Balcarras Admission Criteria for Year 7 Entry in September 2026

Balcarras Entry Criteria	Number of Children Gaining a Place*
EHCP	15
1. Looked After Children	2
2. Siblings in Area of Priority	63
3. Staff Children	11
4. Children in Area of Priority	103
5. Siblings outside of Area of Priority	0
6. Geographical Claim to the School	0
Total admitted:	194
Furthest distance of pupil admitted based on geographical claim	**1.249**

Appeals Summary September 2025 – September 2026

	Yr 6 into Yr 7 (June 2021)	Into Yr 7	Into Yr 8	Into Yr 9	Into Yr 10	Into Yr 11
Appeals	17	3	2	3	0	0
Awarded a place	5	1	0	3	0	0

All children whose education, health and care (EHC) plans name the school will be admitted before any other places are allocated. A place will be offered unless:

- it would be unsuitable for the age, ability, aptitude or SEN of the child or young person,

or

- the attendance of the child or young person would be incompatible with the efficient education of others, or the efficient use of resources. At all times the school will adhere to the SEND Code of Practice.

If the school is not oversubscribed, all applicants will be offered a place.

In the event that the school receives more applications than the number of places it has available, places will be given to those children who meet any of the criteria set out below, in order, until all places are filled.

1. Highest priority will be given to **looked-after children** and all previously looked-after children who apply for a place at the school (see definition in section 3).

2. Priority will next be given to **children living in the school's area of priority** (see Area of Priority Map in Appendix 1) **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. Priority will next be given to **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. This does not include staff employed on an ad-hoc or casual basis, e.g. examination invigilators, supply staff etc.

4. Priority will next be given to **children living in the area of priority**, served by the school (see Appendix 1). 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. Priority will next be given to **children who live outside the area of priority** (see Appendix 1), **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. Priority will next be given to 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 Admission Criteria for Year 7 Entry in September 2025

Balcarras Entry Criteria	Number of Children Gaining a Place*
EHCP	9
2. 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.

Balcarras Admission Criteria for Year 7 Entry in September 2024

Balcarras Entry Criteria	Number of Children Gaining a Place*
EHCP	4
3. 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:

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 2023

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:

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 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:

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 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

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

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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)*** 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

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

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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.

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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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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.

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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.

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