

**PROPOSED NEW GEOGRAPHICAL PRIORITY AREA FOR 2017/18 ADMISSIONS**

**Mayfield Primary School, Lytham St Annes**

Building work has commenced on a new housing development on the ex Pontin's site on the A584 which borders Blackpool authority (the A5230 - Squires gate Lane and Blackpool Airport).

This is located within Lancashire but is situated on the border with Blackpool. The new properties will be situated near to Blackpool primary and secondary schools and academies. They are already located within the FY8 area so are in the geographical priority area (GPA) for Lytham St Annes Technology & Performing Arts College.

There are 443 dwellings planned on this site. The pupil yield from these will depend on the type of housing which is developed and is expected to be between 75 and 168 across the primary age range. Blackpool Authority do have primary place capacity for this new development.

The properties will however be some distance from the nearest Lancashire primary school. It is intended therefore to introduce a GPA for Mayfield Primary School in St Annes in order to give these Lancashire families some increased priority for admission.

The current determined admission arrangements for all Lancashire's community and voluntary controlled schools prioritise admission as follows:-

1. Looked after children and those who were previously looked after (now adopted or subject to certain orders)
2. Exceptional medical, social and welfare reasons directly relevant to the school concerned
3. Children who will have older brothers and sisters attending the school when the younger child applies
4. Distance - a straight line (radial) measure

For admissions for 2017 and thereafter it is intended that the admission arrangements for Mayfield Primary School be changed to reflect a geographical priority area (GPA).

This would require re-defining 4 (above) into two distinct elements as follows:-

Remaining places are allocated according to where a child lives - distance:

- i) To those resident within the agreed geographical priority area (the new development on the ex Pontin's site)
- ii) To other applicants

Subscription levels at the school for the past 3 years (parental preferences):-

<b>School</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>total</b>	<b>Offers</b>
Mayfield Primary	2015	35	15	28	78	52
PAN - 60	2014	25	9	15	49	27
	2013	34	24	13	71	34

Over the next 2 years falling birth rates will reduce primary place demand in the Fylde area. Any additional applications from this development will be able to access places in Lancashire or in the neighbouring Blackpool area. Without the establishment of a GPA at Mayfield these Lancashire families are very likely to have lowest priority for admission to a Lancashire primary school year on year.