

# Admissions 2020-2021

## Roseacre Primary Academy



**Ethos Statement** The admissions arrangements reflect our Academy's ethos, which promotes, recognises, celebrates and welcomes diversity, tolerance, respect and honesty. The document ensures fairness and equality, regardless of age, disability, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, attainment or background. It abides by the Equality Act 2010, promotes fundamental British values and community cohesion.

Roseacre Primary is an Academy and the Governing Body is the admissions authority. The Governing Body has determined to operate admissions on the same basis as that used by the Local Authority. As such, these arrangements reflect the 'Blackpool Council Admissions Policy 2019-20, to be determined on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Roseacre's planned admission number for 2020 - 2021 is 90.

**Application Procedures** Applications must be made using the Common Application Form, which will be made available by the Local Authority's School Admissions Team. Applications can also be made online via the Local Authority's website [www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions).

Applications must be made direct to the Local Authority by the statutory closing date.

All places will be offered by the Local Authority's School Admissions Team on behalf of the Governing Body, within the primary co-ordinated admissions scheme operational in the Local Authority's area.

Parents must apply to the authority where they live. If parents are unsure, for example if they live near council boundaries, it is whichever Local Authority council tax is paid to. Parents can apply for a primary school in any area, but must apply to their home authority. If they live outside the Blackpool area, parents should contact their home authority to request an application.

A Lancashire County Council application can be requested by ringing the Pupil Access Team on 01524 581112 or writing to the Area Education Office (North), PO Box 606, White Cross Education Centre, Quarry Road, Lancaster LA1 3SQ. Online application via website.

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**Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements** In accordance with the Education (Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) Regulations 2006, Blackpool's Co-ordinated Scheme for Primary Schools allows for an inter-Blackpool co-ordinated approach, which is also fully co-ordinated with Lancashire County Council.

**Infant Class Size** The Education (Infant Class Sizes) (England) Regulations 1998 (SI 1998/1973) as amended by SI 2006/3409 prescribed that infant classes must not contain more than 30 pupils with a single qualified teacher. (The School Admissions (Infant Class Sizes) (England) Regulations 2012 – introduces certain exceptions relating to children of multiple births and children of UK service personnel). Required to attend term following 5th birthday.

**Deferred Entry** Primary admission may be deferred by up to two school terms. Where parents/carers wish to defer entry this must be agreed with the school. Where deferred arrangements are agreed, school places will be reserved.

If a child has a fifth birthday during the summer term and parents/carers wish to defer entry until the September, they can opt to miss the reception year. School places cannot be reserved in these circumstances and parents/carers would have to apply for a Year 1 place during the summer term.

**Admission to nursery classes** This policy does **not** apply to children being admitted to **Roseacre Primary Academy Nursery**. A separate admission arrangement is published for entry to the nursery.

**Attendance at Roseacre Primary Academy Nursery does not guarantee admission to the school for primary education. Likewise we cannot insist that children attend our nursery class in order to guarantee admission to the school for primary education.**

**Oversubscription Criteria** If a child has an EHCP that names Roseacre Primary Academy, then a place must be allocated. If an application for a place is submitted in the middle of the school year, the child should be allocated a place straightaway, even if classes are full.

In the event of the academy being oversubscribed the Governing Body's criterion gives priority to the following children:

**1. Looked After Children\*** as required by the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the

Education (Admission of Looked After Children(England)) Regulations 2006. \*A Looked After Child is a child in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation by the Authority (as

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defined in Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989) at the time of application and allocation. This definition has been extended to include adopted children who were previously in the care of the local education authority or provided with accommodation by that authority as defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

**2. Medical Conditions.** Priority will be given when a child or their parent/carer has a serious medical condition. Supporting evidence will be required and this must set out the particular reasons and the level of risk to the child or family's health as to why this school is the most suitable and only school and the difficulties that would arise if the child had to attend an alternative school. If you are applying on-line, you must send the supporting document(s) to the School Admissions Team with your child's name and date of birth clearly stated.

**3. Social or welfare reasons for admission.** Where there are exceptional, sensitive individual and compelling family circumstances that are directly relevant to Roseacre Primary Academy, these may also be considered at the time of application. Requests for consideration within this criterion will require appropriate professional reports e.g. from a social worker, police officer or educational psychologist. The report must demonstrate exact reasons and the impact on the child or family's circumstances as to why this is the only suitable school compared to other schools available. Only exceptional reasons directly relevant to Roseacre Primary Academy will be considered. The higher priority of social or welfare reason will be given to the child for the preferred school only if the submitted report unequivocally proves the circumstances and why an alternative school is unsuitable. If supporting evidence is not provided, it will not be possible to consider the application under the social and welfare criterion. All information submitted will be considered as being confidential.

