

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS BOOKLET

ADMISSIONS INTO PRIMARY SCHOOLS
FOR SEPTEMBER 2024



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DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

I am delighted to welcome you to Walsall's guide for parent's regarding admission into primary schools for September 2024. This booklet provides information, advice and guidance surrounding the application process for primary school places September 2024.

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they are eligible for a primary school place for September 2024.

The start of a child's full-time school life can be exciting time for both parents and children, but it can also be a time where parents and carers may have a lot of questions and concerns regarding choosing the right school for their child.

Prior to starting an application online, I advise for parents/carers to complete the following:

- **Explore school websites** – read school admission policies and entry criteria to gain an understanding of how school places are allocated.
- **Attend opening evenings** – information regarding opening evenings can be found on the school's website
- **Identify under what criteria the school filled places the previous year** – contact the school directly for further information. This will enable parents to identify which criterion their application will fall within and therefore the likelihood of being offered a school place.
- **Consider how your child will travel to and from school.**
- **Remember to submit by the National Closing Day of 15th January 2024** – submitting a late application will impact the chances of being offered a place at a preferred school.
- **We strongly advise to list three preferred schools on your child's application** – this increases the chances of securing a place at a preferred school.
- **National Offer Day** – all on-time applications will be made an offer on 16 April 2024.

All our Walsall Schools are committed to giving each child the best possible start to a primary school, helping them to enjoy their experiences, learning and achieve their full potential.

The Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team are available to support parents through the application process and are available at schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk

If you require any advice or further guidance with submitting an online application, these please contact the team who will be happy to assist you.

Every best wish to your child for a successful transition to primary school.

Yours sincerely,



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SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

If you are a Walsall resident and your child is due to transition into a primary or infant school, or transfer from an infant to junior school in September 2024, you must submit an on-line application using the Walsall Council website.

All applications are to be submitted online prior to the deadline, 15th January 2024.

We strongly advise that applications should be submitted as soon as possible, and parents should submit before the closing date, leaving time to obtain any advice and guidance with the process and the submittal of an application.

Follow the link at – [Walsall Council education webpages](#)

The benefits of submitting the application online:

- You will receive email confirmation that we have received your application.
- You can make changes to your application up till the closing date using the portal.
- Our system is secure, so all your personal information is protected.
- Applicants that submit an on-time application will receive an email on National Offer Day, Tuesday 16 April 2024.

Date	Primary 2024 Application Key Dates
04-Sep-23	Information for Parents booklet available online Primary 2024
06-Nov-23	Portal for Reception 2024 & Junior 2024 applications opens
15-Jan-24	CLOSING DATE FOR ONTIME RECEPTION 2024 & JUNIOR 2024 APPLICATIONS
16 Jan 24 - 13 Feb 24	Late applications received within this period may be considered as on time but only in exceptional circumstances (see Information for Parents booklet for more information).
14-Feb-24	All applications received from this date forward will be considered late regardless of the circumstances.
16-Apr-24	National Offer Day - all on-time applicants will be offered a school place for September 2024
13-May-24	Offer Day - Phase 1 - late offers will be made for applications received between 16/01/2024 & 08/05/2024
15-May-24	Waiting list positions available for Reception 2024 & Junior 2024 applications
17-May-24	Appeals Deadline - see Information for Parents booklet for more information
28-Jun-24	Offer Day - Phase 2 - late offers will be made for applications received between 09/05/2024 & 27/06/2024
As Required	Further offers for late applications will be made as required
June/July 2024	Appeal Hearings - dates to be confirmed to applicants as appropriate
June/July 2024	Inset Dates - to be confirmed by the school of offer

KEY DATES

Before applying, we advise parents to complete the following steps:

- Read the information provided in this booklet – gather understanding of how the Inter-LA Coordinated Primary Admission Scheme works.
- If you wish to apply to a school outside of Walsall, you should obtain a copy of the relevant local authority's information booklet or visit the website to view their admission criteria and ascertain whether additional information/supporting evidence is required.
- View schools prospectuses – contact schools directly
- Visit school websites or the Walsall Council website and follow the link to education. Ofsted reports are also available at [Ofsted website](#)
- Check performance tables – contact 0370 000 2288 or visit [School performance tables](#)

DURING THE AUTUMN TERM:

- Submit your application online.
- Maximum of three preferred schools to be listed on the application.
- If you are applying for a place at a Walsall Catholic School or Voluntary Aided Church of England School, you will need to complete the required supplementary form and return directly to the school, along with any relevant documentation before the deadline. **Please note the supplementary information form is not the application for a school place, you must also submit an online application to Walsall Council.**
- Schools outside of Walsall may also require additional information or registration forms, please visit the school's website directly to view their admission policies.
- If you require support with completing your application, please contact the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team on primary.admissions@walsall.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE:

The 15th January 2024 is the closing date for all primary 2024 applications. Your application along with any additional forms or supporting evidence must be submitted by this date.

APRIL 2024:

National Offer Day is 16th April or the next working day. An email, offering your child a single offer of a school will be sent by email on Tuesday 16th April 2024 if your application was submitted on-time.

Offers for late application will be made as follows;

- **13-May-2024:** Offer Day - Phase 1 – for late applications received between 16/01/2024 & 08/05/2024
- **28-June-2024:** Offer Day - Phase 2 - for late applications received between 09/05/2024 & 27/06/2024

MAY 2024:

Appeals – online appeal forms for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools must be completed and submitted by 17th May 2024. Further information surrounding appeals can be found within this booklet.

JUNE/JULY 2024:

School Admissions Appeal Panels will meet to hear appeals during the Summer, June/July 2024.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

❖ HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PLACE AT A PRIMARY, INFANT OR JUNIOR SCHOOL?

All applications are to be completed online by visiting [Walsall Council education webpages](#) and follow the instructions provided. When making an application, you must name all schools (maximum of 3) where you wish for your child to be considered for a place. These should be listed in order of preference.

❖ WHAT PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE IN WALSALL?

There are 62 maintained primary schools plus 24 academies in Walsall.

- 43 non-denominational schools (42 community and 1 foundation school)
- 9 Catholic schools (8 voluntary aided and 1 academy)
- 12 Church of England schools (8 voluntary controlled and 3 voluntary aided, 1 academy)
- 22 academies

There are 9 Infant schools (6 community schools, 1 voluntary controlled, 1 voluntary aided and 1 academy) for children aged between 3 and 7 years old.

There are 9 Junior schools (7 community schools, 1 voluntary aided and 1 academy) for children aged between 7 and 11 years old.

Information regarding nursery education is provided within this booklet. There are:

- 8 nursery schools
- 7 infant and 62 primary schools with nursery classes
- 46 private, voluntary, and independent nursery providers

❖ HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF WALSALL?

