

**Balcarras Admission Criteria for Year 7 Entry
in September 2025**

| Balcarras Entry Criteria | Number of Children Gaining a Place* |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| EHCP | 9 |
| 1. Looked After Children | 2 |
| 2. Siblings in Area of Priority | 70 |
| 3. Staff Children | 6 |
| 4. Children in Area of Priority | 102 |
| 5. Siblings outside of Area of Priority | 11 |
| 6. Geographical Claim to the School | 9 |
| Total admitted: | 209 |
| Furthest distance of pupil admitted based on geographical claim | 1.407 |

Appeals Summary September 2024 – September 2025

| | Yr 6 into Yr 7 (June 2021) | Into Yr 7 | Into Yr 8 | Into Yr 9 | Into Yr 10 | Into Yr 11 |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Appeals | 7 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Awarded a place | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

The number of intended admissions is 194 in Years 7 to 11.

Where applications for admission in Year 7 exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated according to the following criteria, applied in order:

- 1. Looked after children (i) or children** who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption **(ii)** child arrangement order **(iii)** or a special guardianship order **(iv)** including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *(See Note 1)*

- 2. Children living in the school's area of priority who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.
- 3. Children of full or part time salaried members of staff** who have been employed at Balcarras for two years or more at the time of the application for admission, or of a member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- 4. Children living in the area of priority**, served by the school (see map). If there are more children in the area of priority than places available, those with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
- 5. Children who live outside the area of priority served by the school, who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.
- 6. Other children with the strongest geographical claim**, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

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in September 2024**

| Balcarras Entry Criteria | Number of Children Gaining a Place* |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| EHCP | 4 |
| 2. Looked After Children | 3 |
| 2. Siblings in Area of Priority | 68 |
| 3. Staff Children | 14 |
| 4. Children in Area of Priority | 98 |
| 5. Siblings outside of Area of Priority | 5 |
| 6. Geographical Claim to the School | 2 |
| Total admitted: | 194 |
| Furthest distance of pupil admitted based on geographical claim | 1.318 miles |

Appeals Summary September 2023 – September 2024

| | Yr 6 into Yr 7 (June 2021) | Into Yr 7 | Into Yr 8 | Into Yr 9 | Into Yr 10 | Into Yr 11 |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Appeals | 9 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Awarded a place | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

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Where applications for admission in Year 7 exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated according to the following criteria, applied in order:

- 7. Looked after children (i) or children** who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption **(ii)** child arrangement order **(iii)** or a special guardianship order **(iv)** including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *(See Note 1)*

- 8. Children living in the school's area of priority who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.
- 9. Children of full or part time salaried members of staff** who have been employed at Balcarras for two years or more at the time of the application for admission, or of a member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- 10. Children living in the area of priority**, served by the school (see map). If there are more children in the area of priority than places available, those with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
- 11. Children who live outside the area of priority served by the school, who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.
- 12. Other children with the strongest geographical claim**, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

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| Balcarras Entry Criteria | Number of Children Gaining a Place* |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| EHCP | 9 |
| 1. Looked After Children | 2 |
| 2. Siblings in Area of Priority | 75 |
| 3. Staff Children | 6 |
| 4. Children in Area of Priority | 95 |
| 5. Siblings outside of Area of Priority | 2 |
| 6. Geographical Claim to the School | 6 |
| Total admitted: | 195 |
| Furthest distance of pupil admitted based on geographical claim | 1.355 miles |

Appeals Summary September 2022 – September 2023

| | Yr 6 into Yr 7 (June 2021) | Into Yr 7 | Into Yr 8 | Into Yr 9 | Into Yr 10 | Into Yr 11 |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Appeals | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Awarded a place | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |

The number of intended admissions is 194 in Years 7 to 11.

