



Admission to Blackpool Primary Schools 2012 – A Guide for Parents

CLOSING DATE

15TH JANUARY 2012

APPLY ON-LINE AT

www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

INTRODUCTION

This brochure is designed to support you through the process of applying for a primary school place. It explains how the process works, what your rights as a parent or carer are and how to appeal if you are not offered a place for your child in one of your preferred schools.

Please read this brochure carefully and if you have any queries please contact the School Admissions Team.

Note: The information contained in this brochure is accurate at the time of going to press. However, legislation may be reviewed and you are strongly recommended to consult the website for updates.

You need to complete and return an application form before the closing date of **SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2012.**

You can apply on-line at www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

You can also apply on a paper application form, which is available from a primary school or the School Admissions Team.

The School Admissions Team can be contacted at:

Children, Adult and Family Services
Progress House, Clifton Road, Blackpool FY4 4US

Tel: 01253 476637 / 01253 476829 / 01253 476833

Email: schoolaccess@blackpool.gov.uk

CHOICE ADVICE

An Independent Choice Advice Service offers impartial and free advice on the admissions process. Staff in the following Blackpool Sure Start Children's Centres will be available to offer support and assistance with completing the application form:

Grange Park Children's
Centre,

31 Dingle Avenue, Blackpool
Tel: 01253 476480

Mereside Primary School
and Children's Centre,

Langdale Road, Blackpool
Tel: 01253 839739

Talbot & Brunswick
Children's Centre

Gorton Street, Blackpool
Tel: 01253 651190

Blackpool Sure Start Children's Centres offer a variety of services, including childcare, play and early learning activities for your child. You can also get professional advice on health and family matters, budgeting and finance, and training and job opportunities.

Blackpool Family Information Service is a free, impartial service offering information on a wide range of services for children, young people and their families and professionals working with families. Blackpool Family Information Service also offers impartial and free advice on the admissions process and can be contacted on 0800 092 2332.

Dear Parent,

We are pleased to introduce this brochure, which sets out the arrangements for the admission of children to primary schools for the academic year beginning in September 2012 and gives details of how places are allocated.

Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will have to make. This brochure tells you about schools in Blackpool, how to apply for a place, what criteria will be used to allocate places and what to do if your preference cannot be met.

It also gives details of how to apply for a school place on-line. One of the main benefits of applying on-line is that you can find out which school your child has been allocated by e-mail.

We are very proud of the achievements made by all of our primary schools over the past several years, both with the continuing rise in levels of attainment together with the extensive range of extra-curricular activities provided. Many of our schools have also positioned themselves to have a much wider role to support children and families.

Each school produces its own prospectus that contains a great deal of information about that school which will help you to make up your mind before you complete the application. If you have any queries about an individual school, do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher of the school.

If you need further help in making this important decision, contact details for Independent Choice Advice are given in this brochure.

Yours sincerely



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Lund'.

David Lund
Executive Director of
Children, Adult & Family Services



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ivan Taylor'.

Cllr Ivan Taylor
Cabinet Member for
Children's Services

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HOW OLD DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE TO BE WHEN YOU APPLY FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE?

Children are legally required to attend primary school from the start of term following their 5th birthday. If your child was born between 1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008, he/she should start school in September 2012.

If your child does not turn 5 until later in the year, you can request that their entry be deferred until later in the same school year. The place will only be held for your child for up to two school terms. You can also request that your child takes up the place part-time until he/she reaches compulsory school age.

YOU MUST STILL COMPLETE AN APPLICATION BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE AND PUT YOUR REQUEST FOR DEFERMENT IN WRITING TO THE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TEAM.

If your child has their 5th birthday during the Summer term and you wish to defer entry until the September, you can opt to miss the reception year. However, the place cannot be reserved in these circumstances and you would have to apply for a Year 1 place during the Summer term.

Points to consider before requesting to defer admission:

Your child will be placed in a class of children who have already had the opportunity to adapt to school life.

You may not be able to keep your child in nursery after their 5th birthday. This could mean there is a period of time between their birthday and the start of the next term where your child is not attending any educational setting.

To help you decide which schools to apply for, it's a good idea to:

- Read this brochure carefully.
- Ask local schools to send you their prospectus.
- Visit schools or go along to open days.
- Read each school's Ofsted Inspection Report (you can find these on the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk) and look at the achievement and attainment tables at the Department of Education (DfE) website www.DfE.gov.uk

YOUR CHILD MAY NEED TO STAY IN EDUCATION UNTIL THEY ARE 18

The age for leaving education has been raised to 17 by 2013 and 18 by 2015.

Continuing in learning until 18 does not mean staying on at school. Young people will be able to choose one of the following routes:

- Full time education, such as school or college;
- Work-based learning, such as an Apprenticeship; or
- Part-time training, alongside working or volunteering for over 20 hours a week.

These plans are now under review by the new Coalition Government so there may be changes.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

In accordance with the Graduated Response of the SEN Code of Practice, 2001, together with funding arrangements in Blackpool that are specifically designed to support that Response, most children will have their special educational needs met within a mainstream school without the need for a Statutory Assessment or a Statement.

In a small number of cases, the Local Authority will need to formally assess your child's special educational needs. As a result of that assessment it may be determined that your child needs resources which are additional to or different from those already available within the mainstream. On this basis the LA may write a Statement of Special Educational Needs and, in consultation with you, name an appropriate school. You may wish to talk to the Local Authority about the type of school that would best meet your child's needs.

If your child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs which names a school, then that school must give your child a place unless there is a reason in law not to do so. If you apply for a place in the middle of the school year, the school must give your child a place even if classes are full.

Please contact the Statutory Assessment Team on 01253 476553 for further advice.

How to apply for a place at a Blackpool Primary School

APPLY ON-LINE

We strongly recommend that you apply for a school place on-line at: www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions before the closing date of **SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2012**

Why should you apply on-line?

Some of the benefits of applying on-line are:

- It's quick and easy to use.
- There is no risk that your application will be lost in the post.
- You will receive an e-mail confirming that your application has been received.
- You can change your application up to the closing date.

When can you use the on-line system?

This system will be available virtually 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There may be periods of time during the early hours of the morning that the system is closed due to technical reasons.

You will be able to apply on-line from Monday 5th September 2011 **until midnight** on the closing date of **SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2012**.

Will your application be secure?

The system has a series of security features that will prevent others from seeing your information.

Who makes the application?

The person who has parental responsibility should normally submit the application.

If you can't finish the application, can you go back to it later?

You have until the closing date to complete your application. Every time you make or change your on-line application, you should press 'submit'. You will receive an e-mail confirming the status.

NB. ONCE YOU ARE HAPPY WITH YOUR APPLICATION, PRESS 'SUBMIT' BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE TO ENSURE YOUR APPLICATION IS RECEIVED.

Should you send a paper copy as well?

You do not need to send a paper application providing you receive an e-mail acknowledgement that your on-line application has been received.

Important note: *if you are applying for a Voluntary Aided Primary School, additional information might be required to assist the Governors of the school in deciding whether your child qualifies for a place. If a supplementary form needs to be completed, it should be returned direct to the school. You must still submit your on-line application.*

PLEASE READ THE SCHOOL'S ADMISSION POLICY CAREFULLY.

How will you receive notification of the allocated school?

You will receive an e-mail on **MONDAY 23rd APRIL 2012** confirming your child's allocated school.

What do you need to apply on-line?

You need access to a computer and an e-mail account. The council offers free computer access at its libraries. Local library staff may be able to help you to set up a free e-mail account.

How can you get information about schools on-line?

The School Admissions web page gives links to school websites and other web pages giving information about schools (such as the OFSTED site).

NB. You must only use the Blackpool on-line application if you are resident in Blackpool. Lancashire County Council also has an on-line system for people who live in the Lancashire area.

PAPER APPLICATION FORM

You may also apply on a paper application form, which is available from primary schools or the School Admissions Team.

Be sure to return the application before the closing date of **SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2012**.

A LATE APPLICATION WILL REDUCE YOUR CHANCES OF OBTAINING A PLACE AT YOUR PREFERRED SCHOOL

Where to submit your application

If you are applying for a primary school, you must apply to the authority where you live. If you are unsure, for example if you live near council boundaries, it is whichever Local Authority you pay your council tax to.

YOU CAN APPLY FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN ANY AREA, BUT YOU MUST APPLY TO YOUR HOME AUTHORITY

Application forms must be returned to:

- School Admissions Team, Children, Adult and Family Services, Progress House, Clifton Road, Blackpool FY4 4US

You will receive a receipt of your application in the post within 14 days. If you do not receive this, please contact the School Admissions Team immediately as your application may not have been received.

If you live outside the Blackpool area, please contact your home authority to request an application.

A Lancashire County Council application can be requested by ringing the Pupil Access Team on 01524 581112 or writing to the Area Education Office (North), PO Box 606, White Cross Education Centre, Quarry Road, Lancaster LA1 3SQ.

Lancashire County Council also operates an on-line admissions system for residents in the Lancashire areas.

Important note: *If you are applying for a Voluntary Aided Primary School, additional information might be required to assist the governors of the school in deciding whether your child qualifies for a place. If a supplementary form needs to be completed, it should be returned direct to the school. You must still submit your application to the School Admissions Team.*

Please read the school's admission policy carefully.

POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

Blackpool Council operates an Equal Preference Scheme, which is mandatory across the country. This scheme means that every school listed on your application will be considered independently and fairly against the school's published oversubscription criteria.

You have the opportunity to express three preferences. **It is strongly recommended that you name three different schools to increase your chances of securing a school that is acceptable to you.**

Where a place can be offered at any or all of your preferred schools, a place will be allocated at the one that is highest on your preferred list.

If a place cannot be offered at any of the preferred schools, the Children, Adult and Family Services will allocate a community school where places are available.



Timetable for Primary Admissions

Date	Action
5th September 2011	Parents can access the on-line application or obtain an application pack from primary schools or the Schools Admissions Team
By 15th January 2012	On-line applications must be submitted before midnight. Paper applications must be returned to the School Admissions Team by this date
On 23rd April 2012	<p>If you have applied on-line, you will receive an e-mail confirming the allocated school. If you have applied on a paper application, you will receive a letter in the post</p> <p>If you are not satisfied with the allocated school, you may request an appeal form from the School Admissions Team, or from the school direct if you are appealing for a Voluntary Aided school</p>
By the end of May 2012	Appeals should be returned in order to be heard in the first round of appeals. Later appeals can be submitted but will not be heard until later in the year
July 2012	First appeals heard by Independent Appeal Panels
September 2012	Pupils start primary school

Applying For A Voluntary Aided Primary School

Most Voluntary Aided schools have a faith basis and serve their local community, therefore, anyone can apply for a place. The Governing Body of a Voluntary Aided school decides the policy for allocation of places.

The process for applying for a place at a Voluntary Aided primary school is similar to applying for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled primary school, except that:

- The Governing Body of a Voluntary Aided school is responsible for determining eligibility for admission.
- There are specific sections on the application that must be completed.

Parents who wish their application to a Church school to be considered against the faith criteria should also complete the supplementary form. If the school is oversubscribed, a failure to complete the supplementary form may result in the application for a place in this school being considered against a lower priority criteria as the Governing Body will have no information upon which to assess the worship attendance. **Please note that you must still complete the common application in order for your application to be considered.**

Admission policies for Voluntary Aided schools differ from school to school. It is important that you check the admission policy of the school carefully even if you have an older child already attending that school. A summary of each policy can be found further on in this brochure.

Academies

Academies are publicly funded independent schools, free from local authority and national government control. Other freedoms include setting their own pay and conditions for staff, freedoms concerning the delivery of the curriculum, and the ability to change the length of their terms and school days.

Free Schools

Free Schools are non-profit making, independent, state-funded schools. Free Schools are expected to be open to pupils of all abilities from the area and cannot be academically selective. Free Schools will need to take part in their local co-ordinated admissions process, and so parents apply for places for their child in the same way as any other local school.

Independent Schools

Independent schools set their own curriculum and admissions policies. They are funded through fees paid by parents. The School Admissions and Appeals Codes do not apply to them. If you are considering applying for an independent school and do not wish your child to be allocated a school that is maintained by the Local Authority, please advise in writing which independent school you are applying for. Please be aware that if you do not apply for a maintained school before the closing date, and your child is not offered a place at an independent school, you reduce your chances of obtaining a place at a preferred maintained school.

If you apply for a maintained school and an independent school, and are fortunate to be offered a place at both, please confirm in writing, which school place you are accepting.

How Places Are Allocated For Blackpool Community And Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools

In **Community** schools, the Local Authority is the admissions authority, having responsibility for determining the arrangements for admitting pupils.

Voluntary Controlled schools are mainly religious or “faith” schools, although anyone can apply for a place. The Local Authority is the admissions authority, having primary responsibility for determining the arrangements for admitting pupils.

*Please see the Summary of Policies for **Voluntary Aided** schools which is further on in this brochure. You can obtain full policies direct from the schools or their individual websites.*

CHILDREN WITH A STATEMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

The vast majority of all primary school children, including those with special educational needs, enjoy a happy and successful education in a mainstream school.

Where a particular school is additionally resourced or has the required expertise, then priority for a place at the school is given to any children who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs which names that school.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

The Admission Number is the number of pupils that the Local Authority can admit into each school.

Priority is always given to parental preference, however, when there are more preferences than there are places available, the Authority follows its oversubscription criteria to determine which children should be allocated a place at that school.

NB. The oversubscription criteria is different for Voluntary Aided schools, so it is a good idea to check the criteria for every school that you are interested in.

The Authority’s oversubscription criteria gives priority to the following children:

1. Children Looked After

Blackpool Council gives the highest priority to Children Looked After, as required by the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the Education (Admission of Looked After Children) (England) Regulations 2006.

A Child Looked After is a child who is in the care of a Local Authority or provided with accommodation by that Authority (as defined in the Children’s Act 1989) at the time of application and allocation.

If a child ceases to be a Child Looked After once the application is made, this is regarded as a relevant change of circumstances.

2. Medical Conditions

Priority will be given when a child or their parent/carer has a serious medical condition and it is considered that a particular school is the most appropriate to meet the needs of the child/family.

Medical evidence must be provided, eg. a letter from a consultant doctor, to demonstrate why the preferred school is the most suitable, and should explain the difficulties that could arise if the child had to attend an alternative school. A GP's letter is not sufficient.

THIS EVIDENCE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION.

If you are applying on-line, you must send the supporting document(s) to the School Admissions Team with your child's name and date of birth clearly stated.

NB. *It is parental responsibility to provide the necessary supporting evidence. Priority will not be given if supporting evidence is not produced with the application.*

3. Social or Welfare Reasons

Where there are exceptional sensitive and compelling circumstances that are directly relevant to the preferred school, priority may be given.

Evidence must be provided, eg. a professional report from a Social Worker/Police Officer/ Educational Psychologist. The report must demonstrate exact reasons and the impact on the child or family's circumstances as to why this is the only suitable school compared to other schools available.

THIS EVIDENCE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION.

If you are applying on-line, you must send the supporting document(s) to the School Admissions Team with your child's name and date of birth clearly stated.

NB. *It is parental responsibility to provide the necessary supporting evidence. Priority will not be given if supporting evidence is not produced with the application.*

All information which is submitted will be considered as being confidential.

4. Siblings (including multiple births)

Priority is given to children who have siblings attending the school at time of application and who will still be attending at the time of admission.

This includes full brothers/sisters, half, step, adopted and foster brothers/sisters **who are living within the same family at the same address.**

Full brothers/sisters who **do not** live at the same address will still be given priority as a sibling.

Half brother/sisters and step brothers/sisters who **do not** live at the same address will **not** be classed as siblings.

You **must** give full details of all siblings on the application.

5. Distance

BLACKPOOL COUNCIL DOES NOT OPERATE A CATCHMENT AREA POLICY.

- a) Priority is given to those pupils whose preferred school is their nearest school.
- b) If there are more applicants than there are places available (whose preferred school is their nearest school) priority will then be given to those pupils living closest to the school.

If the Local Authority is unable to determine eligibility on distance, i.e. two or more addresses are equal distance from the school, then a random allocation will be carried out.

In the event of a random allocation, someone independent of the Local Authority and the school would supervise the process, and parents would be invited to attend.

It is important to consider schools that are close to your home address. If a school is very popular and you live a good distance away, it is less likely that your child will be offered a place.

The address you state on your application must be the current one at the time of application. If your address changes after you have submitted your application, you should notify the School Admission Team immediately.

You may be asked for proof of address in order to establish whether oversubscription criteria are met. Such proof may include a Tenancy Agreement, Council Tax or Utility Bills.

The distance between an applicant's home and school is measured as a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the home address to the main entrance of the school. The Ordnance Survey address point is a point within the boundary of the property and is usually located at its centre. Distances are measured using the Council's Geographic Information System.

JOINT RESIDENCY

(Where parents do not live together, and living arrangements for the child are shared on an amicable basis)

Only one address can be used when an allocation is to be based on distance, so you will need to make it clear on the application where the child lives for the majority of the time. Evidence may be requested to demonstrate the child's main place of residence. Examples of evidence include a copy of a Court Order; a letter from a solicitor setting out the arrangements; a joint statutory declaration (prepared by a Commissioner for Oaths). You may contact the School Admissions Team if you require further information.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

A CHILD'S NURSERY IS NOT TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN ALLOCATING A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE

There are certain primary schools that have a nursery attached, but children attending the nursery do not automatically move into the primary school.

Additional Information

Late Applications

Applications received after the closing date will be treated as late applications. Only in exceptional circumstances, and where appropriate evidence is provided, will those applications received after the closing date (but before offers of places have been made) be considered alongside those received on time.

If you move into the area after the closing date, it is possible that your preferred schools will be fully allocated. A place will, therefore, be allocated at the closest community school with availability.

SUBMITTING A LATE APPLICATION WILL REDUCE YOUR CHANCES OF GAINING A PLACE AT ONE OF YOUR PREFERRED SCHOOLS

Change of Preference

You can only request a change of preference up until the closing date. Once an application has been submitted, and the closing date has passed, a change of preference can only be actioned if there is a significant change of circumstances, ie. a house move.

You will be unable to access the on-line system after the closing date. Any requests for a change of preference should be made in writing, but evidence must be provided to demonstrate the reasons for your change.

