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Priorities for places at Reach South academies commencing operation beyond Providers of EduCare

1. Introduction

This paper sets out, following consultation with Heads, the priorities for admission of pupils from the beginning of June. It also sets out issues to be covered in letters to parents following Government confirmation of schools opening more widely and provides guidance for discussion with parents who might be concerned.

Much of the information given in this paper is already available to parents and carers in letters from the CEO to staff and parents

2. Prioritisation for provision of places should there be over subscription

The criteria are based upon priorities for EduCare provision and RSAT general admissions criteria.

The order for admission of children is **EduCare, Reception, Year 1, Nursery, Year 6**. *“If the Government decides on 28th May that it is safe to open to a wider group of pupils, we will hold staff training days on 1st and 2nd June for all staff, to prepare them for our new procedures. Each school will then admit the additional pupils from 3rd June, in a staggered manner. **We hope to be able to admit reception class children on 3rd June followed by the other children on 8th June. Many of our schools will not have enough space to accommodate all pupils in nursery, reception, year-1, and year-6. We will give priority to the children of key workers, children with an assigned social worker and children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) followed by children in reception, year-1, nursery and year-6**”*. Letter to parents from the CEO 21st May 2020.

3. Oversubscription criteria

Should there be oversubscription of places the following criteria apply:

- 1) **EduCare and Vulnerable children.** Looked after children and all previously looked after children. (and those with a social worker and those deemed by the school to be vulnerable – as submitted in returns to PCC and BCP).
- 2) **Children with a sibling** already attending this school at the time of admission. (Siblings should be in Educare Year Groups R, Y, N or Y6).
- 3) **Children (of R, Y1, N or Y6) whose parent/carer is a member of staff** employed on a permanent contract at this school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made.
- 4) **Children on the school SEND register or children with English as an Additional Language**
- 5) **Educational priority as determined by the Head** on a case by case basis (e.g children who can get least out of virtual schooling)