

# Primary School Admissions

## For September 2023



Please find details below of the number of places offered at schools in Blackburn with Darwen that were 'oversubscribed'. A school is defined as being oversubscribed if at least one on-time applicant was refused a place and the applicant did not receive an offer from any higher preference school.

### Daisyfield Community Primary School

**Published admission number – 40**

By the closing date for receipt of applications 88 preferences were received. The Council applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP).	0
a	Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.	0
b	Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted	22
c	Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned.	0
d	Geographical proximity.	18*

\*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 0.695 miles from the school.

### Feniscowles Community Primary School

**Published admission number – 60**

By the closing date for receipt of applications 159 preferences were received. The Council applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP).	0
a	Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.	1
b	Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of	19

	the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted	
c	Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned.	0
d	Geographical proximity.	40*

\*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 1.752 miles from the school.

### Lammack Community Primary School

#### Published admission number – 90

By the closing date for receipt of applications 219 preferences were received. The Council applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP).	0
a	Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.	1
b	Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted	37
c	Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned.	0
d	Geographical proximity.	52*

\*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 1.552 miles from the school.

### St Antony's RC Primary School

#### Published admission number – 30

By the closing date for receipt of applications 70 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0
1	Looked after children and previously looked after children.	1
2	Baptised Roman Catholic children with approved medical/social/welfare reasons affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.	0
3	Baptised Roman Catholic children resident in the parish of the Holy Family	9
4	Baptised Roman Catholic children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application and admission	0
5	Baptised Roman Catholic children	0

6	Children with approved medical/social/welfare reasons affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.	0
7	Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.	9
8	Other children.	11*

\*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 0.283 miles from the school.

### St Barnabas and St Paul's Church of England Primary School

#### Published admission number – 60

By the closing date for receipt of applications 159 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school.	0
1	'Looked after' children; children who were previously 'looked after' but immediately after being looked after were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order	0
2	Children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) show evidence of being active members of the Church of England, or any church in membership of Churches Together in England, the Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland, Churches Together in Wales - the Free Churches Group or the Evangelical Alliance by parental worship.	2
3	Children who have siblings attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.	41
4	Children of staff.	0
5	Children whose parents or legal guardians live within the ecclesiastical parish of St. Barnabas, Blackburn.	17*
6	Children with proven and exceptional medical and social needs where admission to the school might best satisfy those exceptional needs.	0
7	Other Children.	0

\*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 0.197 miles from the school.

### St Gabriel's Church of England Primary School

#### Published admission number – 30

By the closing date for receipt of applications 154 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school.	0
1	Children in public care and previously looked after children	1
2	Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.	0
3	Children with a parent/guardian worshipping at St Gabriel's Church, Blackburn.	0

4	Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England or the Evangelical Alliance or the North West Partnership.	1
5	Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.	15
6	Children of staff who have been employed in the school for the whole of the two years prior to the closing date for applications.	0
7	Other children.	13*

\*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 0.306 miles from the school.

### St Luke & St Philip's - Church of England Academy

#### Published admission number – 30

By the closing date for receipt of applications 51 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0
1a	Children in public care and previously looked after children	1
1b	Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.	0
2	Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission. Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.	12
3	Children whose parent(s) live within the ecclesiastical parish of St Luke, St Mark and St Philip	12
4	Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England, the Evangelical Alliance, the Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland or Churches Together in Wales	0
5	Children of staff who have been employed in the school for the whole of the two years prior to the closing date for applications, or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage	0
6	Other Children	5*

\*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 0.459 miles from the school.

### St Mary and St Joseph's Roman Catholic School

#### Published admission number – 30

By the closing date for receipt of applications 93 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0
1	Baptised Catholic Looked after children and Baptised Catholic previously looked after children.	0

2	Baptised Catholic children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application and admission	0
3	Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of the Holy Family	4
4	Non Catholic Looked after children and Non Catholic previously looked after children.	0
5	Other Baptised Catholic children	0
6	Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.	11
7	All remaining applicants	15*

\*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 0.459 miles from the school.

### St Matthew's Church of England Primary School

#### Published admission number – 40

By the closing date for receipt of applications 99 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0
1a	Children in public care and previously looked after children	0
1b	Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.	1
2	Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.	24
3	Children whose parent(s) live within the ecclesiastical parish of Christ Church and St Matthew's	15*
4	Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England, the Irish Council of Churches, the Evangelical Alliance, Action of Churches Together in Scotland, Churches Together in Wales or North West Partnership	0
5	Other Children	0

\*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 2.129 miles from the school.

