

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

Secondary School Admission Arrangements 2024/25

Available student places ~ 210

Please note that the closing date for 2024/25 applications is 31 October 2023.

Parents applying online will receive an Email offer on 1 March 2024. Parents applying via the paper form will be sent an offer letter on 1 March 2024, by second class post.

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

FLEETWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2024/2025

The criteria which are to be used to allocate places when Fleetwood High School is oversubscribed are described below.

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 Fleetwood high School is oversubscribed the following priorities apply in order:

1. Looked after children, those previously looked after and those adopted from overseas, **(See note (i) below)** then
2. Children for whom the Governing Body accepts that there are exceptional medical, social or welfare reasons which are directly relevant to the school concerned. **(See note (ii) 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 iii below)**.
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 (iv) below).

Notes

(i) The highest priority must be given to looked after children or a child who was previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order, or special guardianship order or those children who appear to the school to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Relevant, legal documents must be provided to evidence the adoption.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Brothers and sisters includes step children, half brothers and sisters, fostered and adopted children living with the same family at the same address (consideration may be given to applying this criterion to full brothers and sisters who reside at different addresses).

(iv) The distance criterion which will be used as the tie breaker if there is oversubscription within any of the admission criteria is a straight line (radial) measure. If the Governing Body 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.

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

(vi) The Local Authority will keep waiting lists for all Lancashire schools until 31 August 2024. These are kept in priority order using the school's published admission criteria. From 1 September 2024 to 31 December 2024 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).

(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.

GEOGRAPHICAL PRIORITY AREA

Parishes of Fleetwood and Thornton Cleveleys (part*). *The cut-off point being Amounderness Way from Singleton parish boundary across to the Blackpool Borough boundary.

In-year admissions

In-year admission is the process of applying for a school place during the school year. Any applications for the intake made after the start of the autumn term will be treated as an in-year application. The in-year admission process is managed by the school. Parents are required to complete the in-year application form, which is available from the [school website](#). Where a place cannot be secured, parents will be offered a legal right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. Lancashire County Council administers the appeals process on behalf of the school. Parents can complete the school's [appeal form](#) on Lancashire County Council's website.