

## ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/10

All governing bodies are required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child with a statement of special needs that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of special educational needs (SEN) has been issued.

**If the number of applications exceeds the Maximum Admission Limit (MAL), after the admission of children where the school is named in the statement of special educational needs (SEN) the following oversubscription criteria will apply:**

ORDER OF PRIORITY:	Notes:
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<p><b><u>Priority Group 1:</u></b></p> <p>Children and young people in Public Care for whom the school has been expressed as a preference.</p>	<p><i>This applies to all looked-after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Priority Group 2:</u></b></p> <p>Children the Authority believes have special social or medical reasons for admission <b>or</b> where it is deemed by the Authority that the enhanced special educational needs provision available at that school is the most appropriate provision to meet the child's needs.</p>	<p><i>We will only consider applications on social or medical grounds if they are supported by a professional recommendation from a doctor, social worker, or other appropriate professional which says that it is essential for your child to go to this school <b>and no other</b>. A panel of professionally qualified people will consider the reasons given under this priority.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Priority Group 3:</u></b></p> <p>Children living within the normal area of the school.</p>	
<p><b><u>Priority Group 4:</u></b></p> <p>Children living outside the normal area of the school.</p>	

*Children in higher numbered priority groups will be offered places ahead of those in lower numbered priority groups and applications within each priority group will be considered equally ( i.e. all applications, regardless of order of preference) unless a tie break is needed.*

*Tie break:*

*If there are not enough places for all the children in one of these priority groups, we will give priority first to those with brothers or sisters at the school in September 2009 (in all cases brothers and sisters would include stepbrothers and stepsisters living at the same address) and then to those living nearest the school.*

*If within a priority group there are not enough places for all those with brothers or sisters at the school in September 2009 , we will give priority to those children with brothers or sisters living nearest the school.*

*Distance measurements are based on the nearest walking route that a child can walk with reasonable safety, accompanied as necessary. We usually make the measurements using an electronic mapping system.*

*We may be able to meet your preference for a place at a school that does not serve the local area you live in. In this case, you will normally be responsible for travel arrangements and the costs of your child's travel to and from school.*