Tiebreak Criterion**

If, in any category, there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of proximity to the school. This will be determined by the home to school distance measurement by the Local Authority.

## **Home to School Distance Measurement**

Distance will be calculated by the straight line measurement from the child's permanent home address location to the centre point of The Radclyffe School.

## **Intention to Move House**

An intention to change address cannot be considered by the Local Authority (LA) until such a move has actually taken place and proof is available to substantiate the change of address. Proof of change of address will be accepted up until the latest reasonable date prior to the final allocation of school places on 1st March 2013.

## **Exceptional Medical or Social Reasons**

If Parents/Carers are claiming that there are exceptional medical or social reasons why their child should be prioritised above other applicants, they must give reasons for this claim, which must be supported by evidence. A panel of at least three senior officers will assess that evidence.

The School Admission Code 2010 states that admissions authorities must not give higher priority to children under this criterion if the required documents have not been produced. If parents are submitting an online application form claiming that there are exceptional medical or social reasons, the supporting evidence must be sent by post or handed in to The Admissions Team, Level 6, Civic Centre, PO Box 40, West Street, Oldham OL1 1XJ.

## **Definition of Exceptional Medical Need**

“Exceptional medical need” means that the child's health and welfare would be best served if they attended The Radclyffe School. Parents/Carers would need to provide medical evidence in the

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form of a letter or report from a doctor to support their case. The evidence would have to establish that The Radclyffe School is the best/only school to serve the child's needs. The evidence would also need to state why other schools could not provide the appropriate support for the child.

## **Definition of Exceptional Social Need**

“Exceptional social need” means that the child's welfare would be best served if they attended The Radclyffe School. Parents/Carers would need to provide evidence in the form of a letter or report from a social worker or other professional in the area of children's welfare to support their case. The evidence would have to establish that The Radclyffe School is the best/only school to serve the child's needs. The evidence would also need to state why other schools could not provide the appropriate support for the child.

## **Sibling Link**

We accept that in some family units (one or two parents or carers and children) the children may not be natural brothers and sisters. Older children from the same family unit, living at the same family address, can be considered as a sibling link under this criterion. A sibling is your child's brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters, stepchildren and fostered children living with the same family at the same address). Please note that cousins do not count as siblings.

## **Twins or Triplets**

If a family of twins or triplets, or brothers and sisters, living in the same household request admissions to the same school year and there is only one school place available, it will be left for the family to decide whether or not they wish to take up the place for one of their children and appeal for the second or third child in the same year group, or to decline the place.

## **Flats**

In the event of two or more children living an equal distance from the school, e.g. blocks of flats, and there being only one place available, the place will be decided by random allocation (lottery).

## **Permanent Address**

The only address we will consider is the permanent home address of the child. The permanent home address is considered to be the address of the adult/s with whom the child is permanently resident. Where a child stays with another parent for part of the week, further enquiries may be made in order to determine where the child is predominantly resident.

## **Childcare Arrangements**

If a childminder, grandparents, or other family member cares for the child on a daily basis at another address, we cannot consider this address for the purpose of The Radclyffe School admission process.