



# Primary School Admission Policies

For admission in September 2022

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This booklet provides basic information on admission policies for all Blackburn with Darwen Primary Schools and Academies, but it is not possible to include all the information about every school's admission policy. Some requirements – for example, those relating to worship attendance - vary between schools. Maps of parish boundaries are available from the schools.

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***You are strongly advised to obtain a copy of the full admission policy for each school you are considering, and to carefully consider all the information available on the [Blackburn with Darwen Council website](#) and from the schools before completing your application form.***

Parents and carers must complete the Council's application form and you are advised to check with the school if a separate form is also required to be completed which you will need to obtain from the school.

Apply online by 31 October 2021 @ [www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions)

## Ashleigh Foundation School

There are thirty-five Reception Class places available in September 2022. If the number of applicants does not exceed this number, then all applicants will be admitted.

Children with either an education, health and care plan, a statement for special educational needs or an individual pupil resource agreement (IPRA) for whom the preferred school is named in the statement will be admitted first.

The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) 'Looked after' children and children who were previously 'looked after' but immediately after being looked after were adopted or became subject to a residence order/child arrangement order, or special guardianship order ('Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.
- b) Children with older brothers or sisters (which means full, half, adopted and step children and the children of the parent/carer's partner living with the same family at the same address) who will still be attending this school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs where these needs can only be met at this school. Professional supporting evidence from a doctor, psychologist, social worker, etc is essential if admission is to be made under this criterion. Such evidence must set out the particular reasons why this school is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school. Please see the note below which provides full details regarding the application of this criterion.
- d) Geographical proximity. Under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to this school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computer.

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie-breaker'. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (e.g. 2 children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) random allocation will be used to decide which of the children can be offered a place. The draw will take place at Ashleigh Primary School and the names will be drawn by the governing body.

### **Priority for Twins/Multiple births**

If an application has been made for places for twins/ triplets/2 or more siblings in the same year group and insufficient places are left within the published admission number (i.e. one of the siblings is the last child who can be admitted within that number) it may be possible for the Admission Authority to offer places to the other sibling(s) in the birth group as a permitted exception to class size regulations.

## Audley Community Infant School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Audley Community Junior School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission criteria for oversubscribed schools

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- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Pupils completing Year 2 at Audley Infant School if applying for admission at Audley Junior School, or Longshaw Infant School if applying for Longshaw Junior School or Meadowhead Infant School if applying for admission at Meadowhead Junior School, or Shadsworth Infant School if applying for admission at Shadsworth Junior School.
- c) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- d) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- e) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c), (d) or (e) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (e)) will be used as the 'tie-breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use random allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for twins/multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching the school's published admission number. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Avondale Community School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

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- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie-breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Belmont Community School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

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- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

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## Blackburn the Redeemer Church of England School

The governing body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a statement of educational need or educational and health care plans naming the school, the governing body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. (a) Children in public care and previously looked after children.

*This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. . 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.*

(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.

*Professional supporting evidence from a professional, e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*

2. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission. Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters including children of the parent/carer's partner living at the same address.

3. Children of staff.

*This applies to all staff, full and part time, who are employed by the governing body for the whole of the two years prior to the closing date for applications, 15th January 2022.*

4. Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England, the Evangelical Alliance the Free Churches Group, the Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland or Churches Together in Wales

*"Parental worshipping" is normally taken to mean a minimum of attendance once a month at church at public worship for over at least 12 months leading up to the 1st September 2021. A maximum of 30 children will be admitted under this category.*

*In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.*

*The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church officer.*

5. Other children

### **Tie break**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where two addresses have the same distance, or the cut off point is for addresses within the same building, then the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).



## Brookhouse Community School

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- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

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## Cedars Community Primary School

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## Feniscowles Community School

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- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Griffin Park Community School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Holy Souls Roman Catholic School

Children who have either an Education, Health and Care Plan, Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Individual Pupil Resource Agreement, where the named school is Holy Souls RC Primary School, will be given priority above other children. Thereafter, if the demand for places exceeds the number of places available, priority will be given to the following categories listed below in priority order:

1. Baptised Catholic looked after children and Baptised Catholic previously looked after children
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children, who have a sibling in school at time of application and admission
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children resident in the parishes of Holy Souls and The Good Shepherd
4. Other baptised Catholic children
5. Looked after children and previously looked after children
6. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of application and admission
7. All remaining applicants

### **Tiebreaker**

If in any one category there are more applicants than places available, priority will be given based on proximity to the school, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. The distance will be measured in a straight line (“as the crow flies”) from the school gates to the family home, using a computer system. Where the cut-off point is for addresses within the same building, then the single measure between address points will apply and the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s). The draw will take place at the Local Authority's offices, and the names will be drawn by a local authority officer who is independent of the admissions process.

**Each Roman Catholic applicant will be required to produce a baptismal certificate unless they were baptised at Holy Souls Church, where baptismal records will be checked.**

## Holy Trinity Church of England Voluntary Controlled School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Intack Community School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.



## Lammack Community School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Longshaw Community Infant School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Longshaw Community Junior School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission criteria for oversubscribed schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admissions policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Pupils completing Year 2 at Audley Infant School if applying for admission at Audley Junior School, or Longshaw Infant School if applying for Longshaw Junior School or Meadowhead Infant School if applying for admission at Meadowhead Junior School, or Shadsworth Infant School if applying for admission at Shadsworth Junior School.
- c) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- d) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- e) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c), (d) or (e) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (e)) will be used as the 'tie-breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use random allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for twins/multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching the school's published admission number. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Lower Darwen Community School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Meadowhead Community Infant School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Meadowhead Community Junior School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission criteria for oversubscribed schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admissions policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Pupils completing Year 2 at Audley Infant School if applying for admission at Audley Junior School, or Longshaw Infant School if applying for Longshaw Junior School or Meadowhead Infant School if applying for admission at Meadowhead Junior School, or Shadsworth Infant School if applying for admission at Shadsworth Junior School.
- c) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- d) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- e) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c), (d) or (e) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (e)) will be used as the 'tie-breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use random allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for twins/multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching the school's published admission number. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Our Lady of Perpetual Succour RC Primary

The Governing Body will consider all preferences equally and in the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting Children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Individual Pupil Resource Agreement naming this school, the Governing Body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. Baptised Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children - This includes any "looked after child" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after was adopted or became subject to a residence order/child arrangement order or special guardianship order.
2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. A map of the Parish boundaries is available in school.
4. Baptised Catholic children.
5. Non Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children - This includes any "looked after child" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after was adopted or became subject to an adoption, a residence order/child arrangement order or special guardianship order.
6. Non Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
7. Other children.

