

Lancashire Education Committee.

DIVISIONAL EXECUTIVE No. 6.

(THE URBAN DISTRICTS OF FULWOOD, LONGRIDGE AND WALTON-
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SELECTION

for

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SELECTION OF CHILDREN FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS 1949

1.—The Education Acts require the Local Education Authorities, which are the Councils of Counties and County Boroughs, to provide Primary Education for all children up to approximately the age of 12, and afterwards Secondary Education of types suitable to the different aptitudes of children up to the age of 15 at least.

2.—The Lancashire County Council intend to provide as rapidly as possible Secondary Education of three main types, namely, the Grammar School type, the Secondary Technical type, and the Secondary Modern type. These three types of Secondary School will in the future be built, staffed and equipped on a basis of equality. Owing to the present inevitable restrictions on building, however, it will be some time before this provision of Secondary Education is complete, and in the meantime, in some areas, a number of children who are not selected for Grammar Schools will have to continue their education in Senior Classes in Schools which also contain children of Primary School age. Under such circumstances everything possible will be done to give these children who are over 12 a Secondary Education in these Senior Classes.

3.—The Grammar School type of education is so well-known that it needs no detailed description. The Secondary Technical type will only be provided in separate Schools where there is a definite need for it in connection with local industry or commerce. This type aims at continuing a child's general education, while at the same time allowing some specialisation as a preparation for industrial or commercial life. The type of specialisation provided will vary in accordance with local conditions. The Secondary Modern Schools will provide for the great majority of children. They will give a good general education of an unspecialised character, more practical in type than that of the Grammar Schools, and based on the general aim of producing good citizens, while at the same time developing the aptitudes and abilities of individual children to the greatest possible extent.

4.—Children who go into Grammar Schools and Secondary Technical Schools will be expected to continue in those Schools until they reach the age of 16 at least, and many will stay longer. For the time being, the bulk of the children will leave the Modern Schools at the age of 15, but provision will be made there for those who wish to stay longer.

5.—No fees are charged in any of the Secondary Schools, whatever the type, which are maintained by the Lancashire County Council, but fees are still charged to some pupils in Grammar Schools which are not maintained by the County Council and are called Direct Grant or Independent Schools.

6.—Under the present conditions, it is necessary to hold a written examination in the Spring of each year as part of the machinery for selecting children for different types of Secondary School. Every effort is made to make this examination a fair one. An external expert in examinations is employed as Chief Examiner, and allowance is made for the different ages of candidates. The Primary School Record is referred to in doubtful cases, and children who are certified to be ill are given a chance to take the examination on another date.

A second, and in some cases a third, chance is given to candidates if it is suspected that they have not done themselves justice the first time they took the examination.

7.—Children who are regarded as exceptionally advanced in their Primary Education may be allowed to take the examination if they are over 10½, but usually children take the Selection Examination when they are between 11 and 12. Children who are given a second chance take the examination when between 12 and 13, and children who develop late may be transferred from one type of Secondary School to another at the age of 13.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Selection Examination

1.—The Selection Examination will be held at Centres in the Division on SATURDAY, the 19th FEBRUARY, 1949.

2.—Applications to enter for the Examination must be made on a form which may be obtained from the Divisional Education Officer, 161, Friargate, Preston. When completed, the form should be returned to the Divisional Education Officer so as to reach him not later than FRIDAY, 24th DECEMBER, 1948.

3.—Age of Admission.

(i) 11+ Age Group.

Candidates must be 11 years of age or over and under 12 years of age on the 1st September, 1949 (i.e., they must have been born not earlier than the 2nd September, 1937, and not later than the 1st September, 1938).

Note.—Until 1950, candidates whose 12th birthday falls in August or on the 1st September will be included in this age group.

(ii) 10.6—11 Age Group.

Subject to certain special conditions, applications will be accepted for candidates who are 10 years 6 months or over and under 11 years of age on the 1st September, 1949 (i.e., they must have been born not earlier than the 2nd September, 1938, and not later than the 1st March, 1939).

Candidates in the 10.6—11 age group will be limited to children—

- (a) whose intelligence, attainments, physique and general development are such that hardship would clearly be caused by their retention in Primary Schools; and
- (b) who are recommended by the Head Teachers of their Primary Schools. No application for a candidate in this age group will be accepted unless he/she is specially recommended by the Head teacher.

Candidates shall be selected for Grammar Schools only if they are in the first half of the order of merit list and if the Head of the School concerned is satisfied, as the result of an interview, that their physique and general development are such as to enable them to take their place in the School with older children.

(iii) 12+ Age Group.

Candidates must be 12 years of age or over and under 13 years of age on the 1st September, 1949 (i.e., they must have been born not earlier than the 2nd September, 1936, and not later than the 1st September, 1937).

Candidates in the 12 plus age group will be those who—

- (a) were border-line candidates when they sat at the normal age of 11 plus in 1948; or
- (b) have been recommended by Head Teachers; or
- (c) were unable, owing to illness or for any other reason approved by the Committee, to take the Examination in 1948.

Note.—Children who are already in the Main Department of a Grammar School will not be eligible to sit with the 12 plus age group.

(iv) 13+ Age Group.