Moving House

If you are planning to move house, you will need to notify the School Admissions Team as soon as you have details of your new address. If you have exchanged contracts or have evidence of a confirmed offer of a tenancy, you can ask for your child's application to be considered from the new address. If you move after you have applied but before places are allocated, you will need to contact the School Admissions Team to discuss the situation.

Fraudulent Applications

If it is found that a child has been allocated a school place due to misleading information having been provided, for example an incorrect address, then the Local Authority will withdraw the offer of the place and an alternative school will be allocated.

Waiting Lists

Waiting lists for all primary schools will be set up in the week following the letters being sent to parents. If you would like your child to be placed on a waiting list for a community/voluntary controlled school, you will need to complete a pro-forma which will be available from the School Admissions Team.

If a place becomes available, the child highest on the waiting list will be offered the place. This is not dependent on whether an appeal has been submitted.

The School Admissions Team will maintain the waiting lists for all community/voluntary controlled primary schools until the end of the Autumn Term (when schools finish for the Christmas break).

Children will be placed on the waiting lists using the oversubscription criteria. Late applicants will be slotted into the list according to where they meet the oversubscription criteria. It is, therefore, possible that a child who moves into the area later can have a higher priority than one who has been on the waiting list for some time.

NB. *Voluntary Aided primary schools will maintain their own waiting lists in accordance with the school's admissions policy, so you should contact the school direct to establish your child's position on the list.*

UK Service Personnel

Families of UK service personnel, other Crown Servants and British Council employees are subject to frequent movement within the UK and from abroad, often at relatively short notice.

The Authority will allocate a school place in advance, subject to an official government letter (e.g. MOD, FCO or GCHQ) declaring a relocation date and intended address. A Unit postal address, or, if appropriate, a "quartering area" address (the address of the closest house in the nearest "quartering area"), will be accepted on applications in the absence of a new home postal address.

ADMISSION TO BLACKPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOLS AFTER 1ST SEPTEMBER

All parents requesting a school place, either because they are new to Blackpool, or because they are wishing to transfer schools within Blackpool, will be required to complete an In-Year school admissions application form, allowing them to express up to three preferences. The admission of all students to Blackpool schools will be co-ordinated by the School Admissions Team.

In-Year Fair Access Protocol

Blackpool Council operates an In-Year Fair Access Protocol, which ensures that access to education is secured quickly for children who have complex needs.

Appeal Arrangements

If you are unhappy that you have not been offered a place at one of your preferred schools, you have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel.

Before deciding whether to appeal, you may find it helpful to visit the school that you have been offered. You may find that this school has more to offer than you realised.

How to Appeal

Schools maintained by Blackpool Local Authority (Community or Voluntary Controlled)

If you wish to appeal for a school that is maintained by Blackpool Local Authority (community and voluntary controlled), you should request an appeal pack from the School Admissions Team by ringing 476829 or 476637.

Voluntary Aided Schools

If you wish to appeal for a place in a Voluntary Aided school, you should contact the school direct to request an appeal pack, as a different form is used.

Schools maintained by Lancashire County Council

To request an appeal form, please contact: Pupil Access Team, Area Education Office (North), PO Box 606, White Cross Education Centre, Quarry Road, Lancaster LA1 3SQ. Tel: 01524 581112 / 581268 Web: www.lancashire.gov.uk

Can you submit more than one appeal?

There is no restriction on how many appeals you can lodge at any one time. You do not have to wait for the decision from one before you initiate an appeal for another school. This applies if you wish to appeal for a Local Authority maintained school or Voluntary Aided School.

How is the appeal arranged?

The Independent School Appeals Team at the Town Hall arranges all appeal hearings for schools in Blackpool. You will receive an acknowledgement of your appeal form. A letter will then follow which gives the date, time and place of your hearing, together with information on how the appeal is organised. You will receive at least two weeks notice of the hearing. A copy of the Local Authority's case will be sent to you at least one week before the hearing.

What happens at the hearing?

You are advised to attend the hearing if possible. This gives you the opportunity to state your case, and it also helps the appeal panel should they have any questions for you. If you cannot make the date of the appeal hearing, the appeal may go ahead in your absence. If you are ill on the day of the hearing, or have personal difficulties, please contact the Independent School Appeals Team at the Town Hall on 01253 477157, who will try to arrange a suitable alternative date.

Infant Class Size Limits

Infant classes must not contain more than 30 children. To admit an additional child over the Admission Number in an infant class would mean that the school would have to take 'qualifying measures'. This could involve employing an extra teacher, building an extra classroom or re-organising classes.

The powers of an appeal panel are limited in these cases, and it may only allow an appeal in very extreme circumstances. This will be explained in the information from the Local Authority.

How are you notified of the decision?

The appeal panel will come to a decision after considering all aspects of your circumstances as well as the difficulties the school would experience through the admission of another pupil.

A letter notifying you of the panel's decision will be sent to you as soon as possible. The clerk to the panel will advise when you should expect your letter.

What happens if your appeal is not successful?

The appeal panel's decision is legal and binding on all parties. You cannot appeal twice for a place at the same school in the same school year unless the admission authority agrees that your first appeal was not conducted properly or recognises a significant change in your circumstances.

If you feel that the procedures have not been followed correctly or that there have been irregularities in the way your appeal has been handled, you can write to:

Local Government Ombudsman
PO Box 4771 Coventry CV4 0EH
Tel: 0300 0610614
E-mail: advice@lgo.org.uk

The Secretary of State has no power to review the decisions of individual appeal panels. However, you can contact the Secretary of State if you feel that the Admissions Authority has acted unreasonably with regard to the appeals process.

You can write to:

Secretary of State
Sanctuary Buildings
Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3BT
Tel: 0870 000 2288
Web: www.DfE.gov.uk

Nurseries in Blackpool

If you would like to apply for a place at a maintained nursery, you must contact the Headteacher at the school to request a nursery application form.

The following primary schools have a nursery that is maintained by the admissions authority of the school:

- Baines Endowed Church of England Primary School
- Bispham Endowed Church of England Primary School
- Boundary Primary School
- Christ the King Catholic Primary School
- Claremont Community Primary School and Children's Centre
- Devonshire Primary School
- Kincaig Primary School
- Marton Primary School
- Mereside Primary School
- Moor Park Primary School
- Revoe Community Primary School
- St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School
- St John's Church of England Primary School
- St John Vianney Catholic Primary School
- Waterloo Primary School
- Westcliff Primary School

In addition, Thames Primary School and Unity College Blackpool have Children's Centres that offer nursery education (privately run).

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Children who attend a maintained nursery do not automatically move into the primary school. You still have to apply for a place in Reception by completing a Blackpool Council application before the closing date of 15TH JANUARY 2012.*

There are a large number of nurseries, pre-schools and playgroups that are run by voluntary or private organisations and independent schools. Please contact Blackpool Family Information Service, telephone 0800 092 2332, for further details.

You will need to apply direct to a private nursery or pre-school for a place.

Children are entitled to a free Early Years Provision place from the start of term after their third birthday. This place is currently worth 15 hours per week and can be taken over a minimum of three days. Parents are encouraged to discuss their requirements for taking the 15 hours with their preferred nursery, pre-school or school. However, not all settings will be able to meet all requirements.

Further information about all pre-school provision can be obtained by contacting:

Blackpool Family Information Services
Progress House, Clifton Road,
Blackpool FY4 4US

Tel: 0800 092 2332

Website: www.blackpool.gov.uk/fis

Email: fis@blackpool.gov.uk

School Transport

When choosing a preferred school for your child, you should consider carefully how they will travel to school. Where possible you should encourage your child to travel independently; on foot, by bicycle or by bus. There are a number of dedicated school bus services. Information on other local bus routes can also be obtained from Blackpool transport on 01253 473001 or at www.blackpooltransport.com.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their children get to and from school at the appropriate time each day. However, there are certain circumstances when the local authority will provide or pay for your child to receive school transport.

Entitlement

The local authority may provide free school transport where a child lives further away from the nearest suitable school(s) than the 'specified walking distance'. The specified walking distance is:

- For primary pupils: 2 miles
- For secondary pupils from low income families: 2 miles
- For secondary pupils not from low-income families: 3 miles

For transport purposes only, low-income families are defined as families who are in receipt of the maximum level of Working Families Tax credit or whose children are eligible for free school meals.

For transport purposes only, the walking distance is taken as the 'shortest safe walking route' from the child's home to the nearest suitable school. The distance is measured, using a Geographical Information System, from the front of the child's home to the main entrance of the school.

Nearest suitable school(s)

For the purposes of transport provision, the nearest suitable school is defined as:

1. for pupils not applying for a school on the grounds of religion or belief, the nearest community school with available places to the child's home address; or
2. for pupils applying for a school on the grounds of religion or belief, the nearest voluntary aided school with available places.

For secondary pupils from low income families, the nearest suitable schools are defined as:

1. for pupils not applying for a school on the grounds of religion or belief, the three nearest community secondary schools with available places to the child's home address, up to a maximum distance of 6 miles; or
2. for pupils applying for a school on the grounds of religion or belief the nearest voluntary aided school with available places, up to a maximum distance of 15 miles.

