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LESSNESS HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSION POLICY 2018

Lessness Heath Primary School is an academy dedicated to serving the local community. Although the process of admissions is managed by the Local Authority on behalf of the school, The Governing Body is responsible for decisions relating to admissions to the school.

The number of children admitted to the reception class will be 90.

1. Children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 will be admitted in September 2018.
2. Children with a statement of special educational needs naming a school will be admitted to that school as a result of that process and will be given precedence for admission to that school.
3. In the event of there being more applications than places the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

Priority 1

This is given to children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a residence or special guardianship order. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989. An adopted child must have been adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

Priority 2

This is given to children with a medical condition such that it is essential, on medical grounds, for the child to attend the preferred school. The London Borough of Bexley's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented. Priority will only be given for the school closest to the home address unless the medical adviser considers that an alternative school is essential for medical reasons.

Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Later requests will be considered only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain the preferred school, for example emotional distress (whether or not leading to a recognised medical condition), do not fall within this priority.

Priority 3

This is given to children with a brother or sister who will be attending the school of parental preference at the time the child is due for admission to that school. This will also be given to children due for admission to the infant school whose brother or sister will be attending the associated junior

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school at the time of admission or vice versa. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year.

For this priority, brother or sister includes a full, step, half or adopted brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twins, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority. That means that in these circumstances only, twins, triplets or children from other multiple births will be given priority over all other children who qualify to be admitted on distance.

Priority 4

This is given where either the disability or medical condition of a parent or sibling or exceptional social or domestic circumstances would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend the school nearest to home, nearest to the place of work of the parent not suffering the condition, or convenient to the family's child-minder. Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Each request will be considered individually by a panel of Council officers. The London Borough of Bexley's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented.

Where there are more applications than places that fall into the above four priority categories, then distinctions will be made between applications by home to school measured in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on home to school distance measurement, and higher priority will be given to those living closest to the school applied for.

Priority 5

This gives priority to pupils living nearest to the school based on the distance from the home address to the nearest school entrance measured as a straight line in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on the measurement of home to school distance. Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer (the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit) at the time of application. In the event of two or more applicants living exactly the same distance from a school when only one place is available, random allocation will be used as the tie breaker.

A child who attends the nursery class attached to a school is given no priority over children who did not attend the nursery.

After a place has been allocated but prior to the taking up of that place a number of checks will be undertaken that will include an identity check and residence check. Where Governors are satisfied that false or misleading information has been given the offer of a place will be withdrawn.