Reasons for Refusal

The Corvus Learning Trust Schools, September 2025

If we have not been able to offer your child a place at your preferred Corvus Learning Trust school, this is because there were more applications for the school than there were available places and not all requests for places could be met.

Places were allocated in line with the admissions criteria published by the admission authority and your application was not ranked high enough to obtain a place.

For late applicants: If we have not been able to offer your child a place at your preferred Corvus Learning Trust school, this is because the school has reached its admissions number (the maximum number of children that can be admitted to the year group for September 2025) from the initial round of admissions.

Reason for refusal

There are two different grounds for refusing a school place. The ground for refusal will depend on the school that you have applied for, the school's admission number and the class organisation.

Infant Class Size Grounds

The admission authority fully recognise the need to meet parental preference wherever possible. However, the relevant year group within the school is currently full and the law states that Key Stage 1 pupils, this is those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, cannot be taught in classes of more than 30 pupils to one fully qualified teacher. Therefore, a place has not been offered because to do so would be in breach of the duty to comply with the infant class size limit which is set at 30. The application has therefore been refused.

Infant Class Size Grounds applies to years Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at schools where the admission number is a multiple of 30. A list of Corvus Learning Trust schools where this applies can be found below.

- Oaklands Infant School
- Hatch Ride Primary School

There are very limited circumstances where an application can be considered as an 'excepted pupil' application. Where this is the case they may still be refused a school place however; this refusal will be under Ordinary Prejudice Grounds.

Ordinary Prejudice Grounds

The admission authority fully recognise the need to meet parental preference wherever possible. However, the relevant year group within the school is currently full and the point has been reached where considerations of parental preference have become outweighed by the adverse financial and accommodation consequences of admitting further pupils over the admission number. It would place pressure on staff and existing pupils and have an impact on successful teaching and learning. It will prejudice the provision of efficient education and the efficient use of resources in terms of Section 86(3) of the School Standards & Framework Act 1998. Therefore, it is not possible to accede to parental preference in this case and the application has been refused.

Ordinary Prejudice Grounds applies to all school year groups from Year 3 and above. It also applies to years Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 where a schools admission number is not a multiple of 30 or, if an 'excepted pupil' has been refused a school place. A list of Corvus Learning Trust schools where this applies can be found below.

- Oaklands Infant School
- Oaklands Junior School
- Hatch Ride Primary School
- Edgbarrow School
- Sandhurst School
- The Bulmershe School

Allocation Breakdowns

For details of the number of applications received and how these applications were ranked against the relevant admission criteria.

For our secondary schools situated in Bracknell Forest i.e., Edgbarrow School and Sandhurst School this information will be published on the Bracknell Forest website from 03 March 2025. www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/secondaryoffers

For our secondary schools situated in Wokingham i.e., The Bulmershe School this information should be published on the Wokingham Council website from 03 March 2025. School admissions - Wokingham Borough Council.

For our primary schools situated in Wokingham i.e., Oaklands Infant School, Oaklands Junior School and Hatch Ride Primary School this information should be published on the Wokingham Council website from 16 April 2025. School admissions - Wokingham Borough Council.

If you are unable to obtain this information, please contact the admission authority (The Corvus Learning Trust).

Waiting Lists

Details regarding how waiting lists will be maintained for each Corvus Learning Trust school is confirmed within the individual school's admission arrangements.

Appeals

If we were unable to allocate your child a place at your preferred Corvus Learning Trust school(s), you have the right to appeal for a school place and attend the appeal hearing under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. An Independent Appeal Panel will be formed to consider your appeal convened under the School Admission Appeals Code issued by the Department for Education.

Completed appeal forms must be returned by the relevant date (confirmed below) to be heard in the summer term (prior to the beginning of the new academic year). Appeals received after this date may not be heard in the summer term (within the appeal rounds) and may have to be heard after the new academic year begins (from September 2025).

For Edgbarrow School, Sandhurst School, Oakland Infant, Oakland Junior, and Hatch Ride, please see the information below:

Transfer Phase	**Deadline**
Secondary Admissions (Year 7, September 2025)	31 March 2025
Primary Admissions (Reception, from September 2025)	19 May 2025
Junior Admissions (Year 3, from September 2025)	19 May 2025

Appeal application forms and information packs can be obtained from the schools Appeal Clerk, please visit www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/appeals to complete an appeal application form.

Alternatively, you can call 01344 352000, email: customer.services@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or post; Clerk to the Appeal Panel, Time Square, Bracknell, RG12 1JD.

Appeals Process

For further information regarding the appeals process please see www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/appeals

For The Bulmershe School, please see the information below:

Transfer Phase	**Deadline**
Secondary Admissions (Year 7, September 2025)	29 March 2025

Appeal application forms and information packs can be obtained from the schools Appeal Clerk, please visit School admissions appeals and exclusions to complete an appeal application form.

Alternatively, you can email: school.appeals@wokingham.gov.uk or post; Clerk to the Appeal Panel, Wokingham Borough Council, Shute End, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 1WH

Appeals Process

For further information regarding the appeals process please see School admissions appeals and exclusions