The following factors are not taken into account when determining the eligibility for free school transport:

- Travelling expenses are not paid so that a child may attend the same school as a sibling.
- Family associations with a school are not grounds for payment of travelling expenses.
- Preference for a single sex, or a co-educational school, is not sufficient on its own for the preferred school to be considered as a suitable school for payment of travelling expenses.

Provision

Where transport is necessary, the local authority will arrange transport in the most cost effective way that is consistent with a reasonable response to the child's individual needs. At the discretion of the local authority, assistance may take the form of:

- Bus passes for journeys on local bus services;
- Transport on hired school buses or other vehicles;
- Cycle maintenance grants. Where a pupil who qualified for traveling expenses uses a bicycle, the authority will pay an allowance or provide a cycle together with appropriate cycle proficiency training;

- Mileage allowance for the whole or part of the journey, payable to parents at the Authority's discretion.

Is your child eligible for free school transport?

To help you identify whether your child might be eligible for free school transport, consider the following groups of children who would ordinarily receive free school transport:

- Where the distance between home and the nearest suitable school exceeds the specified walking distance.
- Where the pupil is of secondary age, is from a low income family and the school is outside of specified walking distance and is one of the three nearest community schools within 6 miles of the child's home or the nearest school preferred on the grounds of religion or belief within 15 miles of the child's home address.
- Where the child lives within specified walking distance but is unable to walk in safety to school, accompanied as necessary, due to the nature of the route.
- Where entitlement to free school transport is written into the child's Statement of Special Educational Needs.

Transport would not normally be provided:

If the parent or carer requests and secures a place at a school that is not the nearest suitable school or in the case of secondary pupils from low income families, where the school is not one of the three nearest suitable schools within 6 miles of the child's home address or is not the nearest school preferred on the grounds of religion or belief within 15 miles of the child's home address.

- To support work experience or other extra-curricular activities.
- To hospital, clinical or other medical appointments.
- To other non-educational appointments.
- In the event of detention.
- In the event of sickness during the school day.

When and how to apply

If your child is starting primary or secondary school for the first time in September 2011 and you think they may be entitled to free school transport, you should apply once your child has been offered a school place. If your child is transferring schools at any other time of year, you can apply at any time.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Blackpool Council website at:

www.blackpool.gov.uk/Services/S-Z/SchoolTransport

or obtained on request from the Integrated Transport Service at:

Business Services, Integrated Transport Service, Shaw House, Layton Depot, Plymouth Road, Blackpool, FY3 7HW

Tel: 01253 476795 / 476174 Email: transportdirect@blackpool.gov.uk

Appeals

If you feel that your application for free school transport has not been fairly considered you have the right to have your case reconsidered by the Council's Appeals Committee. For information on how you might go about making an appeal, please see the Blackpool Council website or contact the Passenger Transport Section who will send you an information leaflet and an appeal form.

Where to get further information

Independent Choice Advice

Staff in the following Blackpool Sure Start Children's Centres will be available to offer impartial advice:

Grange Park Children's Centre

31 Dingle Avenue, Blackpool
Tel: 01253 476480

Mereside Primary School and Children's Centre

Langdale Road, Blackpool
Tel: 01253 839739

Talbot & Brunswick Children's Centre

Gorton Street, Blackpool Tel: 01253 651190

Blackpool Family Information Service is a free, impartial service offering information on a wide range of services for children, young people and their families and professionals working with families.

Blackpool Family Information Service also offers impartial and free advice on the admissions process and can be contacted on 0800 092 2332.

School Profiles

A school profile is an on-line report from the school advising parents about the school's progress, priorities and performance. School Profiles are available at: www.schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk/about-school-profile. This site provides information about a school's performance and its broader achievements both in and beyond the classroom. Each profile contains the following information: The school's successes; details of extra curricular activities; health and safety information; and the school's response to the latest OFSTED report.

OFSTED Reports

OFSTED Reports are produced by the Government's school inspectors. For the most recent reports you may contact the school or they are available at www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports.



School Performance Data

Performance data is available by contacting the school or on www.DfE.gov.uk/performance tables.

DFE Parents' Centre

The Department for Education has a website which can support and advise parents on a wide range of issues www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents. There are a number of links to other parents' organisations and support groups.

The DfE has also produced a booklet 'Primary and Secondary School Admissions and Appeals: A Guide for Parents'. This can be accessed at www.DfE.gov.uk.

Advisory Centre for Education

The Advisory Centre for Education (ACE) is an organisation that advises parents on state education. The website is www.ace-ed.org.uk. You can also contact them at the Advisory Centre for Education (ACE) Ltd, 1c Aberdeen Studios, 22 Highbury Grove, London N5 2EA or freephone 0808 800 5793.

Schools Adjudicator

To object to an admission authority's admissions processes or oversubscription criteria, you may contact: The Secretary, Office of the Schools Adjudicator, Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road, Darlington, DL3 9BG. Telephone: 01325 735303, e-mail: OSA.TEAM@osa.gsi.gov.uk

website: www.schoolsadjudicator.gov.uk.

Legislation

School Admissions is based on the Education Act 1996, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, the Education Act 2002 (www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk), and the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (www.opsi.gov.uk).

The School Admissions Code and School Admissions Appeals Code can be found on www.DfE.gov.uk.

Contact information for all Blackpool Primary Schools

<p>Anchorsholme Primary School Eastpines Drive, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 3RX Tel: 01253 855215 Email: admin@anchorsholme. blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.anchorsholme.co.uk</p> <p>Headteacher: Mr G R Dow Chair of Governors: Mr J Millington</p>	Nursery privately run on school site	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

Anchorsholme Primary School is a mixed community primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years, and is located in the Anchorsholme area, to the north of Blackpool.

For September 2011, there were 178 applications received by the closing date, 91 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 90.

<p>Baines Endowed Church of England Primary School Penrose Avenue, Blackpool FY4 4DJ Tel: 01253 762532 Email: admin@baines-endowed. blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.baines-endowed. blackpool.sch.uk</p> <p>Headteacher: Miss J Snape Chair of Governors: Rev C Wren</p>	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓
	Children's Centre	✓

Baines Endowed Church of England Primary School is a mixed Voluntary Aided primary school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is located in the Marton area, south east of Blackpool town centre.

Baines Endowed is a school which serves its local community and so anyone can apply for a place. All applications will be considered in terms of the priorities in its own admission policy – an extract can be found further on in this brochure.

For September 2011, there were 186 applications received by the closing date, 81 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 70.

<p>Bispham Endowed Church of England Primary School</p> <p>Bispham Road, Blackpool, FY2 0HH Tel: 01253 354672 Email: admin@bispham-endowed.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.bispham-endowed.blackpool.sch.uk</p> <p>Headteacher: Mrs J Hirst Chair of Governors: Mr A Edmonds</p>	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓

Bispham Endowed Church of England Primary School is a mixed Voluntary Controlled primary school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is located in the Bispham area, to the north of Blackpool.

Voluntary Controlled schools are mainly religious or “faith” schools, although anyone can apply for a place. The Local Authority is the admissions authority, having primary responsibility for determining the arrangements for admitting pupils.

For September 2011, there were 132 applications received by the closing date, 54 of these were first preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 60.

<p>Boundary Primary School Dinmore Avenue, Blackpool, FY3 7RW Tel: 01253 478250 Email: admin@boundary.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.boundary.blackpool.sch.uk Headteacher: Mr D Harrison Chair of Governors: Mrs J Briscoe</p>	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓
	Extended Services	✓

Boundary Primary School is a mixed community primary school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is located in the Grange Park area, to the east of Blackpool town centre.

For September 2011, there were 61 applications were received by the closing date, 30 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 60.

<p>Christ The King Catholic Primary School Bathurst Avenue, Blackpool FY3 7RJ Tel: 01253 395985 Email: admin@christ-the-king.blackpool.sch.uk Web: http://ctkblogs.net/ Associate Headteacher: Mrs S Smith Chair of Governors: Mr B Leyland</p>	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

Christ the King Catholic Primary School is a mixed Voluntary Aided primary school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is currently located on Bathurst Avenue, in the Layton area, to the east of Blackpool town centre. The school will be relocated in 2014 into a new school building adjacent to St Mary's Catholic College and will become part of a new Catholic Education Campus to include Christ the King Catholic Church.

Voluntary Aided schools are mainly religious or “faith” schools, although anyone can apply for a place. The process for applying for a place at a Voluntary Aided primary school is similar to applying for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled primary school, except that the Governing Body of the school is the admissions authority, having responsibility for determining the arrangements for admitting pupils. Christ the King Catholic Primary School is federated with St Mary’s Catholic College and shares the same Governing Body.

The Governors welcome applications from non-catholic families.

For September 2011 there were 50 applications received by the closing date, 26 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 30.

<p>Claremont Community Primary School and Children’s Centre</p> <p>Westminster Road, Blackpool FY1 2QE Tel: 01253 621703 Email: admin@claremont.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.claremontprimaryschool.co.uk</p> <p>Headteacher: Mrs Kirsty Sutton Chair of Governors: Mrs Karen Andrews</p>	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓
	Children’s Centre	✓

Claremont Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is located in the North Shore area of Blackpool.

For September 2011 there were 81 applications received by the closing date, 44 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 60.

