

## **Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council - Directorate of Children Services and Education Primary Admission Procedures September 2020**

If your child has been refused a place at Blackburn with Darwen school(s), their name will be placed on the waiting list for the school(s). If places become available, they will be filled from the waiting list in priority order. Waiting lists remain open until the end of the Autumn Term in December 2020.

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

For up to date information on the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on school appeals please visit [www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-appeals](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-appeals).

### **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS & ACADEMIES**

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form at either of the community & academy schools listed below, please email [admissions@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@blackburn.gov.uk) or call (01254) 666605.

- Brookhouse Community Primary School
- Daisyfield Community Primary School
- Feniscowles Community Primary School
- Griffin Park Community Primary School
- Lammack Community Primary School
- Wensley Fold Church of England Primary Academy

### **VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOLS**

If your child has been refused a place at either of the voluntary aided schools listed below and you wish to appeal, please contact the school and request the appropriate appeal(s) form.

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

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, please email [Joanne.Murray@theredeemer.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:Joanne.Murray@theredeemer.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 296400 and ask for Joanne Murray.

#### **Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School**

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, please email [admissions@qegsblackburn.com](mailto:admissions@qegsblackburn.com)

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

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, please email [admin@stantonysrc.co.uk](mailto:admin@stantonysrc.co.uk) or call (01254) 54686.

#### **St Barnabas and St Pauls Church of England Primary School**

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, please email [office@sbsp.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@sbsp.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 698413.

#### **St Barnabas Church of England Primary School**

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, please email [office@stbarnabas.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stbarnabas.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 702996.

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

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, please email [office@stcuthberts.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stcuthberts.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 701366.

#### **St Edwards Roman Catholic Primary School**

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, please email [office@stedwards.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stedwards.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 701616.

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

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, please email [office@stgabriels.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stgabriels.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 249462.

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

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, please email [office@stmatthews.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmatthews.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 291250.

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

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, please email [office@stpaulshoddlesden.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpaulshoddlesden.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 701940.

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

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, please email [office@stpaulsfeniscowles.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpaulsfeniscowles.blackburn.sch.uk) or call (01254) 201495.

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

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, please email [st.peters.blackburn@stpetersrc.co.uk](mailto:st.peters.blackburn@stpetersrc.co.uk) or call (01254) 691745.

### **The Olive School**

For information why your child was refused a place, or to obtain an appeal form, please email [info@oliveblackburn.staracademies.org](mailto:info@oliveblackburn.staracademies.org) or call (01254) 54070.

### **Schools located in the area administered by Bolton Council**

For information why your child was refused a place at a Bolton school, please visit their website at [www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions) or 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, please visit their website at [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>

Coram Children's Legal Centre  
Wellington House  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 90-92 Butt Road  
Colchester  
CO3 3DA

**Tel: 01206 714 650** (for general queries only, we cannot give legal advice or a referral through this number)

**Fax: 01206 714 660**

**E-mail:** [info@coramclc.org](mailto:info@coramclc.org)

### **Further information regarding refusal of places in Blackburn with Darwen primary schools and the appeal procedure**

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.

**Blackburn the Redeemer Church of England Primary School****Published admission number – 60**

By the closing date for receipt of applications Blackburn the Redeemer Primary School had received **156 preferences**. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
Children in care	2
Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school	0
Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission	30
Children of staff	0
Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England, the Evangelical Alliance or the Free Churches Group	11
Other children	<b>*17</b>

**\*Distance to school of the last child offered 0.387 miles from the school.**

**Brookhouse Community Primary School****Published admission number – 30**

By the closing date for receipt of applications the Council had received 73 preferences. The Council applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan.	0

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
'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
Children with an older sibling who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted	24
Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned	0
Geographical proximity	<b>*6</b>

**\*Distance to school of the last child offered 0.154 miles from the school.**

**Daisyfield Community Primary School****Published admission number – 40**

By the closing date for receipt of applications the Council had received 103 preferences. The Council applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan.	0

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
'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
Children with an older sibling who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted	24
Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned	0
Geographical proximity	<b>*16</b>

**\*Distance to school of the last child offered 0.621 miles from the school.**

**Feniscowles Community Primary School****Published admission number – 60**

By the closing date for receipt of applications the Council had received 157 preferences. The Council applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan.	0

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
'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
Children with an older sibling who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted	25
Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned	0
Geographical proximity	<b>*35</b>