### **Tie-Breaker**

If in any category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including the community entrance to flats) to the main entrance of the school using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system with those living nearer to the school having priority. In the event of distances being the same or two or more applicants where this distance would be the last place/s to be allocated, the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s). The random draw will be carried out at the Local Authority's offices by a Local Authority officer who has no involvement in the School Admissions process.

### **Twins/multi births**

Where there are twins, etc. wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant size classes. In exceptional circumstances cases we are now able to offer places for both twins and all triplets, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

### **Queen Elizabeth Grammar School**

Application is by submitting the LA's CAF. No additional application is required by the School. Places will be allocated to pupils from two geographical areas:

- 50% (28 places) to pupils from the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen (in-Borough) and
- 50% (28 places) to pupils from outside the Borough (out-of-Borough).

Should there be fewer than 50% of applications from either geographical area; the remaining percentage will be offered to the other geographical area.

All pupils who have named this school as a preference will be considered equally against the School's Admissions Policy, and, if undersubscribed, all pupils will be admitted.

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

In the event that there are more applicants than places then, after admitting all pupils with either an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming this school, the AT will allocate places using the oversubscription criteria below, which are listed in order of priority:

- a) 'looked after' children and children who were previously 'looked after' but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions at the time of making an application to the school.
- b) children of a member of staff who has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time when the application for admission is made and who will still be employed at the time of admission. The member of staff must have a School pay reference number.
- c) other children.

If in categories (b) or (c) there are more applications than places available for either geographical area, then the places will be allocated by random allocation. Observed by an independent representative of the LA and members of the AT Admissions Panel, each pupil is allocated a number and these are drawn at random in full view of all those who witness the process. Separate draws are made for in-Borough pupils and out-of-Borough pupils.



## Roe Lee Park Community School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Sacred Heart Roman Catholic School

Children with a Statement of Special Education Need/Education, Health and Care Plan naming Sacred Heart will be admitted first. Then, if there are fewer than 30 applications, all applicants will be offered places. However, if the demand for places at the school is greater than the number of places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied:

1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
2. Children with an exceptional social, medical, educational or religious need which can be best met, or only met at this school;\*
3. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
4. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parishes of Sacred Heart & St Anne's (please ask at school for definition of boundaries & map).
5. Other baptised Catholic children.
6. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
7. All remaining applicants.

**\*Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs where the needs can only be met at Sacred Heart. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school**

### Tie-Breaker

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criterion above, priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by a computer system used by the local authority. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants, places will be allocated by the method used by the local authority. (The Local Authority uses a random draw (lottery) to decide which children will then be offered a place. The draw will take place at the Local Authority's offices and the names will be drawn by a Local Authority officer who is independent of the admissions process).

### Twins/multiple births

It is the duty of governors to comply with regulations on class size limits for children aged between rising five and seven. The Governing Body may exceed the regulations for twins and children from multiple births where one of the children is the 30<sup>th</sup> child admitted. This also applies to in-year applicants who are looked after/previously looked after children, children of UK service personnel or children who move into the area for whom there is no other school available within a reasonable distance.

## Shadsworth Community Infant School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Shadsworth Community Junior School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission criteria for oversubscribed schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admissions policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Pupils completing Year 2 at Audley Infant School if applying for admission at Audley Junior School, or Longshaw Infant School if applying for Longshaw Junior School or Meadowhead Infant School if applying for admission at Meadowhead Junior School, or Shadsworth Infant School if applying for admission at Shadsworth Junior School.
- c) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- d) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- e) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c), (d) or (e) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (e)) will be used as the 'tie-breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use random allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for twins/multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching the school's published admission number. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## St Aidan's Primary School, a Church of England Academy

The governing body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a statement of educational need or Educational, Health and Care Plan naming the school, the governing body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.

*This includes any "looked after child" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after was adopted or became subject to an adoption, residence/child arrangements order or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.*

2. Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.

*Professional supporting evidence from a professional, e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why this school is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*

3. Children have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.

*Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.*

4. Children whose parents/carers live within the ecclesiastical parish of St Aidan's Mill Hill.

*A map showing the boundaries is available in school.*

5. Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England Churches Together in England, the Evangelical Alliance, the Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland or Churches Together in Wales.

*"Parental worshipping" is normally taken to mean a minimum of monthly attendance at church at public worship for over at least the six months leading up to the 1st September 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church officer.*

*"In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship".*

6. Other children.

### **Tie break**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where two addresses have the same distance, or the cut off point is for addresses within the same building, then the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s). The draw will take place at the Local Authority's offices by a local authority officer who is independent of the admissions process.

## St Alban's Roman Catholic School

Admission applications will be decided by the Governing Body, which will consider all stated parental preferences it receives. If there are more applications for admission than the school has places available, then places will be allocated using the following criteria in priority order.

1. Children who either have an Education, Health and Care Plan, a Statement of Special Educational Needs, or an Individual Pupil Resourcing Agreement (IPRA) where the named school is St Alban's will be given priority above all other children.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in the Parish of St Albans and Good Shepherd and will have a sibling attending the school at the time of admission.
4. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in the Parish of St. Alban's and Good Shepherd.
5. Baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a sibling attending the school at the time of admission.
6. Baptised Roman Catholic children.
7. Other Looked After and previously looked after Children
8. Other children with a sibling attending the school at the time of admission.
9. Any other children.