If you are a Walsall resident and wish to apply for a school outside of the borough, these schools will also need to be listed on your application. For more information surrounding the admission criteria for schools out of the borough you will need to obtain a copy of the LA's information booklet or visit the corresponding authority's website.

❖ WILL I NEED TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Walsall Catholic Primary Schools

If you wish to express a preference for any Walsall Catholic Primary School, you will need to send any required supporting information, e.g., baptismal certificates, directly to the school along with a supplementary information form. This is available to download from the Walsall Council Admissions page. **Please note that a supplementary information form is not an application for a school place; you must also submit an application to Walsall Council.**

Walsall Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary Schools

If you wish to express a preference for any Walsall Church of England Primary Schools, you will need to send any required supporting evidence, e.g. baptismal certificates, directly to the school along with a supplementary information form. This is available to download from the Walsall Council Admissions page. **Please note that a supplementary information is not an application for a school place; you must also submit an application to Walsall Council.**

❖ WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

The closing date is the 15th January 2024. Applications received after this date, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be processed after all on-time applications. **Please note that if your application is not submitted on-time, your child's chances of being offered one of your preferred schools is likely to be significantly reduced.**

Children reach compulsory school age on the first day of term following their 5th birthday. However, all of our Walsall Schools offer full-time places for children in a reception class from September in the school year in which children reach their 5th birthday.

If parents wish for their child to start school after 1st September 2024, they have the option to delay their child's entry until later in 2024/25 when their child reaches compulsory school age. Parents who wish to delay their child's start must complete an application by 15th January 2024 and must write to Walsall Council to inform what date they wish their child to start in reception class. Please note parents are unable to delay entry into reception class beyond the beginning of the term following their 5th birthday. Furthermore, parents can request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Children born between 1st April and 31st August (summer born) reach compulsory school age in the September following their 5th birthday. Parents of summer born children can request for their child to be deferred to a reception class in the September following their 5th birthday, at the point in which other children in their age group are moving into year 1. **Requests for reception class deferral should be submitted in writing to the Admissions and Education Sufficiency Manager via primary.admissions@walsall.gov.uk by 15th January 2024 along with supporting education or medical evidence provided by a professional working directly with the child.**

When a request for reception class deferral or admission outside of a child's normal age group relates to a community or voluntary school in Walsall, Walsall Council as admission authority, will make the decision on whether to grant the request based on the evidence provided. If the application relates to a place at a school where Walsall Council is not the admission authority, then the request will be forwarded to the relevant admission authority for their consideration.

❖ WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT SUBMIT MY APPLICATION BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE?

All applications must be submitted online through Walsall Council's portal by 15th January 2024. Late applications submitted within 4 weeks of the deadline may be considered on-time if there are "exceptional circumstances" and the parent is able to provide supporting evidence. Late applications received between 14th February and 15th April 2024 will be processed as a late application and applicants will receive their offer after National Offer Day. Exceptional circumstances must be provided in writing, accompanied by supporting evidence and will be subject to verification by the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team.

All applications received after the 13th February 2024 will be considered as late applications. If the application is not submitted on-time, your child's chances of being offered one of your preferred schools are likely to be significantly reduced. Late applicants will not receive their offer until after National Offer Day.

❖ **AM I ABLE TO CHANGE MY PREFERENCES?**

Changes can be made to an application up until 15th January 2024. After the closing date any change in preferences, other than in exceptional circumstances, will be regarded as a late application and will be considered under the late application policy. Examples of exceptional circumstances can be found within our late application policy on page 22.

❖ **WILL MY CHILD AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFER FROM INFANT TO JUNIOR SCHOOL?**

Children do not automatically move from Infant to Junior School. An online application must be submitted to ensure that a child is considered for a place at their preferred junior school and should include the paired junior school as a preference. Failure to complete an Infant to Junior application may result in your child being without a school place when the new year commences.

❖ **WHAT CAN I DO IF I AM UNHAPPY WITH THE SCHOOL OFFER MADE?**

If you are unhappy with the school place your child has been allocated, you will receive further information regarding appeals with your offer letter. It may not be possible to offer a place at your preferred school and therefore, parents will have the opportunity to appeal against the decision to an Independent Appeals Panel. **Appeals forms must be submitted by 17th May 2024, forms received after this date may result in the appeal not being heard until summer term.**

❖ **WHAT IS THE INFANT CLASS SIZE LIMIT?**

School governors have a legal requirement to ensure that infant classes do not exceed 30 pupils with a single class teacher. If an appeal is made for a place in an infant class, the school or local authority may use the infant class size legislation to advise an appeal panel that by admitting another pupil there would be "infant class size prejudice".

Where infant class size prejudice is proven, the appeal panel should only uphold an appeal if:

- a) The decision was not one which a reasonable admission authority, properly aware of its responsibilities would make in the circumstances of the case. The circumstances which may be considered include the school's admission policy, the internal organisation of the school and the ability to accommodate pupils in compliance with the class size limit.
- b) The child would have been offered a place if the admission arrangements had been properly implemented.

Almost all admission appeals for schools where there is infant class size prejudice are unsuccessful.

❖ **WHAT IF MY APPEAL IS UNSUCCESSFUL?**

The decision reached by the Independent Appeal Panel is final and binding on all partners. Repeat appeals will not be considered in the same academic year unless there has been a significant change in circumstances.

❖ **HOW DO I ADD MY CHILD TO A WAITING LIST?**

Your child will automatically be placed onto the waiting list of all schools listed as a higher preference on your application. Parents can enquire about their child's waiting list position for Walsall schools by contacting the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team after the 30th April 2024. All waiting list positions are fluid and can move up or down dependent on the admissions criteria for individual schools. To enquire about your waiting list position for an out of borough school please contact the relevant local authority.

Children who are the subject of a direction by a local authority to admit to a school or who are allocated to a school in accordance with the Fair Access Protocol must take priority over children on the waiting list.

❖ **HOW DO I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR CHILDREN OF MULTIPLE BIRTHS?**

If you have children from multiple births, such as twins or triplets, you need to fill out a separate application for each child. Making sure to indicate in the application that the child is part of a multiple birth.

❖ **DO I STILL NEED TO APPLY FOR A MAINSTREAM SCHOOL IF MY CHILD IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING AN EDUCATION HEALTH AND CARE PLAN ASSESSMENT?**

Unless there is a finalised Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in place for your child, you must still submit a mainstream school application for your child.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

The needs for most children with Special Educational Needs can and will be met within the child's own schools. All Walsall schools are required to follow the guidance set out in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice to identify children considered to have Special Educational Needs.

