

Please be aware of the following closing dates for applications:
For a Year 7 place in September 2021 – 31 October 2020
For a place in Reception in September 2021 – 15 January 2021
To move from an Infant school to a junior school in September 2021 – 15 January 2021

Will I automatically get my local school?

No, you need to apply for a place at your local school. If they are fully subscribed and you have not included them as a preference we will not be able to offer a place no matter how close you live. If you have ignored your local school and we can only offer a school some distance away it is likely you will have to arrange transport.

If I only put one preference will I have more of a chance of being successful with my application to that school?

No, giving second and third preferences will not affect your first preference and it will increase your chances of being allocated a place at a school you will be happy with. We can only consider a school for your child if it is named on your form.

Does the community area change each year?

No, a school's community area would only change following a formal consultation. The tie-breaker distance for each school can change depending on how many applications we receive.

Are places reserved for people who move into the area?

No, if you move in or apply after places have been allocated we may not be able to offer your preferred school.

My child has a sibling already in my preferred school, will I automatically be offered a place?

No, everyone must apply for a place. All preferences are then considered against each school's oversubscription criteria. At community and controlled schools, unless a sibling started at a school before September 2017 out of area siblings are a lower priority than children living within a school's community area.

Will I automatically be able to join the linked Junior school?

No, you need to apply for a place.

If I put a school as a first preference do I stand more chance of being offered a place than someone who lists the school as a second preference?

No, all preferences for a school place are ranked against the relevant admission criteria.

What should I do if move address after the deadline?

Please send proof of your new address (exchange of contracts or tenancy agreement for example) to us and tell us if you would like to change your preferences.

Are waiting lists dealt with on a first come, first served basis?

No, the same criteria used when allocating places decides where your child is on the waiting list.

If I reject the school offered will it make my appeal case stronger or move me up the waiting list?

No, your current school does not affect your position on the waiting list and the appeal panel will be aware of the school we have offered.

Are spaces left for the appeals process?

No, when you appeal you need to be aware the school has reached its maximum number.