Where applications for admission in Year 7 exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated according to the following criteria, applied in order:

- 13. Looked after children (i) or children** who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption **(ii)** child arrangement order **(iii)** or a special guardianship order **(iv)** including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *(See Note 1)*

- 14.Children living in the school's area of priority who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.
- 15.Children of full or part time salaried members of staff** who have been employed at Balcarras for two years or more at the time of the application for admission, or of a member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- 16.Children living in the area of priority**, served by the school (see map). If there are more children in the area of priority than places available, those with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
- 17.Children who live outside the area of priority served by the school, who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.
- 18.Other children with the strongest geographical claim**, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

**Balcarras Admission Criteria for Year 7 Entry
in September 2022**

| Balcarras Entry Criteria | Number of Children Gaining a Place* |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| EHCP | 5 |
| 1. Looked After Children | 3 |
| 2. Siblings in Area of Priority | 68 |
| 3. Staff Children | 8 |
| 4. Children in Area of Priority | 102 |
| 5. Siblings outside of Area of Priority | 0 |
| 6. Geographical Claim to the School | 9 |
| Total admitted: | 195 |
| Furthest distance of pupil admitted based on geographical claim | 1.27 miles |

Appeals Summary September 2021 – September 2022

| | Yr 6 into Yr 7 (June 2021) | Into Yr 7 | Into Yr 8 | Into Yr 9 | Into Yr 10 | Into Yr 11 |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Appeals | 8 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Awarded a place | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

The number of intended admissions is 194 in Years 7 to 11.

Where applications for admission in Year 7 exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated according to the following criteria, applied in order:

- 19. Looked after children (i) or children** who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption **(ii)** child arrangement order **(iii)** or a special guardianship order **(iv)** including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *(See Note 1)*

- 20.Children living in the school's area of priority who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.
- 21.Children of full or part time salaried members of staff** who have been employed at Balcarras for two years or more at the time of the application for admission, or of a member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- 22.Children living in the area of priority**, served by the school (see map). If there are more children in the area of priority than places available, those with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
- 23.Children who live outside the area of priority served by the school, who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.
- 24.Other children with the strongest geographical claim**, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

**Balcarras Admission Criteria for Year 7 Entry
in September 2021**

| Balcarras Entry Criteria | Number of Children Gaining a Place* |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| EHCP | 0 |
| 1. Looked After Children | 1 |
| 2. Siblings in Area of Priority | 76 |
| 3. Staff Children | 1 |
| 4. Children in Area of Priority | 101 |
| 5. Siblings outside of Area of Priority | 5 |
| 6. Geographical Claim to the School | 10 |
| Total admitted: | 194 |
| Furthest distance of pupil admitted based on geographical claim | 1.77 miles |

Appeals Summary September 2020 – September 2021

| | Yr 6 into Yr 7 (June 2020) | Into Yr 7 | Into Yr 8 | Into Yr 9 | Into Yr 10 | Into Yr 11 |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Appeals | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Awarded a place | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

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Where applications for admission in Year 7 exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated according to the following criteria, applied in order:

- 1. Looked after children (i) or children** who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption **(ii)** child arrangement order **(iii)** or a special guardianship order **(iv)** including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *(See Note 1)*

- 2. Children living in the school's area of priority who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.
- 3. Children of full or part time salaried members of staff** who have been employed at Balcarras for two years or more at the time of the application for admission, or of a member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- 4. Children living in the area of priority**, served by the school (see map). If there are more children in the area of priority than places available, those with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
- 5. Children who live outside the area of priority served by the school, who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.
- 6. Other children with the strongest geographical claim**, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

**Balcarras Admission Criteria for Year 7 Entry
in September 2020**

| Balcarras Entry Criteria | Number of Children Gaining a Place* |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| EHCP | 12 |
| 1. Looked After Children | 4 |
| 2. Siblings in Area of Priority | 81 |
| 3. Staff Children | 7 |
| 4. Children in Area of Priority | 91 |
| 5. Siblings outside of Area of Priority | 0 |
| 6. Geographical Claim to the School | 0 |
| Total admitted: | 195 |
| Furthest distance of pupil admitted based on geographical claim | 0.944 miles |

Appeals Summary September 2019 – September 2020

| | Yr 6 into Yr 7 (June 2019) | Into Yr 7 | Into Yr 8 | Into Yr 9 | Into Yr 10 | Into Yr 11 |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Appeals | 15 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Awarded a place | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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- 1. Looked after children (i) or children** who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption (ii) child arrangement order (iii) or a special guardianship order (iv).
- 2. Children living in the school's area of priority who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will

continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.