**4. Siblings.** Priority is given to children who have siblings attending Roseacre Primary Academy at the time of application and who will be attending at the time of admission. This includes full brothers and sisters who may not live at the same address. Step-brothers/sisters, half- brothers/sisters, adopted or fostered children who live at the same address are also classed as siblings. You must give full details of all siblings in the application.

**5. Distance.** The address you state on your application must be the current one at the time of application. If your address changes after you have submitted your application, you should notify the School Admissions Team immediately.

*The distance between the applicant's home (including flats) and school is taken as a straight line between the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) address point of the applicant's home and of the school.*

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Distances are measured using the Council's Geographic Information System.

If the Local Authority is unable to determine eligibility on distance, i.e. two or more addresses are equal distance from the school, a random allocation will be carried out. In the event of a random allocation, someone independent of the Children's Services Department and of the school would supervise the process, and parents would be invited to attend.

NB. The shortest safe walking route continues to be a consideration for assisted transport purposes.

Where there are more preferences than there are places available, the Governing Body employs its oversubscription criteria to objectively determine which children should be offered a place at Roseacre Primary Academy.

In the event of the admission number being reached within any one of the oversubscription criteria in the order listed, the distance criteria will be used as a 'tie breaker'.

**Admission of twins/multiple births in reception** Where there are twins or triplets requesting admission in reception, and there is only a single place left within the admission number, Roseacre Primary Academy will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes.

**Late Applications** Applications received after the published closing date will be treated as late applications.

Only in exceptional circumstances, and where appropriate evidence is provided, will those applications received after the closing date (but before offers of places have been made) be considered concurrently with those applications received on time.

The circumstances which might justify a late application include, but are not restricted to, the illness of a single parent/carer which might have reasonably impinged upon their ability to submit an application on time or where a family has just moved into the area.

**Change of Preference** Once parents have submitted their preferences, any changes requested will only be considered if there is a significant reason for doing so, for example, a change of address.

The on-line applications system will be inaccessible after the closing date so any requests for a change must be submitted in writing to the Schools Admissions Team.

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Parents requesting a place at Roseacre Primary Academy, either because they are new to Blackpool or because they are wishing to transfer from another Blackpool Primary School, will be required to complete a common application form allowing them to express up to three preferences. The admission of all pupil to Blackpool schools will be co-ordinated by the School Admissions Team.

**Non-routine admissions** It sometimes happens that a child needs to change school other than at the “normal” time; such admissions are known as non-routine admissions. Parents requesting a place at Roseacre Primary Academy, either because they are new to Blackpool, or because they want their child to transfer from another Blackpool Primary School, will be required to complete a common application form provided by the Local Authority, allowing them to express up to three preferences. The admission of all pupils to Blackpool schools will be co-ordinated by the Schools Admissions Team. Any application for a non-routine admission will be considered in the context of available school places and in line with the Academy’s ‘First Day of Term’ & ‘In-Year Fair Access’ protocols.

If there is no place, the School Admissions Team will provide information about how to appeal against the decision. Appeals for children moving into the area will not be considered until there is evidence of a permanent address, e.g. exchange of contracts or tenancy agreement with rent book. Please note that you cannot re-appeal for a place at a school within the same school year unless there has been relevant, significant and material change in the family circumstances.

**Fraudulent Applications** If it is found that a child has been allocated a place due to misleading information having been provided, for example an incorrect address, then the offer of a place may be withdrawn and the offer of an alternative school will be made by the Local Authority.

**Waiting Lists** Waiting lists will be set up in the week following the letters being sent to parents. As places become available, the child highest on the waiting list will be offered the place. This is not dependent on whether an appeal has been submitted. The School Admissions Team will maintain the Waiting List until the end of the Autumn Term.

**Appeal Arrangements** All appeals will be co-ordinated by Blackpool Admissions. Where the Governing Body is unable to offer a place because the school is oversubscribed, parents have the right of appeal to an independent admission appeal panel, set up under the School Standards and Framework Act, 1998 as amended by the Education Act 2002.

Parents should notify Blackpool Children’s Services Department as soon as possible after receiving the letter refusing a place, if they want to appeal. Parents will have the opportunity to submit their case to the panel in writing and also to attend in order to present their case. Parents will receive 10 school days’ notice of the place and time of the hearing. Further information can be found on the [blackpool.gov.uk](http://blackpool.gov.uk)

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website by following the link to 'School Admissions'.