### St Paul's Church of England Primary School

#### Published admission number – 30

By the closing date for receipt of applications 63 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0
1a	Children in public care and previously looked after children	0
1b	Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.	0
2	Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.	7

3	Children whose parent(s) live within the ecclesiastical parish of Hoddlesden St. Paul's.	8
4	Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England, the Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland or Churches Together in Wales	5
5	Children of staff who have been employed in the school for the whole of the two years prior to the closing date for applications, or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage	0
6	Other Children	10*

\*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 1.723 miles from the school.

### St Paul's Roman Catholic School

#### Published admission number – 30

By the closing date for receipt of applications 88 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0
1	Baptised Catholic Looked after children and Baptised Catholic previously looked after children.	0
2	Baptised Catholic children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application and admission	7
3	Baptised Roman Catholic children in the parish of St. Oscar Romero and living in the catchment area	9
4	A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those who appear to this admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted	1
5	Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission	2
6	Other Baptised Roman Catholic children	11*
7	All remaining applicants	0

\*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 1.091 miles from the school.

### St Thomas CE Primary School

#### Published admission number – 60

By the closing date for receipt of applications 118 preferences were received. The Council applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP).	0
a	Looked after children or a children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear to	0

	have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.	
b	Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, not cousins, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted	30
c	Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned.	0
d	Geographical proximity.	30*

\*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 0.424 miles from the school.

### Wensley Fold Church of England Primary Academy

#### Published admission number – 60

By the closing date for receipt of applications 173 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with either an education, health and care plan, a statement for special educational needs or an individual pupil resource agreement (IPRA) for whom the preferred school is named.	0
a	'Looked after' children and children who were previously 'looked after' but immediately after being 'looked after' became subject to an adoption, a residence order/child arrangement or special guardianship order.	1
b	Children with an older sibling (sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, (not cousin) or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address) who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted.	29
c	Children with proven and exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned.	0
d	Children who live nearest the school (geographical proximity).	30*

\*These places were offered using the distance tiebreak; the address of the last child to be offered a place was 0.367 miles from the school.

### Queen Elizabeth Grammar School

#### Published admission number – 56

By the closing date for receipt of applications 199 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

Criteria	Number of places allocated	
	BwD	LCC
EHCP	0	0
CIOC	1	0
Staff member	1	0
Random draw	51	4

**Published admission number – 90**

By the closing date for receipt of applications 281 preferences were received. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria:

	Criteria	Number of places offered
	Children with an education, health and care plan, naming the school.	0
PRIORITY GROUP A		
1	Looked after Muslim children or a Muslim child who was previously looked after.	0
2	Children whose parent is a member of, or a woman who receives the membership benefits of, Masjid-e- Tauheedul Islam.	20
3	Children whose parent is a member of, or a woman who receives the membership benefits of, Masjid al Hidayah, Masjid-e-Irfan and Masjid-e-Anisul Islam.	13
4	Children of Muslim staff employed at The Olive School for 2 or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made, and / or the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage	2
5	Muslim children with a sibling attending The Olive School at the time of both application and offer of a place	3
6	Muslim children with proven, exceptionally strong special, medical or social circumstances, which are directly relevant to attendance at The Olive School.	0
7	All other Muslim children who live nearest from home to school	7*

\*The distance from home to school of the last child offered a place under criteria 8 in Priority Group A was 0.702 miles.

PRIORITY GROUP B		
1	Looked after children or a child who was previously looked after.	0
2	Children of staff employed at The Olive School for 2 or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made, and / or the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage	0
3	Children with a sibling attending The Olive School at the time of both application and offer of a place.	39
4	Children with proven, exceptionally strong special, medical or social circumstances, which are directly relevant to attendance at The Olive School.	3
5	All other children who live nearest from home to school.	3*

\*\* The distance from home to school of the last child offered a place under criteria 6 in Priority Group B was 0.236 miles.



### Schools that were not oversubscribed

The following schools offered admission to all first, second and third preferences if a higher preference could not be offered:

