**Abacus Belsize Primary School Admissions Criteria for Reception 2017/2018**

**Applications for reception places at the school will be considered in accordance with the arrangements set out below.**

The school will admit 30 pupils, born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, to its Reception class, in September 2017. If fewer applications are received than there are places available, all applicants will be offered a place. If the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs where the school is named in the Statement/ ECH plan, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:

a) Looked after children or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became the subject to an adoption, child arrangement, or special guardianship order.

b) Applicants who have a sibling[[1]](#footnote-1) living at the same address on the school’s roll when they join.

c) Children whose parent is a qualified teacher teaching at the relevant school for two years or more at the time of application and / or children of a qualified teacher teaching at the relevant school who has been recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

d) children from within the existing catchment area[[2]](#footnote-2) originally designated to founders by the Secretary of State by random allocation.

e) children living outside of catchment on a straight line distance[[3]](#footnote-3) from St Peters Church, Belsize Square, NW3 4HJ to the applicant’s normal residence.

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In the event that fewer spaces are available than applicants in any criteria, places will be offered by random allocation. This process will be by supervised drawing of lots, carried out by at least two officers at the CST, who are independent of the school.

1. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the /carer’s partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as the sibling. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The catchment area constitutes all the roads between Adelaide Road, Finchley Road, Lyndhurst Road, Fitzjohn’s Avenue up to Netherhall Gardens and Haverstock Hill (and also incorporating the Aspen Grove estates, Downside Crescent and Lawn Road to the corner of Garnett Road, Garnett Road and Upper Park Road) (See map). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The distance is the straight-line distance measured from the centre of the child’s normal residence to the centre of St Peter’s Church, Belsize Square, NW3 4HJ. The distance is measured using Camden Council’s computerised mapping system. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)