

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

Secondary School Admission Arrangements 2020/21

The Governing Body for this School has decided to retain the same admission policy for 2020/21, as was determined for 2019/20. Available student places ~ 210

As a result, the admissions policy remains unchanged. Please note that the closing date for 2020/21 applications is 31 October 2019.

Parents will be sent an offer letter on 1 March 2020, by first class post.

Please contact the school direct if you have any questions regarding admission.

FLEETWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2020/2021

DETERMINED CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO COMMUNITY AND CONTROLLED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS 2020/2021

The criteria which are to be used to allocate places when a community or controlled school is oversubscribed are described below.

SECONDARY

Parents are given the opportunity to express three preferences for a secondary school. Published criteria are used to decide which children should be offered the available places. In secondary schools an equal preference system operates, whereby the three parental preferences are given equal status. Each preference will be considered equally against the admissions criteria.

When a secondary school is oversubscribed the following priorities apply in order:

1. Looked after and previously looked after children at the time when preferences are expressed at the time of their admission to school, then
2. Children for whom the Local Authority accepts that there are exceptional medical, social or welfare reasons which are directly relevant to the school concerned. (See note (i) below) then
3. Children living within the school's geographical priority area with older brothers or sisters attending the school when the younger child will start, (**see note ii below**). A phasing in arrangement linked to the introduction of geographical priority areas does apply. This protects all those with siblings on a school's roll in Years 10 and 11 only at September 2019. These pupils will all be considered under this criterion. All others will be considered under the split sibling arrangements as stated.
4. Children living within the school's geographical priority area, then,
5. Children living outside the school's geographical priority area with older brothers or sisters still attending the school when the younger child will start (**See note (iii) below**) then

6. Children living outside the school's geographical priority area (see note (iii) below.

Notes

(i) The medical, social and welfare criterion will consider issues relevant to the child and/or the family. This category may include children without a statement who have special needs. Children who have a statement for special needs will have their applications considered separately.

(ii) Brothers and sisters includes step children, half brothers and sisters, fostered and adopted children living with the same family at the same address (consideration may be given to applying this criterion to full brothers and sisters who reside at different addresses). The priority does not apply to siblings whose brothers and sisters transferred into a sixth form at 16+.

(iii) The distance criterion which will be used as the tie breaker if there is oversubscription within any of the admission criteria is a straight line (radial) measure. If the Local Authority is unable to distinguish between applicants using the published criteria (eg twins or same block of flats) places will be offered via a random draw. The distance measure is a straight line (radial) measure centre of building to centre of building.

(iv) A child's permanent address is the one where he/she normally lives and sleeps and goes to school from. Proof of residence may be requested at any time throughout the admission process, (including after a child has accessed a school place).

(v) The Local Authority will keep waiting lists for all Lancashire schools until 31 August 2020. These are kept in priority order using the school's published admission criteria. From 1 September 2019 for one school term only waiting lists will be retained by individual admission authorities (the Local authority for community and voluntary controlled schools and individual voluntary aided and trust schools will each retain their own list).

(vi) Children will not normally be able to start school other than at the beginning of the term unless they have moved into the area or there are exceptional circumstances.

(vii) Applications for school places which are received late will not necessarily be dealt with at the same time as those received by the set deadline. The reasons for a late application may be requested and where these are not exceptional the relevant admission criteria will be initially applied to all others received on time. The late application will be dealt with after this process.

(viii) Where a child lives with one parent for part of the week and another for the rest of the week only one address will be accepted for a school admission application. This will normally be the one where the child wakes up for the majority of school days (Monday to Friday). Proof of residence may be requested at any time throughout the admissions process.

The Authority has a duty to co-ordinate admission arrangements for all Lancashire maintained schools. The Authority will ensure that all Lancashire parents whose children are transferring to reception or Year 7 classes, receive the offer of one secondary or primary school place on the agreed date.