Devonshire Primary School Devonshire Road, Blackpool FY3 8AF Tel: 01253 478271 Email: admin@devonshire. blackpool.sch.uk Website: www.devonshire. blackpool.sch.uk Headteacher: Mr N Hodgkins Chair of Governors: Cllr S Taylor	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

Devonshire Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is located in central Blackpool.

For September 2011 there were 167 received by the closing date, 76 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 60.

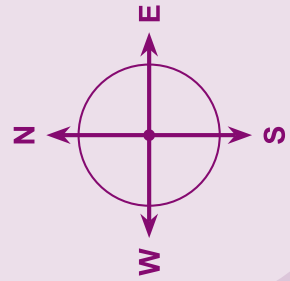
Hawes Side Primary School Pedders Lane, Blackpool FY4 3HZ Tel: 01253 761403 Email: admin@hawes-side. blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.hawes-side.org.uk Headteacher: Mr M Shepherd Chair of Governors: Mr D S Thomas	Nursery privately run on school site	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

Hawes Side Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years, and is located in the South Shore area of Blackpool.

For September 2011 there were 214 applications received by the closing date, 74 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 90.

Schools and Children's Centre's in Blackpool



Primary School

1. Anchorsholme Primary School
2. Baines Endowed C of E Primary School
3. Bispham Endowed C of E Primary School
4. Boundary Primary School
5. Christ the King Catholic Primary School
6. Claremont Primary School
7. Devonshire Primary School
8. Hawes Side Primary School
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11. Layton Primary School
12. Marton Primary School
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16. Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School
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18. Roseacre Primary School
19. St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
20. St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School
21. St John Vianney Catholic Primary School
22. St John's C of E Primary School
23. St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School
24. St Nicholas' C of E Primary School
25. St Teresa's Catholic Primary School
26. Stanley Primary School
27. Thames Primary School
28. Waterloo Primary School
29. Westcliff Primary School
30. Unity College (4-16 years)



Secondary School

- 31. Unity College Blackpool (4 years - 16 years including Family and Business Centre)
- 32. Bispham High School – Arts College
- 33. Collegiate High – School Sports College
- 34. Highfield Humanities College
- 35. Montgomery High School– A Language College and Full Service School
- 36. Palatine Sports College

- 37. St George’s High School – A Church of England Business & Enterprise College
- 38. St Mary’s Catholic College

Children’s Centre

- 39. Baines Children’s Centre
- 40. Unity College Blackpool Children’s Centre
- 41. Claremont Children’s Centre
- 42. Kinraig Children’s Centre
- 43. Revoe Children’s Centre
- 44. St Cuthbert’s Children’s Centre
- 45. Mereside Primary School & Children’s Centre

- 46. Grange Park Children’s Centre
- 47. Talbot & Brunswick Children’s Centre
- 48. Thames Children’s Centre
- 49. The Together Children & Young People’s Centre

Special School

- 50. Highfurlong School
- 51. Park School
- 52. Woodlands School

Blackpool Council

- 53. Progress House – Children, Adult & Family Services

<p>Holy Family Catholic Primary School</p> <p>Seacrest Avenue, Blackpool FY1 2SD</p> <p>Tel: 01253 354496</p> <p>Email: admin@holy-family.blackpool.sch.uk</p> <p>Web: www.holy-family.blackpool.sch.uk</p> <p>Headteacher: Mrs H Moreton</p> <p>Chair of Governors: Mrs V Pickup</p>	Nursery privately run on school site	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

Holy Family Catholic Primary School is a mixed Voluntary Aided primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years, and is located in the North Shore area of Blackpool.

Voluntary Aided schools are mainly religious or “faith” schools, although anyone can apply for a place. The process for applying for a place at a Voluntary Aided primary school is similar to applying for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled primary school, except that the Governing Body of the school is the admissions authority, having responsibility for determining the arrangements for admitting pupils.

For September 2011 there were 92 received by the closing date, 54 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 30.

<p>Kincraig Primary School</p> <p>Kincraig Road, Blackpool FY2 0HN Tel: 01253 354059 Email: admin@kincraig.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.kincraig.blackpool.sch.uk</p> <p>Headteacher: Mr J Clucas Chair of Governors: Rev J W Dennett</p>	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓
	Children's Centre	✓

Kincraig Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is located in the Bispham area, to the north of Blackpool.

For September 2011, there were 30 applications received by the closing date, 10 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 30.

<p>Layton Primary School</p> <p>Lynwood Avenue, Blackpool FY3 7DG Tel: 01253 392179 Email: admin@layton.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.layton.blackpool.sch.uk</p> <p>Acting Headteacher: Mr Roger Farley Chair of Governors: Mr R Fisher</p>	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓

Layton Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years, and is located in the Layton area, to the east of Blackpool town centre.

For September 2011, there were 161 applications received by the closing date, 69 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 90.

<p>Marton Primary School Whernside, Blackpool FY4 5LY Tel: 01253 838556 Email: admin@marton.blackpool.sch.uk Website: www.martonprimary.com Headteacher: Mrs R Coupe Chair of Governors: Mr M Turner</p>	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

Marton Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is located in the Marton area, to the south east of Blackpool town centre.

For September 2011 there were 106 applications received by the closing date, 33 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 60.

Marton Primary School also has a Special Education Resource Facility (SERF) for Pupils with Physical Difficulties

<p>Mereside Primary School Langdale Road, Blackpool FY4 4RR Tel: 01253 761531 Email: admin@mereside.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.mereside.blackpool.sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs S Diver Chair of Governors: Mr B W Cooper</p>	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓
	Children's Centre	✓

Mereside Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is located to the south east of Blackpool town centre.

For September 2011 there were 28 applications received by the closing date, 22 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 30.

Moor Park Primary School Moor Park Avenue, Blackpool FY2 0LY Tel: 01253 353034 Email: admin@moor-park-primary. blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.moorparkprimary.co.uk Headteacher: Mrs B Ivell Chair of Governors: Cllr K Rowson	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

Moor Park Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is located in the Bispham area, to the north of Blackpool.

For September 2011 there were 120 applications received by the closing date, 64 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 60.

Norbreck Primary School Norbreck Road, Blackpool FY5 1PD Tel: 01253 852219 Email: admin@norbreck.blackpool. sch.uk Web: www.norbreck.blackpool. sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs K McCarter Chair of Governors: Mrs D Masters	Nursery privately run on school site	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

Norbreck Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years, and is located in the north of Blackpool, just outside of Cleveleys.

For September 2011 there were 177 applications received by the closing date, 55 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 90.

<p>Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic Primary School</p> <p>Common Edge Road, Blackpool, FY4 5DF Tel: 01253 762833 Email: admin@our-lady.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.our-lady.blackpool.sch.uk</p> <p>Headteacher: Miss M Haggerty Chair of Governors: Mrs E Guerin</p>	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School is a mixed Voluntary Aided primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years, and is located in the South Shore area of Blackpool.

Voluntary Aided schools are mainly religious or “faith” schools, although anyone can apply for a place. The process for applying for a place at a Voluntary Aided primary school is similar to applying for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled primary school, except that the Governing Body of the school is the admissions authority, having responsibility for determining the arrangements for admitting pupils.

For September 2011 there were 70 applications received by the closing date, 28 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 30.

<p>Revoe Community Primary School</p> <p>Grasmere Road, Blackpool FY1 5HP Tel: 01253 763414 Email: admin@revoe.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.revoe.blackpool.sch.uk</p> <p>Headteacher: Mrs C Woodall Chair of Governors: Mr J Herdman</p>	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club*	✓
	Holiday Club*	✓
	Children’s Centre	✓

Revoe Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is located in central Blackpool.

For September 2011 there were 109 applications received by the closing date, 66 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 60.

* The holiday club is available to children aged 2 – 11. This facility is available to all children not just Revoe pupils.

Roseacre Primary School Stonycroft Avenue, Blackpool FY4 2PF Tel: 01253 319000 Email: admin@roseacre.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.roseacre.blackpool.sch.uk Headteacher: Miss S Gillibrand Chair of Governors: Mrs A Frith	Nursery privately run on school site	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

Roseacre Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years, and is located in the South Shore area of Blackpool.

For September 2011 there were 197 applications received by the closing date, 110 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 90.

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School Devonshire Road, Blackpool FY2 0AJ Tel: 01253 353641 Email: admin@st-bernadette.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.st-bernadette.blackpool.sch.uk Headteacher: Mr S O'Hare Chair of Governors: Fr Stephen Pearson	Nursery privately run on school site	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓

St Bernadette’s Catholic Primary School is a mixed Voluntary Aided primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years, and is located in the Bispham area, to the north of Blackpool.

Voluntary Aided schools are mainly religious or “faith” schools, although anyone can apply for a place. The process for applying for a place at a Voluntary Aided primary school is similar to applying for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled primary school, except that the Governing Body of the school is the admissions authority, having responsibility for determining the arrangements for admitting pupils.

For September 2011 there were 67 applications received by the closing date, 23 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 30.

St Cuthbert’s Catholic Primary School Lightwood Avenue, Blackpool, FY4 2AU Tel: 01253 403232 Email: admin@st-cuthbert.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.st-cuthbert.blackpool.sch.uk Headteacher: Mr D Kennedy Chair of Governors: Mr P Marley	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Children’s Centre	✓

St Cuthbert’s Catholic Primary School is a mixed Voluntary Aided primary school catering for children between the ages of 2 and 11 years, and is located in the South Shore area of Blackpool.