All schools have a policy on Special Educational Needs and a designated Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, SENCO. Furthermore, schools have a designated governor, taking responsibility for ensuring provision to the meet the Special Educational Needs of the child in the school is made. All children should be supported in their learning through a differentiated curriculum, but some children will be given additional support if required through 'SEN Support' or an Education, Health, and Care Plan.

If you have concerns about the provision being made for your child, you should discuss these with staff in your child's school. Further advice and guidance about Special Educational Needs can be provided by Walsall SENDIAS Service at walsallsendiass@family-action.org.uk.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS FOR A CHILD WITH AN EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE PLAN (EHCP)

If your child has an EHC plan there is a separate process for applying for a school place. You do not need to apply through the normal admissions process. Parents will need to complete a form expressing their preference of school for their child the link to the form is [Primary admissions form for children with an EHC Plan](#) or you can scan the QR code below



Alternatively, please contact the EHC team on 01922652871 or email sen@walsall.gov.uk to request a form be emailed or posted out to you.

Your Family Liaison Officer (FLO) and the EHC Team will be your key contacts and can offer support to you and your child when making the application.

Moving from one phase of education to the next is a significant change and it's important that parents and carers think about what school should be named in their EHC plan. You may choose to attend open days and information sessions for a variety of schools/settings to establish whether the provision is appropriate for your child's needs. Please check the Walsall Council local offer for information about schools/settings that you may be considering.

For a move into reception or a transfer of school from Key stage 1 to Key Stage 2, SEN regulations require that the EHC plan must be reviewed and amended before **15 February 2024** if your child is due to start in September 2024. This means there should always be an annual review of the EHC plan before a transfer to a new phase of education.

If you request that your child be allocated a place in a special school the need for this provision must be evidenced in the EHCP or, the most recent annual review must include evidence that the needs of your child can't be met in a mainstream school environment. Please contact your FLO or the EHC team for more information.

According to the SEND Code of Practice 2014, if a child's parent or a young person makes a request for a particular setting/school the local authority must comply with that preference and name the school or college in the EHC plan unless:

- it would be unsuitable for the age, ability, aptitude or SEN of the child or young person, or
- the attendance of the child or young person there would be incompatible with the efficient education of others, or the efficient use of resources.

Under section 43 Children and Families Act 2014, the school named in an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) must admit the child.

School places will be allocated to children with an EHCP before places are allocated to other pupils.

The final decision of the allocated school place rests with the Local Authority where the child or young person lives.

Children undergoing an Education, Health and Care Plan Needs Assessment

Where a child is undergoing a needs assessment for an EHCP the date of issue will be dependent on the date that the application was submitted, and it may not be possible to issue the plan in accordance with the 15th February 2024 timescale. Where the decision to issue an EHCP is not made by the 15th February 2024, the EHC assessment team will continue to consult with the existing school and the school identified by Primary Admissions, as well as any parental preferences for schooling made as part of the EHCP process, to identify the child's school placement as quickly as the process permits.

SCHOOL NAME, TYPE & ADDRESS	AGE RANGE	PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER	CONTACT DETAILS
Abbey Primary (C) Glastonbury Crescent, Bloxwich, Walsall, WS3 2RP	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 710753 Email: postbox@abbey.walsall.sch.uk
All Saints National Academy (AC) High Street, Bloxwich, Walsall, WS3 3LP	4-11	30	Telephone: 01922 710210 Email: postbox@asna.walsall.sch.uk
Alumwell Infant (C) Primley Avenue, Walsall, WS2 9UP	4-7	90	Telephone: 01922 720866 Email: postbox@alumwell-i.walsall.sch.uk
Alumwell Junior (C) Primley Avenue, Walsall, WS2 9UP	7-11	90	Telephone: 01922 721391 Email: postbox@alumwelljunior.co.uk
Barcroft Primary (C) Barcroft, Willenhall, WV13 1NF	3-11	60	Telephone: 01902 368132 Email: postbox@barcroft.walsall.sch.uk
Beacon Primary (C) Davis Road, New Invention, Willenhall, WV12 5HA	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710874 Email: postbox@beacon.walsall.sch.uk
Bentley West Primary (C) Monmouth Road, Bentley, WS2 0EQ	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 720792 Email: bentleywest.postbox@bentleyfederation.org.uk
Birchills CE Community Academy (AC) Farrington Street, Walsall, WS2 8NF	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 721063 Email: postbox@birchills.walsall.sch.uk
Blackwood School (AC) Blackwood Road, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, B74 3PH	3-11	90	Telephone: 0121 353 1876 Email: postbox@blackwood.walsall.sch.uk
Blakenall Heath Junior (C) Field Road, Bloxwich, Walsall, WS3 3JF	7-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710145 Email: postbox@blakenall.walsall.sch.uk
Bloxwich Academy (AC) Bloxwich Lane, Walsall, WS2 7JT	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710226 Email: primarypostbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk
Blue Coat CE (A) Infant (VA) Hanch Place, Walsall, WS1 3AF	3-7	90	Telephone: 01922 720740 Email: postbox@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Blue Coat CE (A) Junior (VA) Springhill Road, Walsall, WS1 2LP	7-11	90	Telephone: 01922 720921 Email: postbox@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Brownhills West Primary (AC) Shannon Drive, Brownhills, Walsall, WS8 7LA	3-11	30	Telephone: 01543 452766 Email: postbox@brownhills-w.walsall.sch.uk
Busill Jones Primary Academy (AC) Ashley Road, Bloxwich, Walsall, WS3 2QF	3-11	45	Telephone: 01922 710700 Email: postbox@busill-jones.walsall.sch.uk

