

ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOLS

FLAKEFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school is a mixed Community Primary school of approximately 450 pupils for children of nursery and primary school age (between the ages of 2 and 11 years). In Lancashire children are eligible to begin primary school in the September following their fourth birthday. The school's admissions policy, available from school, acknowledges that most parents who request admission for their child will secure a place. Where there are more applicants than places, then the criteria detailed below will be applied. Any parent considering applying to the school for the admission of their child should contact the School Office to arrange an appointment.

Nursery

The school has a 3 year old nursery with 78 places - 39 in the morning and 39 in the afternoon and a 2 year old nursery (The Little Lighthouse) with 24 places, 12 on the morning and 12 on the afternoon. If the nursery is oversubscribed, the nursery's Admissions Policy determines the allocation of places (details available from the office).

When a school is oversubscribed on parental preferences, then the following priorities apply in order:

1. Looked after children and those who have been previously looked after, (see note x below), then
2. Children for whom the Local Authority accepts that there are exceptional medical social or welfare reasons which are directly relevant to the school concerned (see note (i) below, then
3. Children with older brothers and sisters attending the school when the younger child will start, (see note (iii) below), then
4. Remaining places are allocated according to where a child lives. Those living nearest to the preferred school by a straight line (radial) measure will have priority, (see note (v) below.

Notes

1. (i) The medical, social and welfare criterion will consider issues relevant to the child and/or the family. This category may include children without a statement who have special needs.
2. (ii) As required by law, all children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs/ EHC naming a school will be admitted before the application of the over-subscription criteria. Children who have a statement for special needs have their applications considered separately.
3. (iii) Brothers and sisters includes step children, half brothers and sisters, fostered and adopted children living with the same family at the same address (consideration may be given to applying this criterion to full brothers and sisters who reside at different addresses).
4. (iv) The distance criterion which will be used as the tie breaker if there is oversubscription within any of the admission criteria is a straight line (radial) measure. If the Local Authority is unable to distinguish between applicants using the published criteria (eg twins or same block of flats) places will be offered via a random draw.

The distance measure is a straight line (radial) measure centre of building to centre of building.

5. (v) A child's permanent address is the one where he/she normally lives and sleeps and goes to school from. Proof of residence may be requested at any time

throughout the admissions process, (including after a child has accessed a school place).

6. (vi) The Local Authority will keep waiting lists for all Lancashire primary schools until 31 August 2018. These are kept in priority order using the school's published admission criteria.