Voluntary Aided schools are mainly religious or “faith” schools, although anyone can apply for a place. The process for applying for a place at a Voluntary Aided primary school is similar to applying for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled primary school, except that the Governing Body of the school is the admissions authority, having responsibility for determining the arrangements for admitting pupils.

For September 2011 there were 83 applications received by the closing date, 40 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 30.

St John’s Church of England Primary School Church Street, Blackpool FY1 3NX Tel: 01253 751242 Email: admin@st-john.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.stjohnsblackpool.org.uk Headteacher: Ms S Hall Chair of Governors: Mrs G M Ward	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

St John’s Church of England Primary School is a mixed Voluntary Aided primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years, and is located in central Blackpool.

Voluntary Aided schools are mainly religious or “faith” schools, although anyone can apply for a place. The process for applying for a place at a Voluntary Aided primary school is similar to applying for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled primary school, except that the Governing Body of the school is the admissions authority, having responsibility for determining the arrangements for admitting pupils.

For September 2011 there were 119 applications received by the closing date, 54 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 30.

<p>St John Vianney Catholic Primary School</p> <p>Glastonbury Avenue, Blackpool, FY1 6RD Tel: 01253 311248 Email: admin@st-john-vianney.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.st-john-vianney.blackpool.sch.uk</p> <p>Headteacher: Mrs L Worden Chair of Governors: Mr M Gomez</p>	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School is a mixed Voluntary Aided primary school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is located in central/South Shore area of Blackpool.

Voluntary Aided schools are mainly religious or “faith” schools, although anyone can apply for a place. The process for applying for a place at a Voluntary Aided primary school is similar to applying for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled primary school, except that the Governing Body of the school is the admissions authority, having responsibility for determining the arrangements for admitting pupils.

For September 2011 there were 146 applications received by the closing date, 61 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 60.

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Newton Drive, Blackpool, FY3 8BT Tel: 01253 393302 Email: admin@st-kentigern.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.st-kentigern.blackpool.sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs F Wygladala Chair of Governors: Fr J C Foulkes	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School is a mixed Voluntary Aided primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years, and is located in central Blackpool.

Voluntary Aided schools are mainly religious or "faith" schools, although anyone can apply for a place. The process for applying for a place at a Voluntary Aided primary school is similar to applying for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled primary school, except that the Governing Body of the school is the admissions authority, having responsibility for determining the arrangements for admitting pupils.

For September 2011 there were 92 applications received by the closing date, 29 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 30.

St Nicholas' Church Of England Primary School School Road, Blackpool FY4 5DS Tel: 01253 608900 Email: admin@st-nicholas.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.st-nicholas.blackpool.sch.uk Headteacher: Mr A Mellor Chair of Governors: Fr G Piper	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Children's Centre	✓

St Nicholas' Church of England Primary School is a mixed Voluntary Aided primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years, and is located at the south end of Blackpool, close to the border with Lancashire.

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For September 2011 there were 113 applications received by the closing date, 45 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 60.

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School St. George's Avenue, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 3JW Tel: 01253 852457 Email: admin@st-teresa.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.st-teresa.blackpool.sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs E Yates Chair of Governors: Mr J Cleary	Nursery privately run on school site (Catering from 2 years)	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓

St Teresa’s Catholic Primary School is a mixed Voluntary Aided primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years, and is located in the north of Blackpool/Cleveleys area.

Voluntary Aided schools are mainly religious or “faith” schools, although anyone can apply for a place. The process for applying for a place at a Voluntary Aided primary school is similar to applying for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled primary school, except that the Governing Body of the school is the admissions authority, having responsibility for determining the arrangements for admitting pupils.

For September 2011 there were 54 applications received by the closing date, 25 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 30.

Stanley Primary School Wordsworth Avenue, Blackpool FY3 9UT Tel: 01253 761022 Email: admin@stanley.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.stanley.blackpool.sch.uk Headteacher: Mr C England Chair of Governors: Cllr James Houldsworth	Nursery privately run on school site	✓
	*Breakfast Club	✓
	*After School Club	✓
	*Holiday Club	✓

Stanley Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years, and is located in the Marton area, to the south east of Blackpool town centre.

For September 2011 there were 153 applications received by the closing date, 82 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 90.

* The Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Club are privately run and operated off site at Marton United Reformed Church.

<p>Thames Primary School Severn Road, Blackpool FY4 1EE Tel: 01253 341466 Email: admin@thames.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.thames.blackpool.sch.uk</p> <p>Headteacher: Mrs T Harrison Chair of Governors: Mr B Burrow</p>	Nursery privately run on school site (catering from 3 months)	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓
	Children's Centre	✓

Thames Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years. It is an extended school open between 8am-6pm 48 weeks per year, and is located in the South Shore area of Blackpool.

For September 2011 there were 86 applications received by the closing date, 44 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 90.

In addressing the primary provision requirements for schools in the central and south shore area of Blackpool, Thames Primary School has been able to offer an additional Reception class for admission to September 2011. The school will be admitting an additional form of entry into Reception for September 2012 - making these year groups 3 forms of entry. These classes will roll through the school to avoid any unnecessary turbulence to children and families. The existing year groups will remain as 2 form entry, and the school will revert back to a 2 form entry for Reception in September 2013.

<p>Unity College Blackpool Warbreck Hill Road, Blackpool FY2 OTS Tel: 01253 355493 Email: admin@unity.blackpool.org.uk Web: www.unity.blackpool.org.uk</p> <p>Headteacher: Mrs B Lund Chair of Governors: Mrs G Cross</p>	Nursery privately run on school site	✓
	After School Club	✓
	Holiday Club	✓
	Children's Centre	✓

Unity College is Blackpool's first ever all through school for children and young people from 4 -16 years, and is located in the North Shore area of Blackpool.

For admission to Reception in September 2011, there were 48 applications received by the closing date, 20 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for Reception in September 2012 is 60.

Waterloo Primary School Waterloo Road, Blackpool FY4 3AG Tel: 01253 315370 Email: admin@waterloo.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.waterloo.blackpool.sch.uk Headteacher: Mr M Gray Chair of Governors: Mr E Collett	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓

Waterloo Primary School is a mixed primary school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is located in the South Shore area of Blackpool.

For September 2011 there were 195 applications received by the closing date, 75 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 90.

Waterloo also has a Special Education Resource Facility (SERF) for children with hearing impairment, from 3 to 11 years old. This includes Assessment Places in the Nursery. The unit is equipped to provide the best possible support for hearing impaired children, including children with difficulties additional to their deafness. A speech and language therapist based in school works with the children on the development of their spoken language.

A new Early Language Centre opens in September 2011, catering for the needs of all nursery and reception children. This new building will also provide a community and parent centre.

Westcliff Primary School Crawford Avenue, Blackpool FY2 9BY Tel: 01253 353792 Email: admin@westcliff.blackpool.sch.uk Web: www.westcliffschool.org.uk Headteacher: Mrs S Wilson Chair of Governors: Mr D H Martin	Nursery maintained by Local Authority	✓
	Breakfast Club	✓
	After School Club	✓

Westcliff Primary School is an Academy School. It is a private company, limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales. The Governors of the school have delegated the responsibilities in relation to allocations to the Local Authority.

The school caters for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years, and is located in the Bispham area, north of Blackpool town centre.

For September 2011 there were 117 applications received by the closing date, 45 of these were 1st preferences.

The Admission Number for September 2012 is 30.

Please contact the school for their admissions policy.

Voluntary Aided Primary School Policies

BAINES' ENDOWED CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF POLICY > This is a Voluntary Aided school – please contact the school for full admissions details.

Parents must complete the Local Authority application form. Parents who wish their application to this Church school to be considered against the faith criteria should also complete the questions on the common application form about their faith reference. If the school is oversubscribed, a failure to complete these supplementary questions may result in your application for a place in this school being considered against lower priority criteria as the Governing Body will have no information upon which to assess the worship attendance.

Applications may also be made on-line by using the common application form with the supplementary questions.

In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a statement of educational need naming the school, the Governing Body will allocate places using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority:

- 1a. Children in Public Care in a church in membership of Churches Together in England.
- 1b. Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.
2. Children with a parent/guardian who is a member of the worshipping community (for a minimum period of 1 year) of the Parish Church of St Paul, Marton.
3. Children with a parent/guardian who is a member of the worshipping community (for a minimum period of 1 year)
4. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.
5. Children with a parent/guardian who is a member of the worshipping community (for a minimum period of 1 year) of a non-Christian faith in membership of the UK Interfaith Network.
6. Other children.

TIE BREAKER FOR ALL PRIORITIES

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. In the event of equal distance, a random allocation will be used to determine who takes priority for a place.

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF POLICY > This is a Voluntary Aided school – please contact the school for full admissions details.

