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RECEPTION ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS





Olive School

The Olive School, Blackburn

Admission Arrangements for Reception

The Olive School is part of Star Academies. As a progressive, inclusive and outstanding Muslim faith school, the Governing Body welcomes applications from families of other faiths and non-faiths.

General information

Before applying for admission, parents are advised to find out more information about the school and the admission arrangements that will be followed. You can do this by:

- attending the Open Evening at The Olive School;
- visiting our website at www.oliveblackburn.com;
- reading the Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council's (BwDBC's) 'Primary School admissions' composite prospectus.

Application procedure

1. You must complete your home Local Authority's common application form by 15th January. If you are resident in the area administered by BwDBC, then you can either apply on-line at www.blackburn.gov.uk or complete the paper form, which is available from BwDBC.
2. Unless there are exceptional reasons for the late completion and submission of the common application form, late applications will not be considered at the same time as applications received by the closing date.
3. You are allowed to name three (3) different schools on the application form in preference order. You are advised not to name the same school more than once or to only name one (1) school, as by doing so, you may limit the chances of gaining admission into one of your preferred schools.
4. If you want your child to gain admission into The Olive School, then it is important that you put The Olive School as your 1st preference school on the application form.
5. Parents of Muslim children should complete the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and return to the school by 15th January.
6. The SIF is included in the Blackburn with Darwen Council's admissions booklet and can also be downloaded from the school's website www.oliveblackburn.com. You can also request it by email: info@oliveblackburn.staracademies.org or by contacting the Admissions Officer, The Olive School, Meins Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB2 6QQ (Telephone 01254 54070).

Allocation process

1. The admission process is co-ordinated by BwDBC in accordance with their primary co-ordinated admission scheme.
2. After the closing date for receipt of applications, BwDBC will provide details of all applications received to The Olive School. BwDBC will not provide The Olive School with details of the rank order of preference of the applications. This is because, by law, all admission authorities must consider all preferences equally.
3. If the school receives fewer applications than the published admission number, then the Governing Body (GB) will advise BwDBC that all applicants can be offered admission into The Olive School.
4. If the school receives more applications than the published admission number, then the GB are legally required to consider all the applications against the school's published admission policy, which can be found at www.oliveblackburn.com.
5. After applying the admission policy for the school, the GB will produce a list of children who have the highest priority for admission. This list of children who can be offered admission will be sent to BwDBC. Along with the list of children provided by The Olive School, BwDBC will have similar information for all the schools in the borough and from other Councils.
6. In the initial allocation process, it is possible that children can be offered admission at more than one school. As the law requires that no children must be offered admission at more than one preferred school, BwDBC acting on behalf of all schools will ensure that the single offer of a school place is made at the highest ranked preferred school on the application form. For example, if a school place can be offered at the 1st and 2nd preference school, a place will be offered at the 1st preference school.
7. In the event that your child can be offered admission at more than one preferred school and In order to avoid missing out on gaining admission into The Olive School, you are advised to consider putting The Olive School as your 1st preference school on the application form.

Offer of a place

1. When the allocation process is finally complete, BwDBC will ensure that on – line applicants will be sent an email on or as soon as possible after 16th April informing you of the school at which a place will be offered. Offer letters will be posted out if you applied using a paper application.
2. If a place is offered at The Olive School, it is important that you advise BwDBC, if you no longer require the place offered. This will allow BwDBC, on behalf of The Olive School, to offer the place to a child who could not initially be offered admission.
3. As The School can only offer admission up to the published admission number, unfortunately, not all children will be offered admission. The letter from BwDBC will provide the reasons why a place could not be offered and the details of the alternative school offered.

4. Details of all children refused admission at The Olive School will automatically be included on the school's waiting list, where The Olive School is a higher preference than the school at which a place is offered. BwDBC maintains the waiting list, on behalf of the school, in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria until 31st December in the academic year of reception year admission. Parents are advised to contact the school if they want their child's details to be kept on the waiting list, from the spring term onwards.

5. The BwDBC decision letter will advise you of your right of appeal to an independent appeal panel against the decision of the GB of The Olive School not to offer your child admission. Further advice / guidance about the appeals process can be found at www.oliveblackburn.com and www.blackburn.gov.uk.