Where there are more applicants for the available places within any category, then distance from home front door to the main gates of the school in a straight line, using a computer, will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones.

### Tiebreaker

If category (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) or (9) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as listed above will be used as the 'tiebreaker' to decide between the remaining cases within the category. If after measuring distances, it is still not possible to decide on the children to be admitted, (for example, if only one place is left but there are two children living at the same address seeking admission) the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s). The random draw will be carried out at the Local Authority's offices by a Local Authority officer who is not involved in the School Admissions process.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where a family of twins and children of multiple births request admission where one of the children is the 30th child admitted the other child or children may be admitted.

## St Anne's Roman Catholic School

All preferences are considered equally. If demand for places exceeds the number of places available, after admitting children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education Health Care Plan, places will be allocated to applicants under the following categories listed below in priority order:

1. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are 'Looked after' or who were previously 'looked after' but immediately after being 'looked after' were adopted or became subject to a residence/ child arrangement order, or special guardianship order.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children living in the original parish of St. Anne's and baptised Roman Catholic children living in Sacred Heart parish.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children who have older siblings attending St. Anne's R.C. Primary School at the time of application and admission.
4. Other baptised Roman Catholic children.
5. Children who are 'Looked after' and children who were previously 'looked after' but immediately after being 'looked after' were adopted or became subject to a residence, or special guardianship order who are not baptised Roman Catholic.
6. Children of members of school staff in either or both of the following circumstances: (a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or (b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
7. Children with special social/medical/welfare needs which are directly relevant to this school. Appropriate evidence must be provided from a doctor, social worker etc, setting out the particular reasons why St Anne's is the most suitable school to meet these needs, and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.
8. Other children with older siblings attending St Anne's RC Primary School at the time of application and admission.
9. Other children attending St. Anne's R.C. Nursery School at the time of making the application.
10. Other children who live in the geographical area (catchment) covered by the parish boundary of Sacred Heart or the original parish of St. Anne's.
11. Other children.

### **Tie-breaker**

To judge between otherwise equal cases within a category, priority will be given to the children who live nearest to the school. Distance will be measured from the home front door to the school's main entrance as the crow flies, using a computerised system. If it is not possible to differentiate on distance (for example, if only one place is left but there are two children living at the same address seeking admission) then the child to be offered the place will be chosen by random allocation. The draw will take place at the Local Authority's offices and the name (s) will be drawn by a local authority officer who is independent of the admission process.

### **Twins/multiple births**

If an application has been made for places for twins/ triplets/2 or more siblings in the same year group and insufficient places are left within the published admission number (i.e. one of the siblings is the last child who can be admitted within that number) it may be possible for the Admission Authority to offer places to the other sibling(s) in the birth group as a permitted exception to class size regulations.

## St Antony's Roman Catholic Primary School

The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. Children with either a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health Care Plan where the named school is St Antony's, will be given priority above all other children. Applications to the school will be dealt with by the Governing Body in accordance with the following set of criteria which will be used to form a priority order if there are more applications than the school has places available.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children with approved medical/social/welfare reasons affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school. If you wish to be considered under this category there is certain evidence you must provide.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children resident in the parish of the Holy Family.
4. Baptised Roman Catholic children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application and admission.
5. Baptised Roman Catholic children.
6. Children with approved medical/social/welfare reasons affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school. If you wish to be considered under this category there is certain evidence you must provide.
7. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
8. Other children.

### **Tie breaker**

In the event of there being more applications within any category than places available, home to school distance will be used as the tiebreaker. Distances are measured as the crow flies, from home to the school gate, using the computerised mapping package offered by the Local Authority. If a further tiebreaker is needed, the decision will be made by random allocation. The draw will take place at (specify location), and the name(s) will be drawn by (specify who) who is independent of the admissions process.



## St Barnabas Primary School, a Church of England Academy

The Local Governing Committee will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children. The Local Governing Committee operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with an Education, Health and Care Plan, a statement of educational need naming the school or an Individual Pupil Resource Agreement (IPRA), the Local Governing Committee will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. (a) Looked after children and previously looked after children.

*This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence/child arrangement order or special guardianship order.*

(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.

*Professional supporting evidence from a professional, e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*

2. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.

*Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.*

3. Children whose parents live within the ecclesiastical parish of St Barnabas

*A map showing the boundaries is available in school.*

4. Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England. Churches in membership of the equivalent bodies to CTE in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are equally accepted.

*"Parental worshipping" is normally taken to mean a minimum of monthly attendance at church at public worship for over at least the 6 months leading up to the 1st September 2020. If you wish to apply under this category you must complete our Diocesan Supplementary Information Form and return with the Local Authority Primary School Admission form. The lists of Churches can be found on the Churches Together in England website at [cte.org.uk](http://cte.org.uk); lists are taken as on 1st September 2020.*

5. Other children.

### **Tie break**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the Committee of the property and usually located at its centre. Where the cut-off point is for addresses within the same building, then the single measure between address points will apply and the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

### **Twins, etc.**

Where there are twins, etc. wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the Local Governing Committee will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances cases we are now able to offer places for both twins and all triplets, even when this means breaching infant class size limits.

## St Barnabas & St Paul's Church of England School

The governing body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a statement of educational need or educational and health care plans naming the school, the governing body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. Looked After and Previously Looked After Children. This means any "looked after child" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after was adopted or became subject to a residence/child arrangement or special guardianship order. A 'Looked After' child is a child who is (a) in the care of the local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions, at the time of making an application to the school.
2. Children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) show evidence of being active members of the Church of England, or any church in membership of Churches Together in England, the Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland, Churches Together in Wales - the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance by parental worship.
3. Children who have siblings attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.
4. Children of staff – this applies to all staff, full and part time, who are employed by the Governing Body for the whole of the two years prior to the closing date for application.
5. Children whose parent(s)/carer(s) or legal guardians live within the ecclesiastical parish of St. Barnabas, Blackburn.
6. Children with proven and exceptional medical and social needs where admission to the school might best satisfy those exceptional needs, providing that such application is submitted with supporting evidence from the doctor or social worker. The supporting evidence has to explain what the child's needs are, why they can only be met at St. Barnabas & St. Paul's and what problems there would be if the child had to attend any other school.
7. Other children.