Candidates must be 13 years of age or over on the 1st September, 1949 (i.e., they must have been born not later than 1st September, 1936). They must be recommended by Head Teachers as children who are deemed to be suitable for further consideration for transfer to a Grammar School.

Notes.—(a) Children who are already in the main department of a Grammar School will not be eligible to sit with the 13 plus age group.

(b) For children in this age group the Selection Examination is only a preliminary examination. The final selection for transfer to a Grammar School is made on reports by Heads of Grammar Schools on tests given by them.

RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION

4.—Candidates must be children who at the date of the Examination habitually reside with persons ordinarily resident within the Administrative County of Lancaster. The "Administrative County" includes all places within the area of Lancashire except the County Boroughs of Barrow-in-Furness, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Burnley, Bury, Liverpool, Manchester, Oldham, Preston, Rochdale, St. Helens, Salford, Southport, Stockport, Warrington and Wigan.

SUBJECTS OF THE EXAMINATION

5.—The Examination will consist of papers in English and Arithmetic and an Intelligence Test. The questions set will be such as the candidates may be expected to answer successfully as the result of the ordinary teaching in a Primary or Modern School.

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

6.—Children accepted as candidates for the Admission Examination, but prevented from sitting for that Examination owing to ill-health or for any other reason approved by the Committee, may attend a Supplementary Examination to be held later in the year. The date will be announced later.

EXPENSES INCURRED IN ATTENDING EXAMINATION

7.—Railway fares or other expenses incurred in attending the Examination will not be allowed.

CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION TO GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

8.—The parent or guardian of every pupil admitted to an approved Grammar School will be required to sign an undertaking to be responsible for the child's good behaviour and regular attendance at School and to allow him to remain at the School (except in the event of removal from the district) for at least four years and until the end of the term in which he reaches the age of 16 years.

SELECTION FOR ADMISSION TO GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

9.—**County Grammar Schools.** Candidates selected for Grammar Schools will generally be expected to attend one of the County Grammar Schools. Children in this Division usually attend one of the following Schools:—

Leyland Balshaws Grammar School.
Hutton Grammar School (Boys).
Kirkham Grammar School (Boys).
Clitheroe Royal Grammar School (Boys).
Clitheroe Royal Grammar School (Girls).
Chorley Grammar School.
Ormskirk Grammar School.

10.—**Direct Grant, Independent and County Borough Maintained Grammar Schools.** The Committee is prepared to consider the payment of fees at other Grammar Schools if special reasons exist for the pupils' attendance at such Schools. Denominational grounds, no County Grammar School within access, older brothers or sisters already in attendance at the School, are examples of the kind of reasons usually accepted by the Committee, but each individual case will be considered on its merits.

Where a Grammar School which is not a County School is chosen the special reasons must be stated fully in the space on the application form. These reasons will not be considered until the Examination papers have been marked. No selected candidate will suffer if a Direct Grant Grammar School or Independent School or a Grammar School maintained by a County Borough is given as first choice, for even if the Committee is not prepared to pay his fees at such a School they will offer a place in a County Grammar School.

If, therefore, a parent wishes his child to attend a Grammar School which is not a County Grammar School, that choice should be indicated on the application form. If a parent is in any doubt as to the choice of School or as to the best thing to be done, it is suggested that he should consult the Head of the School which the candidate attends.

Direct Grant Grammar Schools

Lytham King Edward VII School (Boys).

Lytham Queen Mary School (Girls).

Preston Lark Hill Convent High School (Girls).

Preston Winckley Square Convent Secondary School (Girls).

Grammar Schools Maintained by Other Education Authorities.

Preston Grammar School (Boys).

Preston Park School (Girls).

Southport King George V School.

Southport High School for Girls.

Independent Grammar Schools.

Preston Catholic College (Boys).

11.—**Boarding Schools.** The Committee will be prepared to consider applications for financial assistance towards the education in recognised boarding schools of children for whom the Committee consider a boarding school education is necessary or desirable. Any help given will be in accordance with a graded income scale, and parents will be required to contribute according to their means. If a boarding school is chosen, the reasons why education at a boarding school is desired should be stated on the application form.

The following Grammar Schools financed by the Committee admit boys as boarders:—Hutton Grammar School (near Preston), Kirkham Grammar School and Lancaster Royal Grammar School.

12.—**Responsibility for Selection.** The selection of candidates for admission to County Grammar Schools and of candidates for whom the Committee will pay fees at Direct Grant, Independent and Boarding Schools is at the absolute discretion of the Lancashire Education Committee, whose decision on all such questions is final.

ASSISTANCE TO SELECTED PUPILS.

13.—Travelling expenses will be paid by the Committee only to the nearest Secondary School, and then only where the distance from the place of residence is over two miles. Travelling expenses to other Schools may be paid if the candidate attends that School at the Committee's request and the distance is over two miles.

14.—Free meals, clothing (including footwear), and clothing distinctive of a particular School, may be provided in necessitous cases. Assistance is granted in accordance with an income scale.

15.—Maintenance Allowances may be paid in accordance with an income scale to pupils who continue to attend School after attaining statutory school leaving age. At the present time school leaving age is 15 years.

16.—All enquiries regarding payment of travelling expenses and for the provision of free meals and clothing, etc., should be made to the Divisional Education Officer for the area in which the parents or guardian reside.