

ADMISSIONS POLICY – in accordance with Lancashire County Council’s Admission Policy (Community Schools)

Parents will be asked to express three preferences for secondary school. Each preference will be considered equally against the admissions criteria. If a school is oversubscribed, the following criteria will be applied in priority order:

- i Children in public care (children looked after) who are in public care at the time when preferences are expressed and still expected to be in public care when admitted to the school, then;
- ii children for whom the County Council accepts there are exceptionally strong medical, social or welfare reasons for admission associated with the child and/or family which are directly relevant to the school concerned, (see note ** below) then;
- iii children who will have a sibling in attendance at the school at the time of transfer, (see note * below) then
- iv children living within the school’s geographical priority area, then;
- v children living outside of the school’s geographical priority area.

Notes

* *Siblings include stepchildren, half brothers and sisters and adopted and foster children who are living with the same family at the same address. The priority does not apply to siblings whose brothers and sisters transferred into a 6th Form at 16+. (Consideration may be given to applying the sibling rule to full brothers and sisters only who reside at different addresses.)*

** *This may include some non-statemented pupils who have special educational needs. Pupils who have a statement of special educational needs which names the particular school have priority for admission and are considered under a separate admissions procedure.*

*** *If there are more children in any of the individual categories than there are places remaining, then those pupils who live nearest to the school by a straight line (radial) measure, will have priority. The distance is measured using a geographical information system and the measurement is taken from the centre point of the property to the centre point of the school.*

Please note that for admissions for September 2010 onwards it is proposed to change the sibling criteria for new pupils admitted to school. From September 2010 onwards, siblings living inside the school’s geographical priority area will have a higher priority than siblings who live outside the geographical priority area. From September 2010 onwards it is proposed that admissions criteria for all Lancashire community and controlled secondary schools will be the same.