### **Tie-breaker**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where two addresses have the same distance, or the cut off point is for addresses within the same building, then the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

### **Twins/multiple births**

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances cases we are now able to offer places for both twins and all triplets, even when this means breaching infant class size limits.

## St Cuthbert's Church of England School

The governing body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children either with an education, health and care plan, a statement of special educational need or an Individual Pupil Resource Agreement (IPRA) naming the school, the governing body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. (a) Looked after children / Previously looked after children. *This includes any "looked after child" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after was adopted or became subject to a residence/child arrangement order or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of the local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by the local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.*

(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school. *Professional supporting evidence from a professional, eg a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*

2. Children who have a sibling attending St Cuthbert's School. *Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters and children of parent's/carer's partners living at the same address. It does not include sibling cousins.*
3. Children with a parent/guardian/carer who worships at St Cuthbert's Church, or worships at a church which is a full member of the Churches Together in England, the Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland or Churches Together in Wales.

*Parental worshipping means regular monthly attendance at church at public worship over a period of at least 6 months between 1st January and 1st September 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church officer. In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship. Where a family has changed churches, then information about all of them will be required. A maximum of 22 children will be taken under this criterion.*

4. Children with parents/guardians/carers who live in the parish of St Cuthbert's. *A map showing the boundaries is available on the school website.*

*Children of staff who have been employed in the school for the whole of the two years prior to the closing date for applications. This applies to all staff, full and part time, who are employed in the school.*

5. Other children

### **Tie break**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where the cut-off point is for addresses within the same building, then the single measure between address points will apply and the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s). The draw will take place at the Local Authority's offices and the names will be drawn by a local authority officer who is independent of the admissions process.

## St Edward's Roman Catholic School

Admission to the school will be made by the Governing Body in accordance with the stated parental preferences it receives. In the event that there are more applicants than places available, after admitting children who either, have an education, health and care plan, or a statement of special educational needs naming the school, the Governing body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. A baptised Catholic 'looked after child' or a baptised Catholic child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those who appear to this admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in the Parish of Sacred Heart and St Edward's, Darwen.
4. Other Baptised Roman Catholic children.
5. 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those who appear to this admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
6. Other children with a sibling attending school at the time of admission.
7. Other children.

### **Tie-breaker**

Where there are two or more applicants who have the same priority under the above rules and the number of places available means that not all can be offered a place, priority will then be given to those whose home address is nearest the school as measured by the computerised mapping package service offered by the LA. This is based on a 'crow flies' measurement rather than walking routes. If after measuring distance it is still not possible to decide on the child(ren) to be offered admission (e.g. 2 children living in the same block of flats or the same house) then the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which child(ren) receive the offer(s). The draw will take place at the Local Authority's offices, and the name(s) will be drawn by a local authority officer who is independent of the admissions process.

## St Francis' Church of England School

The governing body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a statement of educational need or educational and health care plans naming the school, the governing body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. (a) Children in public care and previously looked after children.

This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.

(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.

2. Children whose parent(s)/guardian live within the ecclesiastical parish of St Francis.

(a) Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission;

(b) Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in membership of Churches Together in England, the Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland or Churches Together in Wales;

"Parental worshipping" is normally taken to mean a minimum of monthly attendance at church at public worship for over the six months leading up to the 1st September 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church officer. Where a family has changed churches, then information about all of them will be required.

*In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship*

(c) Other children.

3. Children whose parent(s)/guardian live outside the parish

(a) Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission;

(b) Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in membership of Churches Together in England, the Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland or Churches Together in Wales;

(c) Other children.

### **Tie break**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where two addresses have the same distance, or the cut-off point is for addresses within the same building, then the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

## St Gabriel's CofE Primary School

The Governing Body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a Statement of Educational Need or Health and Care Plan naming the school (Criterion 1), the Governing Body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. Children in public care and previously looked after children.

*This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. . 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.*

2. Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.

*Professional supporting evidence from a professional, e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*

3. Children with a parent/guardian worshipping at St Gabriel's Church, Blackburn.

*"Parental worshipping" is normally taken to mean a minimum monthly attendance at church at public worship for at least six months between 1st January and 31st December 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church officer.*

***Agreed variation:***

*"In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship".*

4. Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England or the Evangelical Alliance or the North West Partnership.

*"Parental worshipping" is normally taken to mean a minimum monthly attendance at church at public worship for at least six months between 1st January and 31st December 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church officer. Churches in membership of the equivalent bodies to CTE in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are equally accepted.*

***Agreed variation:***

*"In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship".*

5. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission. *Siblings include step, half, foster, and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.*

6. Children of staff who have been employed in the school for the whole of the two years prior to the closing date for applications. *This applies to all staff, full and part time, who are employed by the Governing Body.*

7. Other children

**Tie break**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where two addresses have the same distance, or the cut-off point is for addresses within the same building, then the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

**Twins, etc**

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances cases we are now able to offer places for both twins and all triplets, even when this means breaching infant class size limits.

## St James Church of England School, Blackburn

The Governing Body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than 30 children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting children with a statement of special educational need or an Education, health and care plan naming this school, the Governing Body will allocate places using the criteria below. These are listed in order of priority.

1. (a) Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children

*This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.*

(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.

*Professional supporting evidence from a doctor, psychologist, social worker etc., is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why this school is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*

2. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.

*Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters including children of the parent/carer's partner living at the same address. This does not include cousins living at the same address.*

3. Children whose parent(s) live within the ecclesiastical parish of St. James' Blackburn.

*A map showing the parish boundaries is available in the school office.*

4. Other children

### **Tiebreaker**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then distance between Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor with nearer addresses having priority over more distant one. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where the cut-off point is for addresses within the same building, then the single measure between address points will apply and the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s). The random draw will take place at the Local Authority's office.

### **Twins/multiple births**

Where there are twins, etc. wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances the Governors are now able to offer places for both twins and all triplets, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.



## St James' Church of England School, Lower Darwen

The governing body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a statement of educational need or educational and health care plans naming the school, the governing body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. (a) Children in public care and previously looked after children.

*This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.*

(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.

*Professional supporting evidence from a professional, e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*

2. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission. *Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters, children of the parent/carer's partner living at the same address and full brothers and sisters living apart.*

3. (a) Children with a parent/guardian worshipping at St. James' Church, Lower Darwen

*'Parental worshipping' in this case is normally taken to mean a minimum of fortnightly attendance at church at public worship or any of the regular family events across the week at St. James' Lower Darwen for over at least the six months leading up to the 1st September 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church officer.*

(b) Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England, the Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland or Churches Together in Wales.

*'Parental worshipping' is normally taken to mean a minimum of monthly attendance at church at public worship for over at least the six months leading up to the 1st September 2021.*

*In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.*

4. Parents who live in the ecclesiastical parish of St. James' Church, Lower Darwen. *A map showing the boundaries is available in school.*

5. Other children.

### **Tie break**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where two addresses have the same distance, or the cut off point is for addresses within the same building, then the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

## St James' Primary School, a Church of England Academy, Darwen

The Governing Body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the Reception Class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no Reception or Key Stage 1 class may contain more than thirty children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with an Education, Health and Care plan, a Statement of Special Educational Need or an Individual Pupil Resource Agreement (IPRA) naming the academy, the Governing Body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

Please note that a place in the Nursery Class does not guarantee a place in the academy.

### Admission Criteria

1. (a) Children in public care and previously looked after children. .

*This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. This criteria also includes looked after children and all previously looked after children 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.*

(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.

*Professional supporting evidence from a professional, eg a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the academy is the most suitable academy and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another academy.*

2. Children who have a sibling attending the academy on the date of application and on the date of admission. *Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.*
3. Children whose parents live within the ecclesiastical parish of Darwen St. James' Church, Darwen. *A map showing the parish boundaries is available in the academy.*
4. Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England. Parental worshipping is normally taken to mean a minimum of monthly attendance at church at public worship for over at least six months between the 1st January and 1st September 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church Officer. Where a family has changed churches, then information about all of them will be required.

*"In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship".*

5. Other children.

### Tie-breaker

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where the cut off point is for addresses within the same building, then the single measure between address points will apply and the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

## St Joseph's Roman Catholic School

Any child with either an education, health and care plan, or a statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school must be admitted first. Thereafter, decisions on admission to the school will be made by the Governing Body, subject to the following criteria which will be used to form a priority order if there are more applications for admission than the school has places available:

1. Baptised Roman Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children with a sibling attending the school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in the historic parish of St. Joseph's
4. Other baptised Roman Catholic children
5. Other Looked after children and previously looked after children
6. Other children with a sibling attending the school at the time of admission
7. Other children

### **Tiebreaker**

If in any category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of proximity to the school (determined by the safest and shortest walking distance from the front door of the child's main residence to the front door of the school, measured using a digital mapping system, nearer addresses having highest priority). If it is not possible to differentiate between two or more cases on that basis, then the remaining place will be randomly drawn by a computer system. The draw will take place at the Local Authority's office by a computerised system

### **Priority for Twins/Multiple births**

It is the duty of the Governors to comply with the class size limit at Reception and Key Stage One. This means that the school cannot operate classes in Reception and Key Stage One of more than 30 children. However, the Governing Body of St Joseph's RC Primary School may choose to exceed KS1 Class Size regulations for twins and children from multiple births where one of the children is the 30<sup>th</sup> child admitted.

## St Luke & St Philip's Primary School, a Church of England Academy

The governing body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a statement of educational need, educational health or care plans naming the school, the governing body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. (a) Looked after children and previously looked after children.

*This includes any "looked after child" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after was adopted or became subject to a residence/child arrangements order or special guardianship order.*

(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.

*Professional supporting evidence from a professional, eg a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*

2. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.

*Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.*

3. Children whose parent(s)/guardian live within the ecclesiastical parish of St Luke, St Mark and St Philip

*A map of the parish boundaries is shown at the end of this document .*

4. Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England, the Evangelical Alliance, the Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland or Churches Together in Wales.

*"Parental worshipping" is normally taken to mean a minimum of monthly attendance at church at public worship for over at least the six months leading up to the 1st September 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church officer.*

5. Children of staff who have been employed in the school for the whole of the two years prior to the closing date for applications, or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

*This applies to all staff, full and part time, who are employed by the governing body.*

6. Other children

### **Tie break**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where the cut off point is for addresses within the same building, then the single measure between address points will apply and the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

## St Mary & St Joseph's Roman Catholic School

If there are fewer than 30 applications, all applicants will be offered places. All children whose statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Educational Health and Care (EHC) plan names the school must be admitted. If there are more applications than the number of places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied:

1. Baptised Catholic Looked After Children and Baptised Catholic previously Looked After Children.
2. Baptised Catholic children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application and admission
3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of the Holy Family
4. Non Catholic Looked After children and previously Looked After Children
5. Other Baptised Catholic children
6. Other children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application and admission (see note C).
7. All remaining applicants – those whose homes are nearest the school having priority. Distances are measured as the crow flies, from home to the school gate, using the computerised mapping package offered by the Local Authority.

### **Tie-Break**

In the event of there being more applications within any category than places available, home to school distance (as set out in category 7) will be used as the tiebreaker. If a further tiebreaker is needed, i.e. if the distance is the same for two or more applicants where this would be the last place/s to be allocated, the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which child receives the offer. The draw will take place at the Local Authority's offices, and the name(s) will be drawn by a local authority officer who is independent of the admissions process.

