

4 May 2020
Our ref: 6276388

Thank you for your request received on 1 May 2020, for the following information:

Despite being told by the headteacher that we are in the top 20, we have been told that our son is 36th on the waiting list for Monkfrith School - despite living 0.8m from the school. There are 60 spaces for the coming school year. By that reckoning, there are 95 other 3/4 year olds who live closer to the school than we do. We have also been told that children who had the school down as a 3rd/4th choice have been accepted, where it was our first and we have not. Notwithstanding the issue as to order of preference, I do not believe it to be true or possible that 95 3/4 year olds live closer than we do to Monkfrith.

On that basis, I would like a list of all the children who live closer to the school than we do. I am aware there will be issues as to data protection so please feel free to redact names and addresses. I would just like numbers and distances demonstrating that 95 children do indeed live closer.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

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Places at the school were first allocated to siblings and then to children who live within the school's defined priority area. The remaining places were allocated to children living outside the priority area as follows:

0.275 miles
0.324 miles
0.324 miles
0.343 miles
0.365 miles
0.402 miles
0.471 miles
0.471 miles
0.472 miles

There are currently 74 children on the waiting list

The child in first position lives within the priority area

The home to school distances for the children on the waiting list who live outside the priority area and are closer to the school are as follows:

0.475 miles
0.475 miles
0.476 miles
0.479 miles
0.498 miles
0.531 miles
0.54 miles
0.545 miles
0.569 miles
0.571 miles
0.599 miles
0.629 miles
0.632 miles
0.641 miles
0.643 miles
0.646 miles
0.646 miles
0.653 miles
0.655 miles
0.673 miles
0.674 miles
0.691 miles
0.695 miles
0.698 miles
0.703 miles
0.717 miles
0.721 miles
0.733 miles
0.756 miles
0.775 miles
0.776 miles
0.798 miles
0.82 miles
0.833 miles

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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