

Children and Young People's
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Dear Parent or Guardian

This booklet tells you about the arrangements for admitting children into reception class for the school year beginning in September 2010. I know this is an important time for you and your child and we want to help you as much as we can.

This booklet contains a lot of information to help you apply. It is important you take the time to read **all** the information carefully before you apply, even if you have already decided which schools you prefer.

We will try to give you your preferred school, but schools have a limited number of places. If we receive more applications than places, we use the admission criteria to decide who will get a place. The admission numbers and admission criteria for Wigan schools are given in this booklet.

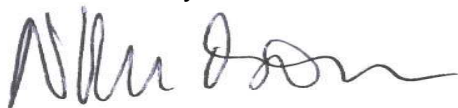
Our website at www.wigan.gov.uk has a link to school admissions and other useful sites. You can use this site to apply for a primary school place online. You can find more details about this in the booklet.

Each school also produces its own prospectus which contains a lot of information about that school. If you want any information about individual schools, please contact the headteacher at the school, who will be pleased to help.

Our School Places Team can help you with any questions you have about school admissions. You can contact the team on 01942 486037, 01942 486038 or 01942 486039.

Finally, please make sure you make your online application or fill in and return the application form by the closing date on 29 January 2010. If you do not apply on time, you are less likely to get a place at the school you want.

Yours faithfully



Nick Hudson
Executive Director of Children and Young People's Services

Wigan Admission Forum

Dear Parents

Wigan Admission Forum

The current Wigan Admission Forum started in 2003. Members of the forum include Wigan Council representatives, head teachers, diocesan board representatives, parent governor representatives, people from the local community and local employers.

The Wigan Admission Forum reviewed the admission arrangements for 2010, for all schools in the Wigan area. We feel that these arrangements meet the requirements of the Admissions Code 2009.

In 2008, the 'equal-preference' system of deciding on primary school places was introduced across the country. This system makes sure that, if you don't get your first-choice school, you still have a fair chance of being offered a place at your second- or third-choice school. There is more information about the equal-preference system on page 9.

We encourage you to choose three schools on your application form. This will give you the best chance of getting a place at one of your preferred schools. 93% of parents who applied for a place at Wigan schools in 2009 were offered a place at one of their preferred schools.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Frost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Tom Frost
Chair of Wigan Admission Forum



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