

The local authority scorecard provides information on how faith schools restrict families' choice and access to a secular education across England.

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Bolton

1. School options

This measure looks at the proportion of postcodes in a local authority where the option of a local nonfaith school is restricted to various extents. This measure looks at the three nearest schools.

School choice restriction	None	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
Percentage of local school that are faith based	0%	33%	50%	67%	100%
1a. Primary					
	None	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
ENGLAND (national figures)	28.8	40.9	0.0	23.6	6.7
Bolton	4.8	43.5	0.0	44.6	7.0
By this measure, the local authority is the		21st	worst performing in England.		
1b. Secondary					
	None	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
ENGLAND (national figures)	52.9	36.8	0.0	9.1	1.2
Bolton	9.7	42.4	0.0	42.2	5.8
By this measure, the local authority is the		7th	worst performing in England.		

2. School options

This measure is the same as above. But it does not count all three nearest schools if the second or third requires more than a mile of additional travel from the closest.

2a. Primary

	None	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
ENGLAND (national figures)	33.1	34.8	3.4	17.9	11.0
Bolton	4.8	43.1	1.2	43.8	7.0
By this measure, the local authority is the		21st	worst performing in England.		
2b. Secondary	None	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
ENGLAND (national figures)	61.6	22.1	6.0	6.8	3.4
Bolton	17.9	32.0	2.3	31.4	16.4
By this measure, the local authority is the		6th	worst performing in England.		

3. Proportion of faith schools

	Primary	Secondary	Total
ENGLAND (national figures)	36.6	19.0	33.8
Bolton	49.0	47.4	48.3
By this measure, the local au	worst performing in England	d.	

4. Assigned faith schools against preference

This measure looks at the number of pupils assigned a faith school having expressed a first preference for a non-faith school.

4a. All

	Lower preference	Non-preference	Total
ENGLAND (national figures)	16,519	4,273	20,792
Bolton	141	44	185
By this measure, the local at	thority is the 43rd	worst performing in Engla	and.

4b. Primary

	Lower preference	Non-preference	Total
ENGLAND (national figures)	6,000	1,475	7,475
Bolton	91	15	106
By this measure, the local au	worst performing in England.		
4c. Secondary			
	Lower preference	Non-preference	Total
ENGLAND (national figures)	10,519	2,798	13,317
Bolton	50	29	79
By this measure, the local au	worst performing in England.		

5. Notes

- **A.** Measures 1, 2 and 3 based on analysis of data from the Get information about schools service open as of download in June 2021.
- **B.** Measures 1 and 2 looked at 486,177 postcodes across all local authorities in England.
- **C.** Measure 4 based on analysis of freedom of information request for September 2021 entry.
- **D.** Ranking in measure 4 is based on % of total applicants with preferences expressed.
- E. For pupils assigned faith schools against their wishes, FoI response used local authority #350 -Bolton
- **F.** -
- G. Password for protected sheets is "2021" making changes may stop the scorecard working.