

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL – EDUCATION SERVICE

GROUNDINGS FOR REFUSAL

The duty of an authority to grant a placing request does not apply:

- (a) If placing your child in the specified school (that is, the school specified in your placing request).
 - (i) make it necessary for the council 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 your child's education; or
 - (iv) be likely to be seriously detrimental to the order and discipline in the school or the educational wellbeing of the pupils there.
- (b) If the education normally provided at the specified school is not suited to the age, ability or aptitude of your child;
- (c) If the council has already required your child to discontinue his attendance at the specified school;
- (d) If the specified school is a special school and your child does not have a special educational needs requiring the education or special facilities normally provided at that school; or
- (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 your child is not of the sex admitted or taken (under that Section) to be admitted to the school.

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

COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR ADMISSION – PLACING REQUESTS

PRIMARY

Where there are any places available in a primary school, priority will be given in the granting of placing requests to those children who live in its delineated area but have been unable to be accommodated in the area school to date and P1 children, or those enrolling for P1, who live in a delineated area and attained the age of five years prior to, or on the commencement date of the school session and thereafter to early entry children who are considered suitable for primary education and who live in a delineated area.

SECONDARY

Where there are any places available in a secondary school priority will be given in the granting of placing requests to those children who live in its delineated area, where applicable, and to children who live in the delineated area of an associated primary school but who have been unable to be accommodated in the area's secondary school to date.

GENERAL

Thereafter where there are more placing requests than there are places available, priority will be given:

- (i) To those cases which include medical grounds supported by the family doctor and the community medicine specialist.
- (ii) In the case of secondary school, to those children transferring from a primary school within its delineated area, and
- (iii) The presence of older siblings in the school.

Other factors which the local attendance council and the director of education may wish to take account of are:

- (i) Single parent families where, for example, proximity of school to the parent's place of work would be advantageous for the care and wellbeing of the child,
- (ii) Distance between home and school, and
- (iii) the suitability of particular teaching methods to the child's needs or the availability of subjects which he was previously studying.