### **Multiple Births**

It is the duty of governors to comply with regulations on class size limits for children aged between rising five and seven. The governing board may exceed the regulations for twins and children from multiple births where one of the children is the 30th child admitted. This also applies to in-year applicants who are looked after/previously looked after children of UK service personnel or children who move into the area for whom there is no other school available within a reasonable distance.

## St Matthew's Church of England School

The governing body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a statement of educational need or educational and health care plans naming the school, the governing body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. (a) Children in public care and previously looked after children.

*This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.*

(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.

*Professional supporting evidence from a professional, e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*

2. Children who have a sibling already attending the school at the date of application and on the date of admission.

*'Sibling' refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.*

3. Children whose parents live within the ecclesiastical parish of Christ Church with St Matthew's.

*A map showing the parish boundaries is available in school.*

4. Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in membership of Churches Together in England, the Irish Council of Churches, the Evangelical Alliance, Action for Churches Together in Scotland, Churches Together in Wales or the North West Partnership.

*'Parental worshipping' is normally taken to mean a minimum of a monthly attendance at church at public worship over a period of at least 6 months leading up to 1st September 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church officer.*

5. Other children

**Admission to Brunel Nursery School does not guarantee a child a place at St. Matthew's Primary School. A separate application must be submitted to St Matthew's.**

### Tie break

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where two addresses have the same distance, or the cut off point is for addresses within the same building, then the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

## St Michael with St John Church of England Voluntary Controlled School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## St Paul's Church of England School

The governing body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a statement of educational need or educational and health care plans naming the school, the governing body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. (a) Children in public care and previously looked after children. *This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.*  
  
(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school. *Professional supporting evidence from a professional, e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*
2. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.  
*Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address*
3. Children whose parents live within the ecclesiastical parish of Hoddlesden St. Paul's.  
*A map showing the boundaries is available from school.*
4. Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England. Churches in membership of the equivalent bodies to CTE in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are equally accepted. *"Parental worshipping" is normally taken to mean a minimum of monthly attendance at church at public worship for over at least the 6 months leading up to the 1 September 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church officer.*
5. Children of staff who have been employed in the school for the whole of the two years prior to the closing date for applications, or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. *This applies to all staff, full and part time, who are employed by the governing body.*
6. Other children.

### **Tie-breaker**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where two addresses have the same distance, or the cut off point is for addresses within the same building, then the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

### **Twins/multiple births**

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances cases we are now able to offer places for both twins and all triplets, even when this means breaching infant class size limits.

## St Paul's Roman Catholic School

Children with either an Education, health and care plan, a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Individual Pupil Resourcing Agreement (IPRA), where the named school is St Paul's R.C.P, will be given



priority above all other children. Applications to the school will be dealt with by the Governing Body in accordance with the following set of criteria which will be used to form a priority order if there are more applications than the school has places available.

1. Baptised Roman Catholic Looked After and Baptised Roman Catholic Previously Looked After children.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children with a sibling attending the school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St Mary's and St John the Baptist (Pleasington Priory) and St Paul's Feniscowles.
4. Looked After and Previously Looked After children.
5. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
6. Other Baptised Roman Catholic children.
7. All remaining applicants.

### **Tie-breaker**

Where there are two or more applicants who have the same priority under the above criteria, priority will then be given to those whose home address is nearest to the school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using the local authority computerised mapping system.

Where there are still two or more applicants with the same priority, the decision as to which child will be offered a place will be made by random allocation (lottery) carried out by the Local Authority. The draw will take place at the Local Authority's offices, by a computerised system.

### **Twins/multiple births**

Governing Bodies in Primary/Infant Schools may exceed Class Size Regulations for twins and children from multiple births where one of the children is the 30th child admitted and the other(s) are beyond that limit.

## St Peter's Church of England School

The governing body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a statement of educational need or EHCP naming the school, the governing body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. Children in Care or previously looked after children. *This includes any "looked after child" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.*
2. Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school. *Professional supporting evidence from e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*
3. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission. *Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address for most of the week.*
4. Children whose parents live within the ecclesiastical parish of St Peter's, Darwen (a map is available in school) with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England, or Evangelical Alliance or the North West Partnership. *The list of Churches can be found on the Churches Together in England website at [cte.org.uk](http://cte.org.uk) "Parental worshipping" means regular fortnightly attendance at church at public worship over a period of at least six months between 1st January and 1st September 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy.*
5. Children of staff where that member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to school is made.
6. Children whose parents live within the ecclesiastical parish of St Peter's, Darwen but do not worship in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England, or Evangelical Alliance or the North West Partnership.
7. Children whose parents live outside the ecclesiastical parish of St Peter's, Darwen.
  - (a) Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England.
  - (b) Other children.

### **Tie-breaker**

Where there are more applicants than available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address point for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where the cut off point is for addresses within the same building, then the single measure between address points will apply and the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

### **Twins/multiple births**

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances cases we are now able to offer places for both twins and all triplets, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## St Peter's RC Primary School

The school's Governing Body is the admissions authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. The co-ordination of admissions arrangements is undertaken by the Local Authority. For the school year commencing September 2022 the Governing Body has set its planned admissions number at 60.

Children with either an education, health and care plan or an IPRA where the named school is St Peter's RCP

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children who have a sibling attending the school at the time of application and admission and are resident in the parishes of St Peter or St John Vianney).
3. All remaining places will be allocated to Baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St Peter or St John Vianney. Children who live closer to school in each of these parishes will be allocated equally.
4. Baptised Roman Catholic children who have a sibling attending the school at the time of application and admission and are resident in another Catholic parish.
5. Other baptised Roman Catholic children resident in another Catholic parish.
6. Other children who have a sibling attending the school at the time of application and admission.
7. Other children

### **Tie-breaker**

If in any category there are more applications than places available, places will be allocated to those living nearest the school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the front door of the child's home address to the main door of the School building on Hawkins Street using a computer. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (e.g. 2 children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which of the children can be offered a place. The draw will take place at the Local Authority's offices, and the name(s) will be drawn by a local authority officer who is independent of the admissions process.