**\*Distance to school of the last child offered 2.195 miles from the school.**

**Griffin Park Community Primary School****Published admission number – 30**

By the closing date for receipt of applications the Council had received 49 preferences. The Council applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan.	0

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
'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
Children with an older sibling who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted	13
Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned	0
Geographical proximity	<b>*17</b>

**\*Distance to school of the last child offered 0.876 miles from the school.**

**Lammack Community Primary School****Published admission number – 70**

By the closing date for receipt of applications the Council had received 205 preferences. The Council applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), for whom the preferred school is named in the plan.	1

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
'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
Children with an older sibling who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted	49
Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned	0
Geographical proximity	<b>*20</b>

**\*Distance to school of the last child offered 0.519 miles from the school.**

**Queen Elizabeth Grammar School****Published admission number – 56**

By the closing date for receipt of applications Queen Elizabeth Grammar School had received 188 preferences. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the criteria listed below.

Criteria	Number of places allocated	
	BwD	LCC
SEN/EHCP	1	0
CIOC	0	0
Staff member	1	0
Random draw	48	7

**St Anthony's Roman Catholic Primary School****Published admission number – 30**

By the closing date for receipt of applications St Anthony's Roman Catholic Primary School had received **50 preferences**. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria.

Criteria	Number of places allocated
Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	1

Criteria	Number of places allocated
'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	1
Baptised Roman Catholic children with approved medical/social/welfare reasons	0
Baptised Catholic children who are resident in the parish of the Holy Family	14
Baptised Catholic children with a sibling attending the school at the time of admission	1
Other Baptised Catholic children	1
Children with approved medical/social/welfare reasons	0
Other children with a sibling attending the school at the time of admission	6
Other children	*6

\*Distance to school of the last child offered 0.583 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 St Barnabas and St Paul's Church of England Primary School had received **132 preferences**. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
'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	1
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	0
Children who have siblings attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission	27
Children of staff	0
Children whose parents or legal guardians live within the ecclesiastical parish of St. Barnabas, Blackburn	0
Children with proven and exceptional medical and social needs where admission to the school might best satisfy those exceptional needs	0
Other Children	<b>*32</b>

**\*Distance to school of the last child offered 0.507 miles from the school.**

**St Barnabas Church of England Primary Academy****Published admission number – 30**

By the closing date for receipt of applications St Barnabas Church of England Primary Academy had received **64 preferences**. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
'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
Children with special medical or social circumstances	0
Children who have a sibling attending the school	6
Children whose parents live within the ecclesiastical parish of St Barnabas	17
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	0
Other children	<b>*7</b>

**\*Distance to school of the last child offered 1.598 miles from the school.**

**St Cuthbert's Church of England Primary School****Published admission number – 30**

By the closing date for receipt of applications St Cuthbert's Church of England Primary School had received **72 preferences**. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
'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	1
Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child	0
Children who have a sibling attending St Cuthbert's	18
Children with a parent/guardian/carer who worships at St Cuthbert's Church, or worships at a church which is a full member of the Churches Together in England, the Irish Council of Churches, Action of Churches Together in Scotland or Churches Together in Wales	2
Children with parents/guardians/carers who live in the parish of St Cuthbert's	<b>*9</b>
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
Other children	<b>0</b>

**\*Distance to school of the last child offered 0.224 miles from the school.**



**St Edward's Roman Catholic Primary School****Published admission number – 30**

By the closing date for receipt of applications St Edward's Roman Catholic Primary School had received **62 preferences**. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
'Looked after' children; Roman Catholic 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
Baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission	10
Baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in the Parish of Sacred Heart and St Edward's	10
Other Baptised Roman Catholic children	2
'Looked after' children; non Roman Catholic 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
Other children with a sibling	5
Other children	<b>*3</b>

**\*Distance to school of the last child offered 0.178 miles from the school.**

**St Gabriel's Church of England Primary School****Published admission number – 30**

By the closing date for receipt of applications St Gabriel's CE Primary School had received 127 preferences  
The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the criteria listed below

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	1
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
'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
Children with a parent/guardian worshipping at St Gabriel's 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	3
Children with a parent/guardian worshipping at another 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	2
Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission	12
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
Children with proven exceptional medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school	0
Other children	*12

\* **Distance to school of the last child offered 0.383 miles from the school**

**St Matthew's Church of England Primary School****Published admission number – 40**

By the closing date for receipt of applications, St Matthew's Church of England Primary School had received **75 preferences**. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria.

