

Darlington Local Authority Admissions Oversubscription Criteria - Primary Education

(i) Looked After Children

A “looked after” child is a child who is in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children’s Act 1989(b)

(ii) Medical Reasons

Children with very exceptional medical factors directly related to the school placement. Applications under this criterion should be supported by written evidence from a doctor (see explanation).

(iii) Family Links

Either (a) Children who have a brother or sister already attending the preferred school and who are expected to be on the roll at the time of admission;
Or (b) In the case of associated schools a family link would exist if a brother or sister would be expected to be on roll of either school at the time of admission (see family links explanation)

(iv) Associated Schools

Pupils who are transferring from a Darlington Infant to a Junior school will be given priority over pupils from other schools.

(v) Rural

Children living within the Rural Wards of the Borough of Darlington who have been unsuccessful in obtaining a place at one of their preferred schools AND for who the nearest alternative school would otherwise be more than two miles from their home will be given priority over other children for places at certain schools (see “Rural Wards” explanation).

(vi) Distance

Urban Wards of Darlington Borough Council - Pupils who live nearest the preferred school measured from the front door of the home address (including flats) to the main school gate, by the shortest walking route. This will be based on the home address of the child. To remain consistent the Authority uses a Geographical Information System to measure all distances. The Authority’s priority when measuring a route is to identify the shortest route judged to be safe (safe is lit at regular intervals, paved/tarmaced).

Rural Wards of Darlington Borough Council - Pupils who live nearest the preferred school measured from the front door of the home address (including flats) to the main school gate, via the shortest route which is paved/tarmaced*. This will be based on the home address of the child. To remain consistent the Authority uses a Geographical Information System to measure all distances.

*In the rural wards, the Council is aware that the shortest route may not be a safe route to walk. Therefore, if a child living in a rural ward, is successful in gaining a place at a school; where the route taken when measured by the Local Authority, is paved/tarmaced but not also lit at regular intervals, then the Local Authority will provide assistance with transport, even if it is less than the statutory duty for a child of the appropriate age.

The Rural Wards of Darlington are:
Heighington & Coniscliffe, Sadberge & Whessoe, Middleton St George and Hurworth.

Area A on Map

Children living in the area to the north of the A68 road AND within the Ward of Heighington and Coniscliffe in the Borough of Darlington the alternative school is Alderman Leach Primary School.

Area B on Map

Children living in the area to the south of the A68 road, north of the B6279 road AND within the Ward of Heighington and Coniscliffe in the Borough of Darlington the alternative school is Mount Pleasant Primary School.

Area C on Map

Children living in the area to the west of the East Coast Main Railway Line AND within the Ward of Sadberge and Whessoe in the Borough of Darlington the alternative school is Harrowgate Hill Primary School.

Area D on Map

Children living in the area to the south of the B6279 road AND within the Ward of Heighington and Coniscliffe in the Borough of Darlington the alternative school is The Federation of Mowden Schools (Mowden Infant School and Mowden Junior School).

Area E on Map

Children living in the area to the east of the East Coast Main Railway Line, north of the A66 road AND within the Ward of Sadberge and Whessoe in the Borough of Darlington the alternative school is Whinfield Primary School.

Area F on Map

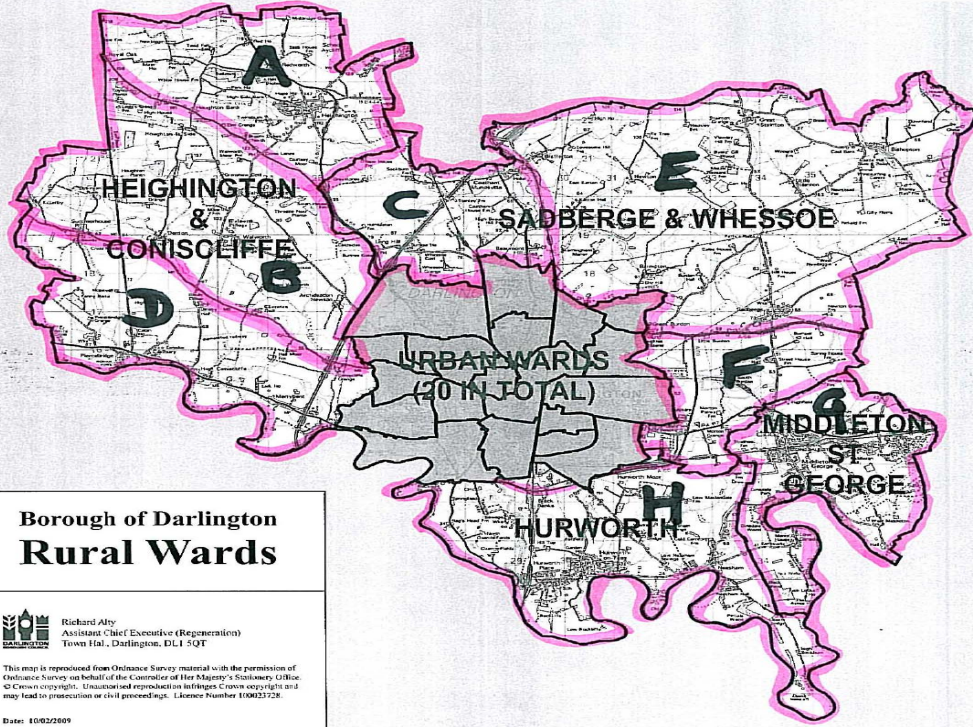
Children living in the area to the south of the A66 road AND within the Ward of Sadberge and Whessoe in the Borough of Darlington the alternative school is Heathfield Primary School.

Area G on Map

Children living within the Ward of Middleton St George in the Borough of Darlington the alternative school is Heathfield Primary School.

Area H on Map

Children living in the area to the SOUTH of the A66 road (Darlington Bypass) only AND within the Ward of Hurworth in the Borough of Darlington the alternative school is Firthmoor Primary School.



**Borough of Darlington
Rural Wards**



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