

SCHOOL ADMISSION INFORMATION (16)

APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

The on-line application system is now live at www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Closing dates for applications are:

SECONDARY – 31ST OCTOBER 2023

PRIMARY – 15TH JANUARY 2024

CONSULTING ABOUT ADMISSION CHANGES - SEPTEMBER 2025

If you are intending to change your admission policy or reduce a published admission number (PAN) for September 2025 then consultation must be for a minimum of six weeks between 1st October 2023 and 31st January 2024.

Please inform the School admissions Team (see contacts below) – we can assist by placing a link on our website or sending consultation details direct to local admission authorities.

MEDICAL PROTOCOL

Blackpool's medical protocol has been updated – there is an additional section about children who have been admitted to hospital – please see page 10.

Please note the charging rates for 2022-23 – please see page 9 on the attached document (these are full year charges).

SUMMER BORN GUIDANCE 2023

The DFE updated its guidance for the parents of summer born children on 27th April 2023.

I have attached a copy of Blackpool's local document for your information.

ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION (EHE)

We will appreciate if all schools and academies would, immediately that a parent requests a move to home education, send the EHE deregistration letter and form 5A to:

electivehomeeducation@blackpool.gov.uk

The Council's guidance identifies that in most cases if a child were on either a CP or a CIN plan we would not expect that EHE would be suitable. We should consider the parent and child's views and seek advice from Social Care prior to deregistration.

SCHOOL ADMISSION TEAM – CONTACT DETAILS

Routine Admissions – annual intakes and appeals; 01253 476474 (Martin Hawkins); 476471 (Elaine Hammond).

Non-Routine Admissions; new to area; 01253 476446 (Kathryn Evans); transfers and IYFA; 476833 (Meg Tench).

Education Access Officer – 01253 476712 (Polly Summerlee) - FAP and new to area checks. Please direct admission enquiries to schoolaccess@blackpool.gov.uk

Team Manager – 01253 476475 (Paul Bainbridge).

Elective Home Education: 476721 (Julie Ellison and Nicole Ronson) and 476723 (Anna Peachy). Please direct EHE enquiries to electivehomeeducation@blackpool.gov.uk

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