

Explanations of the Terms used in this Booklet

Admission Criteria –

The conditions of admissions agreed by the Admission Forum (in the case of community and voluntary controlled schools) or by the governing (in the case of voluntary aided schools).

Authority/LA –

The Local Authority of the Council responsible for pupil places and admissions.

Community School –

A school where the LA is responsible for admissions and setting the criteria.

Voluntary Aided School (VA) –

A school where the governing body set the criteria and is responsible for admissions.

Voluntary Controlled School –

A school where the LA set the criteria and is responsible for admissions.

DCSF –

The Government's Department for Children, Schools and Families.

Looked after Child –

A child who is in care of a Local Authority and as deemed under Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

Oversubscribed –

Where there are more requests for admission to a year group in a school, than there are places available.

Parent/Guardian –

A person who can exercise legal parental responsibility as defined under the 1989 Children's Act.

Preference –

The legal right of parents to state the school they would prefer their child to attend.

Planned Admission Number (PAN) –

The maximum number of pupils to be admitted into a particular year group.

Sibling Link –

An older brother/sister or step brother/sister that shares the same parent/guardian and lives at the same address as the child applying and will be attending the preferred school at the time of admission.