- 3. Children of full or part time salaried members of staff** who have been employed at Balcarras for two years or more at the time of the application for admission, or of a member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- 4. Children living in the area of priority**, served by the school (see map). If there are more children in the area of priority than places available, those with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
- 5. Children who live outside the area of priority served by the school, who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.
- 6. Other children with the strongest geographical claim**, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

**Balcarras Admission Criteria for Year 7 Entry
in September 2019**

| Balcarras Entry Criteria | Number of Children Gaining a Place* |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| EHCP | 4 |
| 1. Looked After Children | 3 |
| 2. Siblings in Area of Priority | 93 |
| 3. Staff Children | 5 |
| 4. Children in Area of Priority | 118 |
| 5. Siblings outside of Area of Priority | 0 |
| 6. Geographical Claim to the School | 0 |
| Total admitted: | 223 |
| Furthest distance of pupil admitted based on geographical claim | 1.17 miles |

Appeals Summary September 2018 – September 2019

| | Yr 6 into Yr 7 (June 2018) | Into Yr 7 | Into Yr 8 | Into Yr 9 | Into Yr 10 | Into Yr 11 |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Appeals | 7 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Awarded a place | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |

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Where applications for admission in Year 7 exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated according to the following criteria, applied in order:

- 1. Looked after children** (i) or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption(ii) child arrangement order (iii) or a special guardianship order (iv)
- 2. Children living in the school's area of priority who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will

continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.

- 3. Children of full or part time salaried members of staff** who have been employed at Balcarras for two years or more at the time of the application for admission, or of a member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- 4. Children living in the area of priority**, served by the school (see map). If there are more children in the area of priority than places available, those with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
- 5. Children who live outside the area of priority served by the school, who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. (This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.)
- 6. Other children with the strongest geographical claim**, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

**Balcarras Admission Criteria for Year 7 Entry
in September 2018**

| Balcarras Entry Criteria | Number of Children Gaining a Place* |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| EHCP | 3 |
| 1. Looked After Children | 3 |
| 2. Siblings in Area of Priority | 75 |
| 3. Staff Children | 6 |
| 4. Children in Area of Priority | 111 |
| 5. Siblings outside of Area of Priority | 0 |
| 6. Geographical Claim to the School | 0 |
| Total Admitted: | 198 |
| Furthest distance of pupil admitted based on geographical claim | 0.94 miles |

Appeals Summary September 2017 – September 2018

| | Yr 6 into Yr 7 (June 2017) | Into Yr 7 | Into Yr 8 | Into Yr 9 | Into Yr 10 | Into Yr 11 |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Appeals | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Awarded a place | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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- 1. Looked after children** (i) or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption(ii) child arrangement order (iii) or a special guardianship order (iv)

- 2. Children living in the school's area of priority who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.

- 3. Children of full or part time salaried members of staff** who have been employed at Balcarras for two years or more at the time of the application for admission, or of a member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

- 4. Children living in the area of priority**, served by the school (see map). If there are more children in the area of priority than places available, those with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

- 5. Children who live outside the area of priority served by the school, who have a sibling attending the school** where the sibling is or has been a member of Years 7-12 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant's child is admitted. (This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended Years 12-13.)

- 6. Other children with the strongest geographical claim**, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

**the statements for all years above are a summary.*

For exact details of the entry criteria, please refer to the school's admissions policy.