## St Silas' Church of England School

The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a Statement of Educational Need or Health and Care Plan naming the school, the Governing Body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. (a) Children in public care and previously looked after children.

*This includes any "looked after child" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.*

(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.

*Professional supporting evidence from a professional, eg a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*

2. Siblings

*Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission. Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.*

3. Children whose parents/carers live within the ecclesiastical parish of St. Silas'. A map showing the boundaries is available from school.

4. Children with a parent/carers worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England, Together in England, The Evangelical Alliance, The Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland or Churches Together in Wales. "Parental worshipping" is normally taken to mean a minimum of monthly attendance at church at public worship for over at least the six months leading up to the 1st September 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church officer.

5. Other children

### **Tie break**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where the cut off point is for addresses within the same building, then the single measure between address points will apply and the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

### **Twins, etc**

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances cases we are now able to offer places for both twins and all triplets, even when this means breaching infant class size limits.

## St Stephen's Church of England

The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a Statement of Educational Need or Health and Care Plan naming the school, the Governing Body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. (a) Children in public care and previously looked after children.

*This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. . 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.*

(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.

*Professional supporting evidence from a professional, e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*

2. Children with a parent/carer who worships at the Parish Church of St Stephen's, Blackburn, or a Church in full membership of Churches Together in England.

*"Parental worshipping" means regular monthly attendance at church at public worship over a period of at least the six months leading up to 1st September 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church officer. Where a family has changed churches, then information about all of them will be required.*

*"In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship"*

3. Children with a sibling attending this school on the date of application and on the date of admission. Siblings refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent(s)/carer(s) partner and in every case, the child should be living in the same family at the same address. (Cousins do not come within this criterion).

4. Other children

### **Tie break**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where two addresses have the same distance, or the cut-off point is for addresses within the same building, then the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

### **Twins, etc**

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances / cases we are now able to offer places for both twins and all triplets, even when this means breaching infant class size limits.

## St Stephen's Tockholes Church of England School

The governing body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a statement of educational need or educational and health care plans naming the school, the governing body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority.

1. (a) Children in public care and previously looked after children.

*This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.*

(b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.

*Professional supporting evidence from a professional, e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.*

2. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission. *Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters including children of the parent/carer's partner living at the same address.*

3. Children of staff

*This applies to all staff, full and part time, who are employed by the governing body for the whole of the two years prior to the closing date for applications, 15th January 2021.*

4. Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England, the Evangelical Alliance the Free Churches Group, the Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland or Churches Together in Wales

*"Parental worshipping" is normally taken to mean a minimum of attendance once a month at church at public worship for over at least 12 months leading up to the 1st September 2021. The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant member of the clergy or church officer.*

5. Other children

### **Tie break**

Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where two addresses have the same distance, or the cut-off point is for addresses within the same building, then the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

## St Thomas' Church of England Voluntary Controlled School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Sudell Primary an Aldridge Community Academy

Where the school is named on a child's EHCP or Statement of Special Educational Needs, that pupil will be admitted to the school. Where a child has Special Educational Needs (SEN) and or a disability but does not have an EHCP their application will be considered based on the normal admission criteria. The school must not refuse to admit a child who has SEN claiming they do not have an EHCP.

The school will consider all applications for places. Where fewer applications are received than places available, the school will offer places to all those who have applied.

If the number of applications for admission is greater than the PAN (places available), all applications will be considered, and places offered according to the oversubscription criteria in the order set out below:

- I. 'Looked After Children' and children who have previously been a 'Looked After Child' but immediately following this became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order or special guardianship order<sup>2</sup> . ii.
- II. Children of staff at the school who occupy, or have been recruited to, a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Aldridge Education must approve the Principal's assessment process and designation of such posts to confirm the staff members' eligibility under this criterion. Priority will be limited to one place for each form of entry in any year (i.e. 3 places in each 3-form year group).
- III. Children who, at the time of admission, have a sibling who attends the school. For this purpose, "sibling" means a whole, half or step-sibling or an adopted child resident at the same address.
- IV. Children of staff in the school who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time the application is submitted. Aldridge Education must approve the Principal's decision to allocate places to staff under this criterion. Priority will be limited to one place for each form of entry in any year (i.e. 3 places in each 3-form year group).
- V. Distance measurement – Priority will be given to those children who live closest to the school.

The Local Authority measures distance on behalf of Aldridge Education, Blackburn with Darwen use Ordnance Survey Data to calculate straight line distance between the child's home and the main entrance to the school. Where a child resides in a block of flats, the distance will be measured to the main entrance of the building in which the flats are located.

PLEASE NOTE: A child's home will be the address at which the child normally resides and which has been notified to relevant agencies (e.g. the Local Authority) as being the child's normal place of residence. Where a child lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the permanent home address for the purposes of school admissions will be the one where the child spends the majority of school nights Monday–Friday.

### **Tie-breaker**

If Aldridge Education is unable to distinguish between applicants using the published oversubscription criteria, including those who live in blocks of flats within the same building, places will be offered via a random draw which will be supervised by someone independent of the school.

### **Priority for Twins/Multiple births**

In the case of multiple births or siblings in the same year group, where there is only one place available in the school, all will be considered together as one application.



## The Olive School

To allow the school to consider the application under Priority Group A, Muslim parents are required to return the completed supplementary information form by 15th January 2022. Where a place cannot be offered under Priority Group A, then the application will be considered under Priority Group B, alongside all other applicants for whom the parents did not complete a supplementary information form.