Children will be admitted in the following order:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming Christ the King Catholic Primary School.
2. Catholic children who are in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation by that authority as defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.
3. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of Christ the King on the closing date for applications.
4. Other Children who are in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation by that authority as defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.
5. Catholic children who are residing elsewhere.
6. Children with a sibling(s) already attending the school at the time of entry into the Reception Class and who are baptised in another Christian denomination.
7. Children with a sibling(s) already attending the school at the time of entry into the Reception Class and who are not of the Christian faith.
8. Other children who are baptised in another Christian denomination who are on roll at the Nursery Class at the school on the closing day for applications.
9. Other children who are on roll at the Nursery Class at the school on the closing day for applications and who are not of the Christian faith. **At all stages prior to the completion of the application form it will be made clear to parents that attendance at the nursery unit of Christ the King does not guarantee that a child will be admitted to Reception Class of the main school.**
10. Other children.

If the number of children in any of the categories 1-9 is greater than the places available, applications will be further ranked as follows:

- a) Children who the LA can confirm to be Transient children, asylum seekers or refugee children
- b) Children living nearest the school as measured in a straight line distance from the main entrance of the school to the Ordnance Survey point of the applicant’s address.

The Ordnance Survey address point is a point within the boundary of the property and is usually located at its centre. Distances are measured using the Council's Geographic Information System

Where two or more applications are tied, the distance between home and school, measured as a straight line, will be used as a tiebreaker.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF POLICY > This is a Voluntary Aided school – please contact the school for full admissions details.

Applications for a place at the school should be made on the Authority's Common application form and returned to the Local Authority no later than 15th January 2012. Parents who wish their application to this church school to be considered against the faith criteria should also complete the supplementary form and return it to the school no later than 15th January 2012. The supplementary form is available from the school.

If the school is oversubscribed, a failure to complete the supplementary form may result in your application for a place in this school being considered against lower priority criteria as the Governing Body will have no information upon which to assess your faith criteria.

As required by law, all children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school will be admitted before the application of the oversubscription criteria.

The Governing Body will admit 30 children in September 2012. If the number of applications for admission exceeds the places available, children will be admitted in the order of priority A-G set out below.

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| A | Baptised Catholic looked after children living in the parish of Holy Family or Sacred Heart. | E | Children (or an immediate family member) with a specific medical, social or emotional need which is relevant to the school and whose application is supported in writing by an appropriate authority (eg doctor or social worker) |
| B | Baptised Catholic children living in the parish of Holy Family or Sacred Heart. | F | Other baptised Christian children |
| C | Other baptised Catholic children. | G | Other children |
| D | Looked after children who are not Catholic. | | |

If the number of children in any of the categories A-G is greater than the places available, applications will be further ranked as follows:

- (i) children who will have a sibling in the school at the time of admission
- (ii) children living nearest the pre-defined centre point of the two parishes (Gynn Square roundabout) measured in a straight line from this central point on a local street map to the child's front door.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF POLICY > This is a Voluntary Aided school – please contact the school for full admissions details.

Applications for a place at the school should be made on the Local Authority common application form or online and returned to the Local Authority no later than Sunday 15 January 2012. Parents must complete the common application form available from the Local Authority. Parents who wish their application to this Catholic school to be considered against the priority faith criteria should also complete the school's Supplementary Information Form. If the school is oversubscribed, failure to complete the supplementary form may result in your application for a place in this school being considered against lower priority criteria, as the Governing Body will have no information upon which to assess the application on the basis of the applicant's baptism.

The supplementary information form should be returned to the school by **Sunday 15 January 2012**.

Each Roman Catholic applicant will be required to produce a baptismal certificate or other evidence of baptism.

As required by law, all children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school will be admitted before the application of the oversubscription criteria.

The Governors will admit up to 30 children in September 2012. If the number of applications for admission exceeds the places available, children will be admitted subject to the following criteria which will be used to form a priority order.

1. Baptised Catholic children in public care.
2. Baptised Catholic children who live in the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption.
3. Baptised Catholic children who live in the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption with a sibling in the school at the time of expected admission.

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| <p>4. Other Baptised Catholic children with a sibling in the school at the time of expected admission.</p> <p>5. Other Baptised Catholic children.</p> <p>6. Other children who are in public care.</p> | <p>7. Other baptised Christian children.</p> <p>8. Other children whose parents wish them to be educated within the aims and values of a Catholic school.</p> |
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In the event of oversubscription in any of the above criteria places will be allocated according to the following tie breaker criterion:

- i. children who will have a sibling in school at the time of admission
- ii. children living nearest to the school as measured by the distance between an applicant's home and school.

Where two or more applications are tied, the distance between home and school, which is measured as a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the home address to the main entrance of the school, will be used as a tie-breaker.

ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF POLICY > This is a Voluntary Aided school – please contact the school for full admissions details.

Parents must complete the common application form available from the Local Authority. Parents who wish their application to this Catholic school to be considered against the priority faith criteria should also complete **St Bernadette's School's Supplementary Information Form**. If the school is oversubscribed, failure to complete the supplementary form may result in your application for a place in this school being considered against lower priority criteria, as the Governing Body will have no information upon which to assess the application on the basis of the applicant's baptism.

Each Catholic applicant will be required to produce a baptismal certificate or other evidence of baptism.

As required by law, all children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school will be admitted before the application of the over-subscription criteria.

The Governors will admit up to 30 children in September 2012. If the number of applications for admission exceeds the places available, children will be admitted in the order of priority A – I

- A. Baptised Catholic children in public care.
- B. Baptised Catholic children worshipping at St Bernadette's Church and with a sibling in the school at the time of expected admission.
- C. Other baptised Catholic children worshipping at St Bernadette's Church.
- D. Other baptised Catholic children living in St Bernadette's Parish and with a sibling in school at the time of expected admission.
- E. Other baptised Catholic children living in St Bernadette's Parish.
- F. Other baptised Catholic children with a sibling in school at the time of expected admission.
- G. Other baptised Catholic children.
- H. Other children who are in public care.
- I. Other children whose parents wish them to be educated within the aims and values of a Catholic school.

In the event of over-subscription in any of the above criteria, places will be allocated according to the following tie-breaker criterion:

Applicants living nearest to the school (The distance between an applicant's home and school is measured as a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the home address to the main entrance of the school. The Ordnance Survey address point is a point within the boundary of the property and is usually located at its centre. Distances are measured using the Councils' Geographic Information System.)

ST CUTHBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF POLICY > This is a Voluntary Aided school – please contact the school for full admissions details.

Applications for the school for September 2012 should be made on the common application form and returned no later than Sunday 15 January 2012. Parents who wish their application to be considered against the faith criteria should also complete the school's supplementary form. If the school is oversubscribed, a failure to complete the supplementary form may result in the application for a place in this school being considered against lower priority criteria as the Governing Body will have no information concerning the child's baptism. The supplementary form should be returned to the school by Sunday 15 January 2012.

As required by law, children who have a statement of Special Educational Needs that names the school will be admitted before the application of the oversubscription criteria.

If the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, children will be admitted in order of priority A to G set out below:

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| A. "Looked After" children. | E. Other baptised Catholic children. |
| B. Baptised Catholic children living in St.Cuthbert's parish. | F. Other baptised Christian children. |
| C. Other baptised Catholic children who have sibling in the school at the time of admission. | G. Other children whose parents wish them for to be educated within the aims and values of a Catholic school. |
| D. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission. | |

If the number of children in any of the categories A-G is greater than the places available, applications will be further ranked as follows:

- I. children who will have a sibling in school at the time of admission (Category A/B only)
- II. children, or a member of their immediate family, with a specific and exceptional medical, social or emotional need and whose application is supported in writing by an appropriate authority (e.g. doctor or social worker)
- III. children living nearest to the school as measured from the applicant's home address to the school. The distance is taken as a straight line between the main entrance of the school and the Ordnance Survey address point of the applicant's home address. Distances are measured automatically using the Council's Geographic Information System.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF POLICY > This is a Voluntary Aided school – please contact the school for full admissions details.

Application for admission to our school must be made on the common application form, enclosed with the Local Authority's brochure between Monday 5th September and **Sunday 15th January 2012.**

Parents who wish their application to this church school to be considered against the faith criteria should also complete the questions on the common application form about their faith reference. If the school is oversubscribed, a failure to complete these supplementary questions may result in your application for a place in this school being considered against lower priority criteria as the Governing Body will have no information upon which to assess the worship attendance.

The application forms can be obtained from the School Admissions Team at Progress House or from the school office. **Applications may also be made on-line by using both the common application form with the supplementary questions.**

If more children apply than we can take, after admitting children with statements of special educational needs naming the school, the Governing Body will allocate places using the following criteria, which are listed in order of priority:

1. Children in public care.
2. Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.
3. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.
4. Children with a parent/guardian who worships in a church in membership of Churches Together in England.
5. Children with a parent/guardian who worships in a non-Christian faith centre in membership of the UK Interfaith network.
6. Other children

Where there are more applicants for the available places within any category, then distance to home (Ordnance Survey address points for both the home and the school measured in a straight line) will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. In the event of equal distance, a random allocation will be used to determine who takes priority for a place.

ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF POLICY > This is a Voluntary Aided school

This summary is taken from the school's admissions policy for 2011, so you will need to contact the school for full admissions details for admission to 2012.

During the Autumn term the school will forward a copy of the pack produced by Blackpool Council, 'Admission to Primary School' to each of the applicants

registered with them and parents/carers should complete the form enclosed in the pack and return it to the School Admissions Team no later than **15th January 2012**, the closing date for applications as confirmation that they are seeking a place for their child/ren.

