

Allocation Statement for Air Balloon Hill Primary School - September 2026

As Air Balloon Hill Primary School was oversubscribed, the criteria stated in their published admissions policy available on the school and Local Authority websites have been applied to allocate the places that are available at the school.

196 on-time applications (89 x 1st preferences, 56 x 2nd preferences, 51 x 3rd preferences) have been received for Air Balloon Hill Primary School, which has an Admission Number of 90.

1 place was required for a child with the school named in their Education, Health and Care Plan.

This left 89 places to allocate using the published criteria.

How the Initial Allocation of Places was made

The 89 places have been offered to the following children:

1. Children in the care of the Local Authority or who were previously in Care but immediately after being in Care became subject to an adoption order, child arrangement order or special guardianship order. (0 places)
2. Those children with siblings already at Air Balloon Hill Primary School and who will still be there in September 2026. (40 places)
3. Those children living closest to Air Balloon Hill Primary School as measured in a direct line from the home address to the school. (49 places)

The furthest distance offered a place in this category was 0.897 km.

Infant class size prejudice appeals - effects of infant Class Size legislation.

Appeals for Air Balloon Hill Primary School will be heard on the basis of infant class size prejudice as the school will have three Reception classes each containing 30 pupils.

Guidance on infant class size prejudice appeals is available on the school admissions website.

Second Round Allocation

As of 18th May 2026, 3 places became available for reallocation. At this point there were 17 pupils on the Waiting List. The final date to make an application or changes to an application for the second round of allocations was 8 May 2026. The school's published admissions criteria was applied and the place offered to the following pupils:

1. Children in the care of the Local Authority or who were previously in Care but immediately after being in Care became subject to an adoption order, child arrangement order or special guardianship order. (0 places)
2. Those children with siblings already at Air Balloon Hill Primary School and who will still be there in September 2026. (3 places)

The furthest distance offered a place in this category was 2.334 km