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## Education Resources

Places are granted to the following categories before placing requests are considered:

### Children Who Are School Age

- Children who have moved to an address outwith the catchment area whilst attending the school and have completed request to remain documentation.
- All children who reside in the area that the school serves within their chosen denomination and children eligible within the delineation policy.
- Children who reside in the area that the school serves who, for whatever reason, have been unable to be accommodated to date.
- Children whose additional support needs require placement by the Inclusive Education Manager.

### Children Who Are Younger Than School Age

- Children applying for early entry to primary school residing within the school's delineated area who are considered suitable for primary education.

Thereafter South Lanarkshire Council gives priority to placing requests as follows:-

- Children of school age residing within South Lanarkshire whose additional support need is supported by an appropriate agency (eg NHS, Social Work etc) and the Inclusive Education Manager.
- Children of school age who have older brothers or sisters attending the school from the same denominational sector.
- Children of school age who have older brothers or sisters attending the school from a different denominational sector.
- All other children of school age from South Lanarkshire from the same Denominational sector.
- All other children of school age from South Lanarkshire from a different denominational sector.
- Children of school age residing outwith South Lanarkshire whose additional support need is supported by an appropriate agency (eg NHS, Social Work etc) and the Inclusive Education Manager.
- All other children of school age residing outwith South Lanarkshire from the same denominational sector.
- All other children of school age residing outwith South Lanarkshire from a different denominational sector.
- Children applying for early entry to primary school residing **outwith** the school's delineated area who are considered suitable for primary education.

### Over-subscription arrangements:-

If after applying these priorities for allocating places there are more applicants in any one particular category than places remaining, then all remaining places will be allocated by balloting all those who fall within that category. This means that all those in a lower category or who have been unsuccessful in the ballot will be refused.

## Grounds for Refusal

### The duty of an authority to grant a placing request to attend a school under their management does not apply -

- (a) if, placing the child in the specified school (that is, the school specified in your placing request) would:
  - (i) make it necessary for the Authority to take an additional teacher into employment;
  - (ii) give rise to significant expenditure on extending or otherwise altering the accommodation at or facilities provided in connection with the school;
  - (iii) be seriously detrimental to the continuity of the child's education;
  - (iv) be likely to be seriously detrimental to order and discipline in the school;
  - (v) be likely to be seriously detrimental to the educational well-being of the pupils attending the school;
  - (vi) assuming that pupil numbers remain constant, make it necessary, at the commencement of a future stage of the child's primary education, for the authority to elect either to create an additional class (or an additional composite class) in the specified school or to take an additional teacher into employment at that school;
  - (vii) though neither of the tests set out in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) above is satisfied, have the consequence that the capacity of the school would be exceeded in terms of pupils numbers.
- (b) if, the education normally provided at the specified school is not suited to the age, ability or aptitude of the child;
- (c) if, the education authority has already required the child to discontinue his attendance at the specified school;
- (d) if, the specified school is a special school and the child does not have an additional support need requiring the education or special facilities normally provided at that school;
- (e) if, the specified school is a single sex school (within the meaning given to that expression by Section 26 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975) and the child is not of the sex admitted or taken (under that Section) to be admitted to the school.
- (f) if, accepting the request would prevent the Authority reserving a place at the school for a child likely to move into the area of the school.

(References to the 'specified school' are to the school specified in your placing request).