Butts Primary School (C) Butts Road, Walsall, WS4 2AH	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 721073 Email: postbox@butts.walsall.sch.uk
Caldmore Primary Academy (AC) Carless Street, Walsall, WS1 3RH	3-11	52	Telephone: 01922 721359 Email: CPA-postbox@atrust.org.uk
Castlefort JMI (C) Castlefort Road, Walsall Wood, Walsall, WS9 9JP	3-11	30	Telephone: 01543 452158 Email: postbox@castlefort.walsall.sch.uk
Christ Church CE (C) Harden Road, Leamore, Walsall, WS3 1EN	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710080 Email: postbox@christchurch.walsall.sch.uk
Chuckery Primary (C) Lincoln Road, Walsall, WS1 2DZ	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 449104 Email: postbox@chuckery.walsall.sch.uk
Cooper & Jordan CE VA Primary (VA) The Green, Aldridge, Walsall, WS8 8NH	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 743765 Email: postbox@cooperjordan.walsall.sch.uk
County Bridge Primary (C) Anson Road, Bentley, WS2 0DH	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 720718 Email: postbox@countybridge.walsall.sch.uk
Croft Academy (AC) Croft Street, Walsall, WS2 8JE	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 720689 Email: admin.croft@croftacademy.org
Delves Infant & Nursery (C) Botany Road, Walsall, WS5 4PU	3-7	90	Telephone: 01922 720754 Email: postbox@delvesinfantschool.co.uk
Delves Junior (C) Bell Lane, Walsall, WS5 4PU	7-11	90	Telephone: 01922 721112 Email: postbox@delvesjuniorschool.co.uk
Edgar Stammers Primary Academy (AC) Harden Road, Coalpool, WS3 1RQ	3-11	45	Telephone: 01922 471390 Email: enquiries@edgarstammers.uwmat.co.uk
Elmore Green Primary (C) Elmore Green Road, Walsall, WS3 2HW	4-11	45	Telephone: 01922 710162 Email: postbox@elmore-green.walsall.sch.uk
Fibbersley Park Academy (AC) Noose Lane, Willenhall, WV13 3BB	3-11	90	Telephone: 01902 366220 Email: postbox@fibbersleyparkacademy.org.uk
Goldsmith Primary Academy (AC) Goldsmith Road, Walsall, WS3 1DL	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710182 Email: postbox@goldsmith.windsoracademytrust.org.uk
Greenfield Primary (AC) Coal Heath Lane, Shelfield, WS4 1PL	3-11	45	Telephone: 01922 682234 Email: postbox@greenfield.walsall.sch.uk
Hillary Primary (C) Hillary Street, Walsall, WS2 9BP	3-11	90	Telephone: 01922 720812 Email: enquiry@hillary.walsall.sch.uk
Holy Trinity CE Primary (VC) Church Street, Clayhanger, WS8 7EG	3-11	30	Telephone: 01543 452327 Email: postbox@holy-trinity.walsall.sch.uk
Jubilee Academy Mossley (AC) Tintern Crescent, Bloxwich, WS3 2SQ	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 710357 Email: jub-postbox@atrust.org.uk

King Charles Primary (C) Wilkes Avenue, Bentley, WS2 0JN	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 721368 Email: postbox@king-charles.walsall.sch.uk
Kings Hill Primary (C) Old Park Road, Wednesbury, WS10 9JG	3-11	60	Telephone: 0121 568 6301 Email: postbox@kings-hill.walsall.sch.uk
Leamore Primary School (C) Bloxwich Road, Leamore, WS3 2BB	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 710514 Email: office@leamoreprimaryschool.com
Leighswood School (C) Broadmeadow, Aldridge, WS9 8HZ	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 743621 Email: postbox@leighswood.walsall.sch.uk
Lindens Primary (C) Hundred Acre Road, Streetly, B74 2BB	3-11	60	Telephone: 0121 353 9273 Email: postbox@lindens.walsall.sch.uk
Little Bloxwich CE (VC) Primary Grenfell Road, Little Bloxwich, WS3 3DL	4-11	30	Telephone: 01922 684301 Email: postbox@lit-bloxwich.walsall.sch.uk
Lodge Farm Primary Academy (AC) Furzebank Way, Willenhall, WV12 4BU	3-11	60	Telephone: 01902 928900 Email: postbox@lodgefarmprimary.co.uk
Lower Farm Primary (C) Bakewell Close, Bloxwich, WS3 3QH	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710479 Email: postbox@lower-farm.walsall.sch.uk
Manor Primary (FD) Briar Avenue, Streetly, B74 3HX	3-11	60	Telephone: 0121 353 1738 Email: postbox@manor.walsall.sch.uk
Meadow View JMI (C) Frampton Way, Great Barr, B43 7UJ	3-11	60	Telephone: 0121 366 6182 Email: postbox@meadow-view.walsall.sch.uk
Millfield Primary (C) Catshill Road, Brownhills, WS8 6BN	3-11	30	Telephone: 01543 452513 Email: postbox@millfield.walsall.sch.uk
Moorcroft Wood (C) Bull Lane, Bilston, WV14 8NE	3-11	30	Telephone: 01902 495943 Email: postbox@moorcroft-wood.walsall.sch.uk
New Invention Infant (C) Cannock Road, New Invention, WV12 5SA	3-7	90	Telephone: 01922 710871 Email: postbox@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk
New Invention Junior (C) Cannock Road, New Invention, WV12 5SA	7-11	90	Telephone: 01922 710376 Email: postbox@invention-j.walsall.sch.uk
North Walsall Primary Academy (AC) Derby Street, Walsall, WS2 7BH	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 720822 Email: NWP-Postbox@attrust.org.uk
Old Church CE (C) Primary (VC) School Street, Darlaston, WS10 8DL	3-11	60	Telephone: 0121 568 6329 Email: postbox@old-church.walsall.sch.uk
Palfrey Infant (C) Bescot Street, Walsall, WS1 4HY	3-7	90	Telephone: 01922 720713 Email: postbox@palfreyinfant.co.uk
Palfrey Junior (C) Milton Street, Walsall, WS1 4LA	7-11	90	Telephone: 01922 721092 Email: postbox@palfrey-j.walsall.sch.uk

Park Hall Infant Academy (AC) Park Hall Road, Walsall, WS5 3HF	3-7	90	Telephone: 01922 721443 Email: postbox@parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk
Park Hall Junior Academy (AC) Park Hall Road, Walsall, WS5 3HF	7-11	102	Telephone: 01922 720761 Email: postbox@parkhall-jun.walsall.sch.uk
Pelsall Village (C) Old Town Lane, Pelsall, WS3 4NJ	3-11	45	Telephone: 01922 682073 Email: postbox@pelsallvillage.co.uk
Pheasey Park Farm Primary Academy (AC) Wimperis Way, Great Barr, B43 7DH	3-11	90	Telephone: 0121 366 6183 Email: postbox@pheasey.org.uk
Pinfold Street Primary (C) Pinfold Street Extension, Darlaston, WS10 8PU	4-11	60	Telephone: 0121 568 6366 Email: info@pinfold-st.walsall.sch.uk
Pool Hayes Primary (C) Bridgnorth Grove, Willenhall, WV12 4RX	3-11	30	Telephone: 01902 368144 Email: postbox@pool-hayes-p.walsall.sch.uk
Reedswood E-ACT Academy (AC) Bentley Drive, Walsall, WS2 8RX	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 721323 Email: postbox.reedswood@e-act.org.uk
Rivers Primary Academy (AC) Mersey Road, Blakenall, WS3 1NP	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710164 Email: postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk
Rosedale CE Infant (VC) Stroud Avenue, Willenhall, WV12 4EG	4-7	90	Telephone: 01902 368910 Email: rosedale@shortheathfederation.org.uk
Rushall Primary (C) Pelsall Lane, Rushall, WS4 1NG	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 682300 Email: postbox@rushall.walsall.sch.uk
Ryders Hayes School (AC) Gilpin Crescent, Pelsall, WS3 4HX	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 683008 Email: postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk
Salisbury Primary (C) Salisbury Street, Darlaston, WS10 8BQ	3-11	45	Telephone: 0121 667 4066 Email: postbox@salisbury.walsall.sch.uk
Short Heath Junior (C) Pennine Way, Willenhall, WV12 4DS	7-11	90	Telephone: 01902 368499 Email: shortheath@shortheathfederation.org.uk
St Anne's Catholic Primary (VA) Blackwood Road, Streetly, B74 3PL	3-11	30	Telephone: 0121 3535114 Email: postbox@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School (VA) Narrow Lane, Brownhills, WS8 6HX	3-11	30	Telephone: 01543 452921 Email: postbox@stbernadette.walsall.sch.uk
St Francis Catholic Primary (VA) Mill Road, Shelfield, WS4 1RH	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 682583 Email: postbox@st-francis-p.walsall.sch.uk
St Giles CE Primary (VC) Walsall Street, Willenhall, WV13 2ER	3-11	60	Telephone: 01902 368308 Email: postbox@st-giles.walsall.sch.uk
St James Primary (C) Great Charles Street, Brownhills, WS8 6AE	4-11	30	Telephone: 01543 452328 Email: postbox@st-james.walsall.sch.uk

