

## **Oversubscription criteria for community and voluntary controlled primary schools**

**The admission number for Lowton West Primary School is 60.**

Where a school receives more applications than places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied once places have first been allocated to pupils who have a statement of special educational needs which names the school:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.  
Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). 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.
2. Children whose older brothers or sisters attend the school and will still be there at the time of admission
3. Children who live closest to the school.

### **Notes:**

#### **Tie-breaker**

Where there are more children in one particular criterion than the number of places available, places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey.

If we offer the last place available at a school to one of twins (or triplets, or so on), our policy is to admit the other twin or triplets too.

Occasionally, the distance from home to school is the same for more than one child (for example, if more than one child lives in the same block of flats). In these cases we will use a system to randomly pick who will be offered a place. When considering your child's application, we will use the permanent home address we have for you at the closing date for applications. If parents are separated and the child spends time at each parent's address, the address we use for admission to school is that of the main carer. We use the address of the parent who receives the Child Benefit for this.

#### **Brothers and Sisters**

We will include half-brothers and half-sisters; stepbrothers and stepsisters;

and foster brothers and foster sisters who live at the same address as part of the same family unit.

### **Applications if your child attends a nursery**

If your child goes to a nursery attached to the school:

- They do not have an automatic right to a place in a reception class at the school
- You must send in your application form or apply on-line by the closing date for applications.

### **Deferred Entry**

Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year. Where entry is deferred, the place will be held open and not offered to another child. Parents cannot defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted.

### **Part-time Attendance**

Parents can request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

### **Waiting lists**

Places may become available at a school after the offer date. We will:

- Put all children who we refuse a place at one of their preferences on the waiting list for the school;
- Keep the list in priority order, decided by the oversubscription criteria for the school only;
- Offer any place that becomes available to the next child on the waiting list; and
- Maintain the waiting list until the end of the autumn term in 2014.

We cannot take into account the length of time a child's name has been on the waiting list, only the admission criteria for the school. This means that your child's position on the list may change if another parent asks to be put on the list and their child has higher priority in the oversubscription criteria.