A supplementary faith form should be completed by those applicants applying under the faith criteria. If the school is oversubscribed, a failure to complete the supplementary form may result in the application for a place in this school being considered against a lower priority criteria as the Governing Body will have no information upon which to assess the worship attendance. Please note you must still complete the common application in order for your application to be considered.

It is important that you check prior to application the up-to-date policy even if you have another child attending this school.

As required by law, St John Vianney School gives highest priority to children who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school who will be admitted before the application of the over subscription criteria.

Category 1. St John Vianney School gives highest priority to Children Looked After, as required by the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the Education (Admission of Looked After Children) (England) Regulations 2006. A Child Looked After is a child who is in the care of a Local Authority or provided with accommodation by the Authority (as defined in Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989) at the time of application and allocation.

Category 2. Priority will be given when a Baptised Roman Catholic child or their parent/carer has a serious medical condition and it is considered that St John Vianney School is the most appropriate school to meet the needs of the child/family. e.g. a Statement of SEN or medical report, medical evidence or evidence from a Social Worker/Police Office and produced at the time of the application and should explain the difficulties that could arise if the child had to attend an alternative school.

Category 3. .Baptised Roman Catholic children with siblings in the school at the time of admission whose parent(s) are Catholics living in the parishes of St John Vianney or St Monicas. This will include children baptised in the Church of another Christian denomination, with siblings in the school at the time of admission, whose parent(s) have been received into the Roman Catholic Church and who are themselves Catholics living in the parishes of St John Vianney and St Monica.

Category 4. Baptised Roman Catholic children whose parent(s) are Catholics living in the parishes of St John Vianney or St Monica. This will include children baptised in the church of another Christian denomination, whose parents have been received into the Roman Catholic Church and who are themselves Catholics living in the parishes of St John Vianney and St Monicas.

Category 5. Baptised Roman Catholic children with siblings in the school at the time of admission whose parent(s) are Catholics living in the neighbouring parishes. This will include children baptised in the church of another Christian denomination, with siblings in the school at the time of admission to school, whose parent(s) have been received into the Roman Catholic Church and who are themselves Catholics living in neighbouring parishes.

Category 6. Baptised Roman Catholic children whose parent(s) are Catholics living in the neighbouring parishes. This will include children baptised in the church of another Christian denomination, whose parents have been received into the Roman Catholic Church and who are themselves Catholics living in neighbouring parishes.

Category 7. Other children /or their immediate family members with strong specific educational, medical, social or emotional needs whose application is directly relevant to St John Vianney School and supported by appropriate evidence (e.g. a Statement of SEN or medical report, medical evidence or evidence from a Social Worker/Police Officer) and produced at the time of the application which should explain the difficulties that could arise if the child had to attend an alternative school.

Category 8. Other children whose parent(s) are seeking an education within the Catholic Ethos of St John Vianney School. This should be clearly demonstrated in the letter of application.

Distance: for 3-6: straight line distance to the Church, either St John Vianney or St Monica's.

Tie breaker for 7-8: straight line distance to school. (The distance from the applicant's home to the school is taken as a straight line between the main entrance from the school and the Ordnance Survey address point of the applicant's home. The Ordnance Survey address point is a point within the boundary of the property and is usually located at its centre. Distances are measured automatically using the Council's Geographic Information System)

For the purposes of the admission criteria neighbouring parishes are considered to be St Kentigern's, St Cuthbert's, Our Lady of the Assumption, Christ the King, Holy Family and the parish of The Sacred Heart, Blackpool.

A child's Nursery is not taken into account when considering applications for school.

ST KENTIGERN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF POLICY > This is a Voluntary Aided school – please contact the school for full admissions details.

Applications for a place at the school should be made on the Local Authority common application form or online and returned to the Local Authority no later than **Sunday 15th January 2012**.

Parents must complete the common application form available from the Local Authority. Parents who wish their applications to this Catholic School to be considered against the priority faith criteria should also complete the Schools Supplementary Information Form. If the school is oversubscribed, failure to complete the supplementary form may result in your application for a place in this school being considered against lower priority criteria, as the Governing Body will have no information upon which to assess the application on the basis of the applicant's baptism. The supplementary information form should be returned to the school by **Sunday 15th January 2012**.

As required by law, all children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school will be admitted before the application of the oversubscription criteria.

If the number of applications for admission exceeds the places available, children will be admitted subject to the following criteria which will be used to form a priority order.

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| <p>A. Baptised Catholic children in public care.</p> <p>B. Baptised Catholic children who attend weekly Mass at St Kentigern's.</p> <p>C. Baptised Catholic children who worship weekly and live in the</p> | <p>parish of St Kentigern's with a sibling in the school at the time of expected admission.</p> <p>D. Baptised Catholic children who worship weekly and live in the parish of St Kentigern's.</p> |
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- E. Other Baptised Catholic children with a sibling in the school at the time of expected admission.
- F. Other Baptised Catholic children who live in the parish of St Kentigern's
- G. Other Baptised Catholic children
- H. Other children whose parents wish them to be educated within the aims and values of a Catholic school.
- I. Other children in public care.
- J. Other children

In the event of the admission number being reached within any one of the oversubscription criteria in the order listed above, the distance criteria will be used as a "tie breaker". The distance between an applicant's home and school is measured as a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the home address to the main entrance of the school. The Ordnance Survey address point is the point within the boundary of the property and is usually located at its centre. Distances are measured using the Councils' Geographic Information System. In the event of equal distance, a random allocation will be used to determine who takes priority for a place.

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF POLICY > This is a Voluntary Aided school – please contact the school for full admissions details.

Applications for admission to the school for September 2012 should be made on the common application form and also on the School's own form between 5th September 2011 and **Sunday 15th January 2012.**

Parents who wish their application to this Church school to be considered against the faith criteria should also complete the questions on the common application form about their faith reference. If the school is oversubscribed, a failure to complete these supplementary questions may result in your application for a place in this school being considered against lower priority criteria as the Governing Body will have no information upon which to assess the worship attendance. Applications may be made on line by using the common electronic application form with the supplementary questions.

In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a statement of educational need 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 (Children in Public Care). St Christopher’s and St Nicholas, Blackpool.
- (b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school. NOTE: A map showing the boundaries is available in school.
- NOTE: Professional supporting evidence from e.g. a consultant 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. N.B supporting evidence should be submitted with the application form.
2. Children whose parents live within the ecclesiastical parish of
3. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission. NOTE: Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address
4. Children whose parents live outside the parish
- (a) Children with a parent/ guardian involved in the life of a church in membership of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland;
- (b) Other children.

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 TERESA’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF POLICY > This is a Voluntary Aided school – please contact the school for full admissions details.

The common application form must be returned to the school admissions team at Blackpool Council by **Sunday 15th January 2012**. On-line applications must be submitted by the closing date.

Parents or guardians who wish their child’s application to this Catholic school to be considered against the ‘priority faith criteria’ should complete a supplementary form in addition to the common application form ‘ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2012.’ If the school is oversubscribed, failure to complete the supplementary form may result in your application for a place in the school being considered against lower priority criteria. This is because the Governing Body will not have information upon which to assess the application on the basis of your child’s baptism or your wish for your child to be educated within the aims and values of a Catholic school. The supplementary form can be requested directly from the school by post, phone or email or can be downloaded from Blackpool Council’s website. **The supplementary form should be returned directly to the school at the same time as the common application form is returned to the schools’ admissions team at Blackpool Council.**

As required by law, all children with a statement of Special Educational Needs naming St Teresa’s School will be admitted before the application of the Admissions (over-subscription) criteria.

If the number of applications for admission exceeds the places available, children will be admitted according to the following order of priority:

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| <p>A Baptised Catholic Looked After Children</p> <p>B Baptised Catholic children living in St Teresa’s Parish or St John Southworth Parish</p> <p>C Other baptised Catholic children</p> <p>D Looked After Children who are not Catholic children</p> <p>E Children or families with a specific educational, medical, social or emotional need which is relevant to the school and whose application is supported in writing by an appropriate authority.</p> <p>F Children who will have a sibling on the school roll at the time of admission</p> | <p>G Other baptised Christian children</p> <p>H Other children whose parents wish them to be educated within the aims and values of a Catholic school</p> <p>I Children living nearest the school as measured by a straight line distance. The distance between an applicant’s home and school is measured as a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the home address to the main entrance of the school. The Ordnance Survey address point is a point within the boundary of the property and is usually located at its centre. Distances are measured using Blackpool Council’s Geographic information System.</p> |
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BLACKPOOL CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Blackpool Children's University has been running very successfully for over 5 years now. We value all the learning that takes place outside of the school curriculum and celebrate the achievements that all the young people of Blackpool reach whilst being involved with the Children's University. It continues to grow on a yearly basis with over 1200 students graduating this year from Primary, Secondary and Special schools, including 3 Graduation Ceremonies at the Blackpool and The Fylde University Centre. We have been working closely in partnership with the college who said:

"Blackpool and The Fylde College is proud to be associated with the Children's University. We hope that coming to graduate at our own University Centre will give them aspirations for the future and help them remain committed to their study and extra curricular activity."



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