



FARINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Farington Primary School

Admissions Criteria for 2026/27

Our standard admission number is 30 children. Where the school receives more applications than places available, the following admission criteria will be applied:

When a school is oversubscribed on parental preferences, then the following priorities apply in order:

1. Looked after children and those who have been previously looked after (including those legally adopted from abroad*)
2. Children for whom the Local Authority accepts that there are exceptional medical, social or welfare reasons which are directly relevant to Farington School**
3. Children with older brothers and sisters attending the school when the younger child will start***
4. Remaining places are allocated according to where a child lives. Those living nearest to the preferred school by a straight line (radial) measure will have priority****

** 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. Applications for previously looked after children must be supported with appropriate evidence i.e. a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is the benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that the child has been adopted from state care.*

*** The medical, social and welfare criterion will consider issues relevant to the child and/or the family. This category may include children without an Educational Health Care Plan who have special needs.*

**** Brothers and sisters includes full brothers and sisters, step children, half brothers and sisters, fostered and adopted children living with the same family at the same address; and full brothers and sisters living at different addresses.*

***** 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, e.g. siblings, those living the same distance from home to school, or families residing in the same block of flats, places will be offered via a random draw. The distance measure is a straight line measurement (radial) between the applicants' home address points and the address point of the school (co-ordinates provided by ordnance survey data).*

If you wish to apply for a place or require further information on the application process, please follow [this link](#), or call us on 01772 421977.

In Year Admissions & Admissions for Year Groups 1 to 6.

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. Where you are requesting a place for your child mid-year for any year group, admissions will be administered by the school.

If you are new to the area or want to request a transfer to Farington Primary School for your child, you can contact us directly to find out if a place is available. If we do not have any places available, we can place you on a waiting list if this is desired. If places become available and there is more than one child on the waiting list, our above admissions code will be applied.

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.

Additional 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 an Educational Health Care Plan who have special needs.

(ii) As required by law, all children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs/Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming a school will be admitted before the application of the over-subscription criteria. Children who have a statement for special needs/EHCP have their applications considered separately.

(iii) Brothers and sisters includes full brothers and sisters, step children, half brothers and sisters, fostered and adopted children living with the same family at the same address; and full brothers and sisters living 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 Local Authority is unable to distinguish between applicants using the published criteria, e.g. siblings, those living the same distance from home to school, or families residing in the same block of flats, places will be offered via a random draw. The distance measure is a straight line measurement (radial) between the applicants' home address points and the address point of the school (co-ordinates provided by ordnance survey data).

(v) A child's permanent address is the one where they normally live, sleep and go to school from. Proof of residence may be requested at any time throughout the admissions process, (including after a child has accessed a school place). Addresses of relatives or friends must not be used and neither should addresses of any other properties owned by applicants.

(vi) Where the school is full in any year group, a waiting list will be held by the school. These are kept in priority order using the school's published admission criteria and not by date that a place has been requested.

(viii) 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.

Application forms received after the published closing date, will only be considered at that time if the following conditions apply:

a) if the number of preferences received for the school is below the published admission number or

b) there are extenuating circumstances justifying a late application

These may include:

a) parents moving into the County after the closing date

b) parent/carer illness which required hospitalisation for the major part of the period between the publication of the composite prospectus and the closing date for applications

(ix) 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).

(x) The highest priority must be given to looked after children and children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order, child arrangement orders or special guardianship order). Further references to previously looked after children in the Code means children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders, child arrangement orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after. This includes children who are legally adopted from overseas. Relevant, legal documents must be provided to evidence the adoption.

A 'looked after child' (1) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption (2) child arrangements order (residency order) (3) or special guardianship order (4).

(1) A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (please see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

(2) This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (please see section 46 adoption orders).

(3) Under the provisions of s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangements orders.

(4) See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

This includes children who are legally adopted from overseas. Relevant, legal documents must be provided to evidence the adoption.

For criterion 1 above, *A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is the benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that the child has been adopted from state care.*