St John's CE Primary (VC) Brook Lane, Walsall Wood, WS9 9NA	3-11	45	Telephone: 01543 452197 Email: office@st-johns.walsall.sch.uk
St Joseph's Catholic Primary (VA) Rough Hay Road, Darlaston, WS10 8HN	3-11	30	Telephone: 0121 568 6496 Email: postbox@st-josephs.walsall.sch.uk
St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary (VA) Weston Crescent, Aldridge, WS9 OHA	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 743411 Email: postbox@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk
St Mary's The Mount Catholic Primary (VA) Jesson Road, Walsall, WS1 3AY	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 720711 Email: postbox@st-marymount.walsall.sch.uk
St Michael's CE (C) Primary (VC) Maple Road, Pelsall, WS3 4JJ	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 682309 Email: enquiries@stmichaels-pelsall.co.uk
St Patrick's Catholic Primary (VA) Blue Lane East, Walsall, WS2 8HN	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 720063 Email: postbox@st-patricks.walsall.sch.uk
St Peter's Catholic Primary (VA) Lichfield Road, Bloxwich, WS3 3LY	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 710872 Email: postbox@st-peters.walsall.sch.uk
St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary (VA) Dartmouth Avenue, Walsall, WS3 1SP	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 720712 Email: postbox@st-thomas.walsall.sch.uk
Sunshine Infant and Nursery (C) Blakenall Lane, Leamore Lane, Walsall, WS3 1HF	3-7	60	Telephone: 01922 710174 Email: postbox@sunshine.walsall.sch.uk
Radleys Primary (C) Kings Road, Rushall, WS4 1JJ	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 721383 Email: postbox@radleysprimary.org
Walsall Wood (C) Brownhills Road, Brownhills, WS8 7BP	3-11	30	Telephone: 01543 452664 Email: postbox@walsall-wood.walsall.sch.uk
Watling Street Primary (C) Watling Street, Brownhills, WS8 7LW	3-11	30	Telephone: 01543 452320 Email: postbox@watling-st.walsall.sch.uk
Whetstone Field (C) Beaufort Way, Aldridge, WS9 OHJ	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 743498 Email: office@whetstonefield.co.uk
Whitehall Infant and Nursery (C) West Bromwich Road, Walsall, WS1 3HS	3-7	90	Telephone: 01922 721991 Email: postbox@whitehall-i.walsall.sch.uk
Whitehall Junior (C) Delves Road, Walsall, WS1 3JY	7-11	90	Telephone: 01922 720778 Email: postbox@whitehall-j.walsall.sch.uk
Woodlands Academy of Learning (AC) Bloxwich Road North, Willenhall, WV12 5PR	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710613 Email: postbox@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk
Woods Bank Academy (AC) Rough Hay Road Darlaston, WS10 8NQ	3-11	52	Telephone: 0121 568 6421 Email: postbox@woodsbank.org

TRANSPORT TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS

FREE TRANSPORT ELIGIBILITY

****Children under the age of 5 travel free on public transport****

To apply for free transport, pupils must live outside the statutory walking distance, measured by the shortest route along which a pupil, accompanied as necessary, may walk with reasonable safety to their nearest appropriate school.

The statutory walking distance is 2 miles for pupils aged under 8 and 3 miles for pupils aged 8 and above.

PRIMARY AGE

All children of compulsory age, but under the age of 8 are entitled to free travel arrangements to their nearest qualifying school if it is more than 2 miles from their home. In addition, children aged 8-11 from low-income families must have travel arrangements made where they live more than 2 miles from their nearest qualifying school. The walking distance is a measurement we use, the child is not expected to walk this distance unaccompanied.

SUITABILITY OF A 'QUALIFYING SCHOOL'

References to 'the nearest qualifying school' means the nearest qualifying school with places available in the required year group, appropriate to the age, ability and aptitude of the child and any Special Educational Needs that the child may have.

LOW INCOME GROUPS

Children from low-income groups are defined as those who are entitled to free school meals, or families in receipt of their maximum level of Universal Credit (UC). Eligibility for transport assistance will be assessed annually.

Examples relating to eligibility based on income:

Child A is an 8 year old child entitled to free school meals. Their nearest suitable school is 2.5 miles from their home. Child A would be entitled to a free school bus pass to this school.

Child B is an 8 year old child whose parents are in receipt of their maximum level of Working Tax Credit. Their nearest school – 'y' – is 2.2 miles from their home; and the second nearest – school 'z' – is 5.5 miles away. Child B would be entitled to a free school bus pass to school 'y' but not to school 'z'.

Child C is an 8 year old child whose parents are not in receipt of their maximum level of Working Tax Credit and who is not entitled to free school meals. Their nearest school is 2.5 miles from their home. Child C would not be entitled to free a school bus pass.

HOW THE INTER-LA COORDINATED ADMISSION SCHEME WORKS

Allows parents/carers to express preferences for a maximum of 3 schools, listing in favourable order and provide reason of choice.

Each school named on the application is considered as a separate application.

Schools where the governing body is the admission authority will be informed of all application naming their school but not the rank given by you.

Parents are unable to hold places at more than one primary school.

After the closing date, the admission criteria for each school will be applied to determine whether your child meets the school's criteria.

If your child meets the admission criteria of only **ONE** of your named schools, you will be offered a place at that school.

If your child meets the admission criteria of **TWO** or more named schools, you will be offered a place at the highest ranked school.

