

DISTANCE FROM HOME TO SCHOOL

Lancashire County Council has a mapping tool which enables you to find the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points of a child's home and your school – just what your tie break requires.

Here is how you do it:

- 1 Go to <http://mario.lancashire.gov.uk>.
- 2 Click the 'Open MARIO Viewer' button. This will open the map viewing area. Wait for it to load fully.
- 3 Click FIND and then FIND ADDRESS.
- 4 The Address Search appears on the left hand side of the screen.
- 5 Type in a house number/house name and a postcode in the boxes provided.
- 6 Click the FIND.
- 7 Click the globe to see a map showing the location of the house with a red spot.
- 8 You can get more detail by looking above the map and clicking "Zoom to point" – or less detail by clicking "Zoom Out".
- 9 Click the NEAREST found beside the address details.
- 10 Scroll down to find SCHOOLS.
- 11 This will show the nearest schools (primary, secondary etc) to the address found in the address search. It gives the school name and the straight-line distance in miles. If the address is more than 5 miles away, then click at the top of the list where it says View distances to all primary schools (or secondary).
- 12 To print – you will need to prove that you have the correct house: click on PRINT/SAVE MAP (at top right). Give the map a name – the address. In your page set up, make it landscape and all margins = 5 mm, and delete header and footer. Then use your normal PRINT. If it doesn't work, then go back and turn off your pop-up blocker.
13. To see the straight line distance on the map, click the green and red icon beside the distance for the school in which you are interested. [If you click on the school name, you'll go to the school's website.]

Explore MARIO further to find historical maps and aerial photos, as well as a wealth of information about your locality.