School	Number of preferences received by the closing date for receipt of applications	Number of places offered
Ashleigh Primary School	83	27
Audley Community Infant School	160	89
Avondale Community Primary School	105	55
Blackburn the Redeemer CE Primary School	144	60
Brookhouse Community Primary School	67	25
Cedars Community Primary School	64	27
Griffin Park Community Primary School	59	27
Holy Souls RC Primary School	73	28
Holy Trinity CE Controlled Primary School	43	14
Intack Community Primary School	58	33
Longshaw Community Infant School	88	71
Lower Darwen Community Primary School	120	55
Meadowhead Community Infant School	55	37
Our Lady Of Perpetual Succour RC Primary School	37	15
Roe Lee Park Community Primary School	99	59
Sacred Heart RC Primary School	29	17
Shadsworth Community Infant School	81	54
St Aidan's Primary School A Church of England Academy	51	25
St Alban's RC Primary School	25	12
St Anne's RC Primary School	50	29
St Barnabas CE Primary Academy	81	30
St Cuthbert's CE Primary School	71	30
St Edward's RC Primary School	63	30
St Francis' CE Primary School	63	8
St James CE Primary School Blackburn	85	46
St James CE Primary School Lower Darwen	64	25
St James Primary School Darwen A Church of England Academy	33	23
St Joseph's RC Primary School	49	21
St Michael With St John CE Primary School	69	30
St Peter's CE Primary School	70	30
St Peter's RC Primary School	92	52
St Silas's CE Primary School	68	27
St Stephen's CE Primary School	85	54
St Stephen's Tockholes CE Primary School	22	4
Sudell Primary School	28	14
Turton and Edgworth CE/Methodist Controlled Primary School	38	29
Turton Belmont Community Primary School	27	14

## Waiting Lists

If your child has been refused a place at a Blackburn with Darwen school, their name will be placed on the waiting list for the school. If places become available, they will be offered from the waiting list in priority order. Waiting lists remain open until the end of the Autumn Term in December 2023.

## Appeals

You also have a right of appeal against the decision to an independent appeal panel. You can appeal for more than one school.

Schools will admit pupils until they have filled all the places they have available in the relevant year group - i.e. until they have reached their admission number. To admit children over the admission number would prejudice the provision of efficient education and the efficient use of resources in the school.

The law requires infant pupils to be taught in groups of no more than 30 pupils with a qualified teacher. Because of this, many primary schools have an admission number which creates teaching groups of 30. Therefore, if you are appealing for any of these schools, it will be a class size appeal. The appeal panel can only allow an appeal which would lead to more than 30 children in an infant class with one teacher if they are satisfied that:

1. The admission of additional children would not breach the infant class size limit; or
2. The admission arrangements did not comply with admissions law or were not correctly and impartially applied AND that the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had complied or had been correctly and impartially applied; or
3. The decision to refuse the place was not one which a reasonable authority would make in the circumstances of the case.

It is expected that the first round of appeals for Blackburn with Darwen primary schools will be held in June/July 2023. In order for your appeal to be heard in the first round, you should submit your appeal paperwork no later than 24 May 2023.

### Schools located in the area administered by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form at any of the community schools or academy listed below, please email [admissions@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@blackburn.gov.uk).

- **Lammack Community Primary School**
- **Daisyfield Community Primary School**
- **Feniscowles Community Primary School**
- **Wensley Fold Church of England Primary Academy**
- **St Barnabas and St Pauls Church of England Primary School**
- **St Paul's Church of England Primary School**
- **St Thomas Church of England Primary School**

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, at any of the foundation schools, free schools, academies or voluntary aided schools listed below, please contact the school:

#### **Ashleigh Primary School**

[office@ashleigh.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@ashleigh.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 703171.

#### **Blackburn the Redeemer Church of England Primary School**

[office@theredeemer.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@theredeemer.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 296400.

#### **Queen Elizabeth Grammar School**

[admissions@qegsblackburn.com](mailto:admissions@qegsblackburn.com).

#### **St Antony's Roman Catholic Primary School**

[admin@stantonysrc.co.uk](mailto:admin@stantonysrc.co.uk) or call (01254) 54686.

#### **St Gabriel's Church of England Primary School**

[office@stgabriels.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stgabriels.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 249462.

#### **St Mary and St Joseph Roman Catholic Primary School**

[office@smsjrc.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@smsjrc.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 698301.

#### **The Olive**

[admissions@staracademies.org](mailto:admissions@staracademies.org) or call 0330 3139137

**St Luke and St Phillip's Church of England Academy**

[office@slsp.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@slsp.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 54866

**St Paul's Roman Catholic Primary School**

[office@stpaulsfeniscowles.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpaulsfeniscowles.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 201495

**St Matthew's Church of England Primary School**

[office@stmatthews.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmatthews.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 291250

Schools located in the area administered by Bolton Council

For information why your child was refused a place at a Bolton school, visit the website [www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions), email [admissions@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@bolton.gov.uk) or call (01204) 333333

Schools located in the area administered by Lancashire County Council

For information why your child was refused a place at a Lancashire school, visit the website [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) for full details, appeals forms and information.

**Advice is also available from Coram Children's Legal Centre**

<https://www.childrenslegalcentre.com>

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