

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2026

ALLOCATION STATEMENT FOR WIDCOMBE INFANT PRIMARY SCHOOL

PLACES AVAILABLE: 60

As Widcombe Infant Primary School was oversubscribed it was necessary to use the Palladium Academy Trust admissions criteria, as published in 'A Primary School for Your Child – 2026/27', to allocate the places available at the school. Applications for all schools are considered under an equal preference system which means that all preferences (1st, 2nd & 3rd) for each school are considered equally. If there are any cases where more than one of the school preferences named on the application form could have been met only the highest preference school has been allocated.

A total of **174 preferences** were originally received for Widcombe Infant Primary School which has an Admission Number of **60**.

If, under any of the categories listed, places were offered and refused, priority was given to those who live closest to the school as measured in a direct line between the home address and the school.

How the initial allocation of places was made for this school:

0 places have been offered to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school has been named in their statement.

Category 1 - Looked after children or previously looked after children. **0 Children**

Category 2 - Children with a sibling attending Widcombe Infant School or Widcombe Junior School at the time the admissions application is submitted. **31 Children**

Category 3 – Children of staff at the school, in either or both of the following circumstances: **0 Children**

- (a) Where the member of staff* has been employed at Widcombe Infant on a permanent contract for at least two years prior to the submission of an admission application or
- (b) Children of a newly recruited member of staff appointed to satisfy a demonstrable skill shortage.

(*a member of staff is defined as full time and part time, teaching and non-teaching staff employed and paid through the Palladian Academy Trust's payroll)

Category 4 – Children not satisfying a higher criterion and living closest to Widcombe Infant School by the straight-line measurement between the Ordnance survey 'address point' for the school and the child's home. **29 Children**. The furthest distance offered within this category was **0.966 miles**.

23 children in total have initially been refused a place at Widcombe Infant Primary School. (All other preferences originally considered have qualified for another school as a higher preference)

CLASS SIZE PREJUDICE APPEALS – Effects of Infant Class Size Legislation:

Appeals for Widcombe Infant Primary School will be heard on the basis of Infant Class Size Prejudice as the school will organise with 2 x Reception Classes each containing 30 pupils with one full-time qualified teacher (or equivalent of) in each class.

Please Note: If you decide to lodge a formal appeal for a place at this particular school your initial notification of intent to appeal should be sent to your home local authority by **30 April 2026** by email to admissions_transport@bathnes.gov.uk or for those without this facility to the Postal Address at: Admissions & Transport, People & Communities Department, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath BA1 1JG and your letter of appeal for Widcombe Infant Primary School should be sent by no later than **15 May 2026** to Widcombe Infant School, Archway Street, Bath, BA2 4JG.

Date of Statement 16 April 2026

Position as at 28 May 2026 following initial allocations on 16 April 2026

Following the initial allocations on 16 April 2026, **5** of the places originally offered have become available.

2 parents originally refused a place have lodged an appeal, **8** parents originally refused have opted to go on the waiting list only, and **4** late applications were received.

These **14** children were considered for the **5** places available, and the places have been offered to:

5 Children in **Category 4** – Children not satisfying a higher criterion and living closest to Widcombe Infant School by the straight-line measurement between the Ordnance survey 'address point' for the school and the child's home. The furthest distance offered within this category was **1.188 miles**.

5 children are still on the waiting list/appealing.

1 late applicant child in total has initially been refused a place at Widcombe Infant Primary School. (All other preferences originally considered have qualified for another school as a higher preference)

Please Note: If you decide to lodge a formal appeal for a place at this particular school your initial notification of intent to appeal should be sent to your home local authority by **11 June 2026** and your letter of appeal for Widcombe Infants primary school should be sent by no later than **25 June 2026** by email to admissions_transport@bathnes.gov.uk or for those without this facility to the Postal Address at: Admissions & Transport, People & Communities Department, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG

Date of Statement 28 May 2026