Criteria	Number of places allocated
Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0

Criteria	Number of places allocated
'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
Medical and Social Grounds	0
Children who have a sibling already attending the school at the date of application and on the date of admission	18
Children whose parents live within the ecclesiastical parish of Christ Church with St Matthew's	20
Children with a parent/guardian worshipping in a church in membership of Churches Together in England, the Irish Council of Churches, Action for Churches Together in Scotland or Churches Together in Wales	0
Other children	*2

\*Distance to school of the last child offered 0.443 miles from the school.

**St Paul's Church of England Primary School****Published admission number – 30**

By the closing date for receipt of applications St Paul's Church of England Primary School had received **54 preferences**. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the criteria listed below.

Criteria	Number of places allocated
Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0

Criteria	Number of places allocated
'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	1
Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.	0
Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.	11
Children whose parent(s) live within the ecclesiastical parish of Hoddlesden St. Paul's.	5
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	4
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
Other Children	*9

\* Distance to school of the last child offered 2.708 miles from the school

**St Paul's Roman Catholic Primary School****Published admission number – 30**

By the closing date for receipt of applications St Paul's Roman Catholic Primary School had received **74** preferences. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the criteria listed below.

Criteria	Number of places allocated
Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0

Criteria	Number of places allocated
'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	1
Baptised Roman Catholic children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application and admission	9
Baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St Mary's and St John the Baptist (Pleasington Priory) and St Paul's Feniscowles	9
Other Baptised Roman Catholic children	10
Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission	0
Other Children	*1

\* Distance to school of the last child offered 1.715 miles from the school

**St Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School****Published admission number – 60**

By the closing date for receipt of applications St Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School had received **119** preferences. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the criteria listed below.

Criteria	Number of places allocated
Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0

Criteria	Number of places allocated
Looked after children who are baptised Roman Catholic (includes previously looked after children)	3
Baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission and are resident in the parishes of St Peter or St John Vianney	22
Other baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of parishes of St Peter or St John Vianney	20
Baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission and are resident in another catholic parish	2
Other baptised Roman Catholic resident in another catholic parish	4
Other children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of application and admission	5
Other Children	*4

\* Distance to school of the last child offered 0.239 miles from the school

**The Olive School****Published admission number – 90**

By the closing date for receipt of applications The Olive School had received 290 preferences. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the following order of criteria.

Criteria	Number of places allocated
Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	0

Criteria	Number of places allocated
<b>GROUP A</b>	
Looked after Muslim children (includes previously looked after children)	0
Muslim 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.	0
Children whose parent/carer is a member of, or a woman who receives the membership benefits of, Masjid-e- Tauheedul Islam	<b>*43</b>
Children whose parent/carer is a member of, or a woman who receives the membership benefits of, Masjid al Hidayah, Masjid-e-Irfan and Masjid-e-Anisul Islam	0
Children of Muslim staff employed at The Olive School for 2 or more years	0
Muslim children with a sibling who is a pupil already attending The Olive School, at the time of both application and admission	0
Children of Muslim staff employed at The Olive School for 2 or more years	0
Muslim children for whom the Governing Body accepts that they have proven, exceptionally strong special, medical or social circumstances	0
Muslim children who live nearest to The Olive School	0

**\*Distance to school of the last child offered – 1.350 miles from the school**

Criteria	Number of places allocated
<b>GROUP B</b>	
Looked after children (includes previously looked after children)	1
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.	0
Children of staff employed at The Olive School for 2 or more years	4
Children with a sibling who is already attending the Olive school at the time of application and admission	40
Children for whom the governing body accepts they have proven, exceptionally strong special medical or social circumstances	0
Children who live nearest to The Olive School	<b>*2</b>

**\*Distance to school of the last child offered – 1.373 miles from the school**

**Wensley Fold Church of England Primary Academy****Published admission number – 60**

By the closing date for receipt of applications, Wensley Fold Church of England Primary Academy had received **154** preferences. The Governors applied the admission policy and offered places in the criteria listed below.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
Children with either an education, health & care plan, a statement of special educational needs naming the school	1

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Number of places allocated</b>
'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
Children with an older sibling who will still be attending the preferred school when the younger child is admitted	28
Children with proven exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which are directly relevant to the school concerned	0
Children who live nearest to the school (geographical proximity).	<b>*31</b>

**\* Distance to school of the last child offered 0.397 miles from the school**