**Admissions Arrangements for Spring Hill Primary School**

The school is a mixed Community Primary school for up to 420 children of primary school age (between the ages of 4 and 11 years). In Lancashire children are eligible to begin primary school in the September following their fourth birthday. Where there are more applicants than places, then preference will be given to a child who has a brother or sister already attending the school. A secondary factor will be closeness of the home address to the school. Any parent considering applying to the school for the admission of their child should visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools or contact Pupil Access on 01254 220747. Please call the school office to arrange an appointment if you which to view our school or attend the Open Evenings offered.

The maximum number of pupils that our school will admit in autumn term is 60.

Parents will be asked to express preferences for a primary school. If a school is oversubscribed, priority will be given firstly to those pupils whose parents are seeking to admit the child at the beginning of the autumn term. Within this group the following criteria will be applied in priority order:

a) children with older brothers and sisters who will still be attending the school when the younger child starts. Brother and sisters includes stepchildren, half brothers and sisters and foster children who are living with the same family at the same address.

Then

b) children for whom the County Council accepts there are exceptionally strong medical, social or welfare reasons for admission, which are directly relevant to the school concerned.

Then

c) the remaining places will be allocated according to the distance between the child’s home and school of the parents’ preference and between home and the nearest alternative school with a place.

Priority is given to those children living closer to the preferred school than to the nearest alternative school.

**Notes**

(i) if category (a) and /or (b) above is oversubscribed, category (c) will be used as a ‘tie-breaker’

(ii) children will not normally start at a new school other than at the beginning of a term, unless they have moved into the area, or there are exceptional circumstances