



Blackpool F.C School Admission Policy September 2024

Blackpool FC School is an alternative school for boys and girls in Year 10 and 11 who, for various reasons, are not succeeding in a mainstream or special school. The school aims to take a more holistic and therapeutic approach looking to support both the personal and educational needs of pupils, helping them to overcome a wide range of barriers to learning and to develop, ready to transition back into school or moving into further education and/or training.

Our Inspiration and Vision

The school aims to take a more holistic approach and to support both the personal and educational needs of young people, helping them to overcome a wide range of barriers to learning, and to develop themselves into confident, articulate and well- rounded young individuals who leave school with a range of appropriate qualifications and a clear transition plan to further education and/or training.

We will:

- Create and deliver an alternative curriculum for young people which is innovative, holistic, encourages collaborative working, positive progression and promotes independence
- Provide advice and support to young people, signposting to other agencies as appropriate
- Work only with organisations which work with young people to ensure they are listened to and their individual needs met

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Our Admissions Policy

We have an 'open door' admissions policy which means that we welcome all young people to 'give us a trial' to see if we can meet their needs. We will not discriminate on any grounds, previous history, or any additional need that a young person may have.

If you would like your child to attend Blackpool FC School, then you will need to speak to your headteacher at your current school to discuss if this provision is appropriate for your child.

The Headteacher of Blackpool FC School will discuss a possible move with your child's school. You will then be invited in for a meeting and a look round, together with the child to discuss the placement with you.

Blackpool FC School works closely with a number of outside agencies to provide the best possible support for all students.

Operation

- The pupils will attend 9:00am - 3.00pm each day (Monday - Friday).
- The target audience will be Year 10 and Year 11.
- Every student will be provided with a Club/Puma branded uniform.
- Pupils will remain on the designated secondary schools roll, but also be entered on roll with the Blackpool FC School, meaning a shared responsibility will be upheld.

Our Promise to Students

Students will be at the very heart of our school, and we are passionate about embedding strong foundations and values for their future achievement and success. We recognise that every student is an individual and celebrate this through personalised, inspiring, and authentic learning experiences which are carefully designed to nurture talent, build character and help to shape futures.

Our aim is to offer young people a chance to shine and help them find their way back into long-term education, subsequently, we encourage commissioning schools to select their students on this basis.

The BFC School specialises in supporting young people where assessments and supporting evidence clearly demonstrates the young person:

- Would benefit from alternative provision intervention to support their reintegration back into mainstream education.
- Is finding it difficult to respond positively to existing behaviour strategies and plans and there is evidence of acceleration in the nature and/or frequency of the incidences of inappropriate behaviour.

Our Promise to Parents and Carers

The Blackpool FC School will place great importance on its relationship with students and their parents and carers.

Our approach is one of shared aspirations and mutual goals. It is important to us that we involve and engage parents and carers throughout each child's learning journey. By working closely together in partnership we can better support each young person's development and

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progress.

Our approach is a collaborative one designed to build positive and strong relationships and involves parents and carers in helping to make the key decisions about their child's future.

We encourage parents and carers to become active participants in school life, welcoming them into school and valuing their insights and contribution.

Over Capacity:

Blackpool F.C School is authorised to provide education for up to 32 pupils.

	Maximum Number of Pupils in Year 10	Maximum Number of Pupils in Year 11
Blackpool FC School	16	16

Once the child's place has been agreed by the school, they will fill out a referral form sent by Blackpool FC School. This will be reviewed by the headteacher, and contact will be made with parents to discuss further.

All students will have a 1-1 induction and will fill out a pupil profile with the headteacher to ensure all their needs will be met.

Information for Parents and carers

Once your child has been offered a place at Blackpool FC School, we will invite you along for a compulsory induction session where we will tell you more about the school and how we aim to work closely with you to raise your child's achievements and expectations over the coming months. At this induction session we will make available all the school's policies and discuss any concerns you may have. This will be an opportunity for you to be directly involved in your child's education, to be a part of personalising their experience and to ask as many questions as you wish.

At this stage we will also ask you to sign our home-school agreement which sets out the responsibilities of Blackpool FC School, pupils and parents/carers in regard to education, attendance, safety and expected behaviour.

Following this induction and at any time while your child is attending Blackpool FC School, please feel free to contact the team to discuss your child's progress and/or any concerns or issues you may have. We hold four parent/carers events throughout the year but can hold more on request and we will always be there to offer support and advice as and when required. Please see our contact details at the end of this document.

Blackpool FC Induction

At Blackpool FC School we aim to have a positive relationship with parents/carers and to support pupils to achieve their best possible academic and personal progress via a personalised and Individual Education Plan (IEP).

All new pupils are placed on an induction programme when they first start with Blackpool FC School, which allows pupils to settle in and also complete our baseline assessments. We will

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also use historical data from their secondary school, we formulate an individual education plan (IEP) specific to the individual, and set targets which will help that individual to progress in their education.

We will always ask your permission before discussing your child with another agency or disclosing any information about you and/or your child. (We will ask you to sign an information release form)

Photo Consent Form (consent form as part of your induction session)

Photographic evidence is taken during many of the activities undertaken at Blackpool FC School including in class and outdoor activities and visits. We would appreciate your permission for Blackpool FC School to use photos of your child during the involvement of these activities that they are taking part in.

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