

Free School Meal Scenarios

Scenario 1

School A has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 100 pupils. Living within the catchment area are 30 children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and none of them have older siblings already attending the school. All children eligible for FSM made a preference for School A. The FSM quota under category 4 is 15 pupils.

On allocation, the school admitted 2 children under category 1 (Children in the care of a Local Authority and previously looked after children) and no children under category 2. There were 10 pupils who had siblings at the school and were admitted under category 3. Under category 4, 15 of the 30 children eligible for FSM were offered a place using random allocation as a tie-break. The remaining 15 children eligible for FSM were offered a place at the school under category 5 alongside 58 other pupils. No out of catchment children were offered a place.

Therefore at this school the pupil cohort would contain 30% of pupils eligible for FSM.

Scenario 2

School B has a PAN of 100 pupils. Living within the catchment area are 45 children eligible for FSM. 5 of these pupils have older siblings at the school. All children eligible for FSM made a preference for school B and the FSM quota is 15 pupils. The school is oversubscribed from within its catchment area.

On allocation the school admitted 5 children under category 1 including one child eligible for FSM. No children were allocated under category 2. The 5 FSM pupils with older siblings at the school were admitted under category 3 alongside 11 other pupils with older siblings. Under category 4, 15 of the remaining 39 FSM pupils were offered a place using random allocation as a tie break. As category 5 was oversubscribed under the random allocation tie-break only 19 of the remaining 24 pupils eligible for FSM were offered a place at the school. The remaining 5 pupils were offered one of their other preference schools.

Therefore at the school the pupil cohort would contain 40% of pupils eligible for FSM.

Scenario 3

School C has a PAN of 200 pupils. Living within the catchment area are 12 children eligible for FSM. 8 of these pupils have older siblings at the school. The FSM quota in category 4 is 30 pupils.

On allocation the school admitted 3 children under category 1 and 1 child under category 2. The 8 pupils eligible for FSM were admitted under category 3 alongside 5 other pupils with older siblings. Under category 4, the remaining 4 pupils eligible for FSM are admitted leaving 26 places under category 4. There were 30 other pupils eligible for FSM living outside the catchment area who applied for the school and 26 of these pupils received the remaining places using random allocation as a tie-break.

Therefore at the school the pupil cohort would contain 19% of pupils eligible for FSM.