The form can be downloaded from the [school's website](#). You can request it by email: [info@oliveblackburn.staracademies.org](mailto:info@oliveblackburn.staracademies.org) or by contacting the Admissions Officer, The Olive School, Meins Road, Blackburn Lancashire BB2 7AD. (Telephone 01254 54070).

The completed supplementary information form must be returned to the school by 15th January 2022.

Applicants **MUST ALSO** complete and return the home Local Authority's common application form by 15th January 2022.

Failure to complete the home Local Authority's common application form, even if the supplementary information form has been completed by 15th January 2022, will mean that the school will not consider the application form for admission.

Following the admission of children with an education, health and care plan, a maximum of 50% of the remaining places are allocated to children whose parents completed the supplementary information form, using the criteria listed under Priority Group A.

When an odd number of children with an education health and care plan are named to the school, we will round down the number of children allocated places under Priority Group A to the nearest whole child. For example: if one child with an education health and care plan is named to the school, we will allocate 44 places in Priority Group A if there are 44 or more Muslim applicants.

Following the admission of Muslim children under Priority Group A, the remaining places are allocated to all children under Priority Group B. This will include children refused admission under Priority Group A, and children whose parents did not complete the supplementary information form, using the criteria listed under Priority Group B, until the admission number of 90 is met.

If the school is oversubscribed, children will be admitted in accordance with the oversubscription criteria in the order listed below, once all children with an education, health and care plan, naming the school are admitted.

### **Oversubscription criteria**

#### *Priority Group A*

A maximum of 50% of the remaining places will be allocated to children who are of the Muslim faith in the following order:

1. Looked after Muslim children or a Muslim child who was previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order, or special guardianship order or those Muslim children who appear to the school to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children whose parent is a member of, or a woman who receives the membership benefits of, Masjid-e-Tauheedul Islam.
3. Children whose parent is a member of, or a woman who receives the membership benefits of, Masjid al Hidayah, Masjid-e-Irfan and Masjid-e-Anisul Islam.
4. Children of Muslim staff employed at The Olive School for 2 or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made, and / or the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Muslim children with a sibling attending The Olive School at the time of both application and offer of a place.
6. Muslim children with proven, exceptionally strong special, medical or social circumstances, which are directly relevant to attendance at The Olive School.

Parents are responsible for providing the professional supporting evidence with the application by the closing date from a consultant, doctor, psychologist, social worker or from another relevant independent professional.

7. All other Muslim children who live nearest from home to school.

### ***Priority Group B***

**Remaining places will be allocated to other applicants, including those refused admission in Priority Group A, equally and without reference to faith, in the following order:**

1. Looked after children or a child who was previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order, or special guardianship order or those children who appear to the school to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children with a sibling attending The Olive School at the time of both application and offer of a place.
3. Children with proven, exceptionally strong special, medical or social circumstances, which are directly relevant to attendance at The Olive School.
4. Parents are responsible for providing the professional supporting evidence with the application by the closing date from a consultant, doctor, psychologist, social worker or from another relevant independent professional
5. All other children who live nearest from home to school.

### **Tie-breaker**

Children who live nearest from home to school will receive priority for any criteria that are oversubscribed. If the distance between home and school is the same, which includes the same geographical property reference (such as a block of flats), then random allocation is used as a tie-breaker. BwDBC's School Admissions Team will undertake the random allocation process in the presence of a school representative.

### **Multiple births**

If children of multiple births (twins and triplets) require admission in the same year group and there is only a single place left within the published admission number, the school will offer places above the published admission number, as permitted by the infant class size rules.

## Turton and Edgworth Church of England / Methodist Voluntary Controlled School

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. If the number of children requiring admission does not exceed the school's published admission number, all the children will be offered admission. If the number of children requiring admission exceeds the published admission number, then the Local Authority will consider all preferences equally against the oversubscription criteria shown below.

### Admission Criteria for Oversubscribed Schools

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Council's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.*
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category you must provide appropriate supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other professional. This evidence must explain why the preferred school is the most suitable and what difficulties would be caused if the child had to attend another school;
- d) Geographical proximity - under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computerised programme.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie- breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use a random draw allocation (which is carried out automatically by the local authority's computerised system) to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

Where there are twins, etc wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, the Local Authority will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances admission authorities are able to offer places to children of multiple births, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

## Wensley Fold Church of England Primary Academy

All preferences expressed will be considered equally. The Local Authority is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for making decisions on applications for admissions. Admission to the school will be decided by the Local Authority in accordance with the stated parental preferences it receives, subject to the following set of criteria which will be used to form a priority order if there are more applications for admissions than the school has places available.

### Determined Admission Criteria

Children with either an education, health and care plan, a statement for special educational needs or an individual pupil resource agreement (IPRA) for whom the preferred school is named in the statement will be admitted first. The remaining applicants who have named this school as a 1st 2nd or 3rd preference will then be considered equally against the Academy's admission policy, in the priority order given below:

- a) 'Looked after' children and children who were previously 'looked after' but immediately after being 'looked after' became subject to an adoption, a residence order/child arrangement or special guardianship order ('Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions).
- b) Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, (not cousin) or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted;
- c) Children with proven and exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned. If you wish to be considered under this category there is certain evidence you must provide. Please see note (a) below which provides full details regarding the application of this criterion.
- d) Children who live nearest the school (geographical proximity). Under this category, the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the preferred school. The distance will be measured in a straight line between the home front door and the main gate of the school using a computer.

### Tie-breaker

If category (b), (c) or (d) is oversubscribed, geographical proximity (as set out in category (d)) will be used as the 'tie-breaker' to decide between the remaining cases. If after measuring distances it is still not possible to decide on the child/ren to be offered admission (for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) the Local Authority will then use random allocation to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

### Priority for Twins/Multiple births

If an application has been made for places for twins/ triplets/2 or more siblings in the same year group and insufficient places are left within the published admission number (i.e. one of the siblings is the last child who can be admitted within that number) it may be possible for the Admission Authority to offer places to the other sibling(s) in the birth group as a permitted exception to class size regulations.