If you are a Walsall resident and your child does not meet the admission criteria for any named schools, we will offer a place at an alternative school with places available.

If you live outside of Walsall and do not meet the admission criteria for your named school, your home authority is responsible for offering an alternate place in your home authority area.

On National Notification Date, 16th April 2024, all parents in Walsall, will be informed of the outcome of their applications.

EXAMPLE OF HOW THE INTER-LA COORDINATION ADMISSION SCHEME WORKS

The examples below do not use names of Walsall Primary Schools.

Example 1:

Ranjit lives a long way from Fairview School and close to Sunnyville School and Hall View School. His parents are aware that Fairview School are usually oversubscribed, but they would like to see if Ranjit will be offered a school place.

Rank	School	Ranjit's Details	School's Admission Criteria Met?	Place Offered?
1	Lives 5 miles away	No	No	No
2	Lives ½ mile away	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Lives 1 mile away	Yes	No	No

Ranjit lives too far from Fairview to be offered a place. He qualifies for a place at Sunnyville and Hall View. **He is offered a place at Sunnyville, the higher ranked of the schools for which he qualified.**

Example 2:

Lucy's nearest school is Midhay. Her parents would like her to go to Bishop Fields, slightly further away and is also a Catholic School.

Rank	School	Lucy's Details	School's Admission Criteria Met?	Place Offered?
1	Midhay	Lives ¼ mile away	Yes	Yes
2	Bishop Fields School	Is a baptised Catholic	Yes	No
3	Marsh Hill School	Lives ½ mile away	Yes	No

Lucy met the Bishop Fields criteria because she is Catholic. She also met the admission criteria for Midhay and Marsh Hill because she lives near to both schools. **Lucy is offered a place at Midhay, the higher ranked school.**

Example 3:

James lives ½ a mile from Wishbone, but his parents don't want him to go there. The schools they have named are a long distance from their home.

Rank	School	James' Details	School's Admission Criteria Met?	Place Offered?
1	Trent School	Lives 6 miles away	No	No
2	Rainbow School	Lives 5 miles away	No	No
3	Avon School	Lives 4 miles away	No	No

James lives too far from his parents' preferences to qualify for places. His closest school, Wishbone, filled it's places with children whose parents had ranked it as one of their preferences. **James is therefore offered a place at Sally Hall School. This school is 2 miles from his home but is offered as it is the nearest school with places still available.**

LATE APPLICATION POLICY

Primary school applications can only be made online through the Walsall Council portal before 15th January 2024, applications submitted after this deadline will be considered as late.

Also considered as late applications:

- Requesting to add additional schools after the deadline
- Requesting to change the ranking of named schools after the deadline

Each admission authority is required to publish their own Late Application Policy explaining how late applications are processed. Walsall Council's Late Application Policy is set out as below and is applicable to all Walsall Schools that do not publish their own Late Application Policy.

Late Applications received within 4 weeks after the closing date (16th January 2024-13th February 2024)

Applications submitted during this date will be considered as late and applicants will not receive their notification of offer until after National Offer Day unless there are exceptional circumstances, including:

- A family moving into Walsall after the deadline date.
- Exceptional circumstances which preventing submittal before the deadline date.
- A single parent has been ill for some time.

In these cases, the circumstances must be given in writing at the time of application. Supporting evidence is to be provided and will be subject to verification by Walsall Council.

Late Applications received more than 4 weeks after the closing date (14th February-15th April 2024)

All applications submitted more than 4 weeks after the closing date, but before the notification date, will be considered as late applications and applicants will not receive their notification of offer until after National Offer Day. Please refer to key dates on page 4 to determine when offers will be received for late applications.

Late Applications received after Notification Date 16th April 2024 (once places have been offered)

Applications received after the notification date, will be offered a place at the highest ranked school dependable upon availability. For Walsall residents only, if no places are available at any preferred school, an alternate place will be offered to the nearest Walsall School with places available. The application will then be placed onto the waiting lists for schools listed as preferences in admission criteria order.

Late applications can be found on the School Admissions page on the Walsall Council website.

[Walsall Council primary admissions webpages](#)

During the admission process you must notify the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team in writing of a change of home address and provide proof of address.

Failure to provide this information will affect the outcome of your preferences.

WAITING LIST POLICY

Waiting lists for all Walsall schools will be maintained by the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team until the end of the Autumn term 2024. Parents are able to enquire about their child's waiting list position by contacting the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team on primary.admissions@walsall.gov.uk from 30th April 2024. To enquire about your waiting list position for a school outside of the Walsall Borough please contact the relevant local authority.

Children who are the subject of a direction by a local authority to admit to a school or who are allocated to a school in accordance with the Fair Access Protocol will take priority over children on the waiting lists.

Waiting lists include all children who have been refused a place at any school which has been ranked higher than the offered school place, for example:

- If your child is offered a place at the school that you ranked 2nd on your application, your child will automatically be added to waiting list for the Walsall School that you had ranked in 1st.
- If your child is offered a place at the school that you ranked 1st on your application, your child's name will not be added to any waiting list. A request can be submitted in writing by the parent or guardian if you wish you to be added to a waiting list.

We aim to offer parents a place at their highest ranked preferred school.

Please note that waiting lists are held in admission criteria order and pupils can move up or down on the waiting list throughout the admissions process.

HOW TO APPEAL IF YOUR APPLICATION IS UNSUCCESSFUL?

Parents who do not obtain a place for their child at a preferred school are eligible to appeal against the decision made. An Independent Admission Appeal Panel will hear the appeal. The decision made by the Appeal Panel is binding on the school, the parents and Walsall Council.

If you wish to make an appeal against a decision, the Appeals Information Sheet accompanying your offer notification explains who you will need to contact for information surrounding appeals. If the school you wish to appeal for is situated outside of Walsall, you should contact the relevant local authority for information on their process.

If an appeal is unsuccessful, the policy for all Walsall Schools, is not to hold another appeal in the same school year unless there are significant changes in circumstance for the child or the school.

WITHDRAWAL OF AN OFFER AT A WALSALL SCHOOL

Once a school place has been offered on 16th April 2024, we will assume that you have accepted the place offered.

The offer of a place at an oversubscribed school may be withdrawn if your application contains fraudulent or intentionally misleading information that would prevent a place being given to a child with a higher priority. This includes providing a false home address on application.

Where a place is offered based on the address provided on the application, but the child's address is subsequently found to have changed, the offered place may be withdrawn.

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS

The Admission Authority for Walsall Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools is Walsall Council. Admissions are administered by the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team.

Where the number of applications received is greater than that of school places available, Walsall Council's admission criteria is applied to all community and voluntary controlled schools. This admission criteria is shown below, in order of priority.

CRITERION 1: CHILDREN IN PUBLIC CARE & PREVIOUSLY LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

Children in public care are children in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by a local authority and previously looked after children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order. These children are given priority over all applications.

CRITERION 2: SIBLING ALREADY IN ATTENDANCE

Pupils who have a sibling in attendance at the school or paired junior school at the point in which the application is made and who will still be attending the school at the proposed admission date. A sibling is a child who resides at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested and is one of the following:

- A brother/sister sharing the same parents
- A half brother/half sister sharing common parent
- A step brother/sister
- Any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he or she is residing permanently at the same address (e.g. under the terms of a residence order)

The authority will try to ensure that as far as possible, siblings (including twins, triplets or children from other multiple births) can attend the same school.

CRITERION 3: MEDICAL OR SOCIAL GROUNDS

Relevant medical or social grounds which show that attendance at the school is essential, and which are supported in writing by a medical practitioner or appropriate professional. If parents believe there are specific medical/social reasons for claiming priority to attend a particular school, the relevant part of the online form must be completed and evidence to support the claim must be submitted directly to the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team. This can relate to the child or the parents, for example where either parents or the child have a disability making travelling to a school further away more difficult.

Medical: Medical evidence from a medical practitioner must be submitted in writing and should state why the preferred school is the only school that can meet the child's needs.

Social: Social evidence from a social worker or an alternate appropriate professional must be submitted in writing and should state why the preferred school is the only school that can meet the child's needs.

CRITERION 4: PAIRED INFANT SCHOOL. JUNIOR APPLICATIONS ONLY!

For applications to junior school only. Attendance by the child at the relevant paired infant school, when the application is made. List of paired schools are shown below:

Infant School	Paired Junior School
Alumwell Infant	Alumwell Junior
Delves Infant	Delves Junior
New Invention Infant	New Invention Junior
Palfrey Infant	Palfrey Junior
Rosedale CE © Infant	Short Heath Junior
Sunshine Infant & Nursery	Blakenall Heath Junior
Whitehall Nursery & Infant	Whitehall Junior Community

CRITERION 5: CHURCH PLACES AT VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS

These schools may offer church places to children of regular worshippers based upon their admission numbers.

Admission Number	Maximum Number of Church Places
30	7
45	11
60	15

“Regular Worshipper” is defined as attending a place of worship on at least one occasion per month over the past 12 months. If there is over-subscription for Church places, priority will be granted to those living closest to the school as measured in a straight line.

CRITERION 6: DISTANCE

Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the home address to the central point of the school address, using the local authority’s computerised measuring system, with those living closest to the school granted priority.

The home address is considered as the permanent residence of the child in a residential property when the place is offered. The address must be the child’s only or main residence and either:

- Owned by the child’s parent, parent’s or guardian, and the child resides at the address or
- Leased to or rented by the child’s parent, parent’s or guardian under lease or written rental agreement of no less than 6 months old and the child resides at the address.

Documentary evidence of ownership or rental agreement may be required together with proof of actual permanent residence at the property concerned.

Where parents have shared responsibility for a child and the child lives with both parents for part of the week, the main residence will be determined as the address where the child lives for majority of the week. Parents may be requested to supply evidence to support the address used for the application.

The offer of a place is based upon the address of the child when the offer is made. If a child is offered a place at an oversubscribed school the place may be withdrawn if it is found that the child moved (before the place was offered) to a new address which was further away from the school and the child would not have qualified for a place within distance criterion.

If a home address is a flat/apartment and there is more than one flat/apartment at the same address, priority will be given to applicants at the lowest numbered flat or on the lowest floor.

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR ACADEMIES

Where the number of applications is greater than the number of place available, each academy will apply its own admission criteria.

All schools must admit any child with an EHCP that names the school directly. In the event of oversubscription, places will be offered using the academies individual criteria. Please visit the links provided below to view the academies admission criteria.

ALL SAINTS NATIONAL ACADEMY: [ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS | WELCOME \(ASNA.WALSALL.SCH.UK\)](#)

BIRCHILLS CE PRIMARY COMMUNITY ACADEMY: [BIRCHILLS CHURCH OF ENGLAND COMMUNITY ACADEMY - POLICIES](#)

BLACKWOOD SCHOOL: [RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS | BLACKWOOD SCHOOL \(BLACKWOOD-SCHOOL.CO.UK\)](#)

BLOXWICH ACADEMY: [PRIMARY ADMISSIONS - BLOXWICH ACADEMY](#)

BROWNHILLS WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL: [ADMISSIONS | BROWNHILLS WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL](#)

BUSILL JONES PRIMARY ACADEMY: [ADMISSIONS | SHINE \(SHINEACADEMIES.CO.UK\)](#)

CALDMORE ACADEMY: [ADMISSIONS - CALDMORE PRIMARY ACADEMY \(ATTRUST.ORG.UK\)](#)

CROFT ACADEMY: [ADMISSIONS \(CROFTACADEMY.ORG\)](#)

EDGAR STAMMERS ACADEMY: [EDGAR STAMMERS](#)

FIBBERSLEY PARK ACADEMY: [ADMISSIONS | FIBBERSLEY PARK ACADEMY](#)

GOLDSMITH PRIMARY ACADEMY: [GOLDSMITH PRIMARY ACADEMY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS](#)

JUBILEE ACADEMY MOSSLEY: [ADMISSIONS - JUBILEE ACADEMY MOSSLEY \(ATTRUST.ORG.UK\)](https://attrust.org.uk)

LODGE FARM PRIMARY ACADEMY: [ADMISSIONS — LODGE FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL, WILLENHALL](#)

NORTH WALSALL PRIMARY ACADEMY: [ADMISSIONS - NORTH WALSALL PRIMARY ACADEMY \(ATTRUST.ORG.UK\)](https://attrust.org.uk)

PARK HALL INFANT ACADEMY: [ADMISSIONS | PARK HALL INFANT ACADEMY \(PARKHALL-INF.WALSALL.SCH.UK\)](https://parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk)

PARK HALL JUNIOR ACADEMY: [ADMISSIONS | PARK HALL JUNIOR ACADEMY](#)

PHEASEY PARK FARM PRIMARY ACADEMY: [ADMISSIONS | PHEASEY PARK FARM \(PHEASEYPARKFARMPRIMARY.CO.UK\)](https://pheaseyparkfarmprimary.co.uk)

REEDSWOOD E-ACT ACADEMY: [ADMISSIONS - REEDSWOOD E-ACT PRIMARY ACADEMY](#)

RYDERS HAYES ACADEMY: [ADMISSIONS \(RYDERS-HAYES.CO.UK\)](https://ryders-hayes.co.uk)

RIVERS PRIMARY ACADEMY: [HOW TO APPLY | RIVERS PRIMARY ACADEMY](#)

ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY: [ADMISSIONS | ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL](#)

WOODS BANK SCHOOL ACADEMY: [ADMISSIONS \(WOODSBANK.ORG\)](https://woodsbank.org)

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR FOUNDATION SCHOOLS

Where the number of applications is greater than the number of place available, each academy will apply its own admission criteria.

MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL: [MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL - RECEPTION](#)

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR VOLUNTARY AIDED CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS

BLUE COAT INFANT: [INFANT ADMISSIONS AND TRANSITIONS – BLUE COAT FEDERATION](#)

BLUE COAT JUNIOR: [ADMISSIONS AND TRANSITIONS – BLUE COAT FEDERATION](#)

COOPER & JORDAN CE (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL: [COOPER AND JORDAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOLUNTARY AIDED ENDOWED SCHOOL - ADMISSIONS \(COOPERJORDAN.WALSALL.SCH.UK\)](#)

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR VOLUNTARY AIDED CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: [RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS | ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL \(ST-ANNES.WALSALL.SCH.UK\)](#)

ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: [ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, MILL ROAD, SHELFIELD, WALSALL \(ST-FRANCIS-P.WALSALL.SCH.UK\)](#)

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: [ADMISSIONS | ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL \(ST-JOSEPHS.WALSALL.SCH.UK\)](#)

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: [ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - ADMISSIONS \(ST-MARYANGEL.WALSALL.SCH.UK\)](#)

ST MARY'S THE MOUNT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: [ST MARY'S THE MOUNT PRIMARY - ADMISSIONS \(ST-MARYMOUNT.WALSALL.SCH.UK\)](#)

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: [ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - ADMISSIONS \(ST-PATRICKS.WALSALL.SCH.UK\)](https://st-patricks.walsall.sch.uk)

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: [ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL, WALSALL - RECEPTION ADMISSIONS \(ST-THOMAS.WALSALL.SCH.UK\)](https://st-thomas.walsall.sch.uk)

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL HOURS & TERM DATES

Details of all school hours can be found in the school's prospectus and on the school's website. Furthermore, details of school term dates are available on the Walsall Council website. Please ensure to check with the school to ensure this information is correct.

PROVISION OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Under the Government Directive from September 2014, all child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive a school meal free of charge. **Registration for free school meals, helps the school to obtain additional funding, more money to the school will further assist with helping your child achieve.** To register for free school meals, please complete the application form online and submit electronically from the Walsall Council website. For more information, please visit this link: [Walsall Council - Free School Meals](#)

NURSERY EDUCATION

Good quality pre-school experiences are directly related to better cognitive, social and behavioural development for young children. All providers of early year's education work within the framework of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Every child aged between 3 and 4 in Walsall are entitled to 15 hours free years education the following settings:

- Nursery schools
- Classes in primary schools
- Playgroups
- Day nurseries
- Independent schools

Children may access their entitlement of 15 hours of free provision at up to 2 providers.

Please use the link below to view when children are eligible for a part-time nursery place:

[Free Early Years entitlement information for childcare providers in Walsall \(mywalsall.org\)](https://mywalsall.org)

ENTITLEMENT AT A NURSERY, INFANT OR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prior to a reception class transition, all children are entitled to three terms of part-time nursery education in a Walsall nursery school or in a nursery class within a primary school. **A place in a nursery class within a primary school does not guarantee a full-time place in the school's Reception class.**

Places are available at childminders, playgroups, day nurseries and independent schools that are registered to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage. For more information, please contact the Walsall Families Information Service on 01922 653383.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PLACE?

To apply for a nursery place you should contact the school's Head Teacher for details.

Places at Community or Voluntary Controlled nurseries, infant and primary schools, will be allocated using the following criteria if there are more application than places available (in order of priority):

1. Children in Care (Child in Care), and previously Looked After Children
2. Pupils who have an older sibling already in attendance at the school at the proposed time of admission
3. Pupils for whom a place at the school is essential on medical or social grounds as supported in writing by a medical practitioner or a social worker. Application will be subject to verification by the Executive Director, Children's Services
4. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the home address to the centre point of the school address using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

If you are refused a nursery place there is no right of appeal as nursery education is non-statutory. Where this is capacity, schools may offer places to children who have attained the age of 3 years.

To apply for a place at a private, voluntary, or independent provider, please visit their website and contact the provider directly.

HOW RECEPTION PLACES WERE ALLOCATED FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

	DFE No	PAN	Total Offered	No. Of Places Offered									Total Preferences Received					No. Of Preferences Offered				
				SEN	LAC	Medical/Social	Sibling(s)	Staff Child	Feeder	Church Place	Distance	Furthest Distance	Total No. Of Preferences	1st	2nd	3rd	Other	1st	2nd	3rd	Other	Made an alternative offer (not a preference)
Abbey Primary	2041	30	27	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	16	n/a	44	24	14	6	0	24	3	0	0	0
All Saints National Academy	2019	45	21	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	9	n/a	41	18	9	14	0	18	2	0	0	1
Alumwell Infant	2001	90	90	1	0	0	43	0	0	0	46	0.78	123	94	15	14	0	89	1	0	0	0
Barcroft Primary	3329	60	47	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	26	n/a	74	46	17	10	1	46	0	0	0	1
Beacon Primary	2247	60	59	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	30	n/a	80	55	18	6	1	55	2	0	0	2
Bentley West Primary	2101	60	52	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	35	n/a	75	52	17	6	0	52	0	0	0	0
Birchills Church of England Community Academy	2015	60	51	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	27	n/a	78	46	22	10	0	46	3	0	0	2
Blackwood School	2234	90	90	0	2	0	33	0	0	0	55	3.974	188	82	70	36	0	82	5	3	0	0
Bloxwich Academy	4001	60	46	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	23	n/a	52	43	5	4	0	43	0	0	0	3
Blue Coat CE (A) Infant*	3301	90	83									n/a	114	70	26	18	0	71	7	5	0	0
Brownhills West Primary School	2225	30	19	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	4	n/a	22	17	4	1	0	17	0	1	0	1
Busill Jones Primary	2036	45	22	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	7	n/a	34	21	7	6	0	21	0	0	0	1
Butts Primary School	2006	30	30	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	14	0.291	72	47	17	8	0	30	0	0	0	0
Caldmore Primary Academy	2123	52	45	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	23	2.062	71	40	20	11	0	40	3	0	0	2
Castlefort JMI	2222	30	29	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	20	n/a	60	22	19	19	0	22	5	2	0	0
Christ Church CE JMI	3000	60	60	1	0	0	30	0	0	5	24	0.358	112	82	24	6	0	58	1	1	0	0
Chuckery Primary School	2250	60	46	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	25	n/a	52	38	7	7	0	38	1	0	0	7
Cooper and Jordan CE VA Primary School*	2249	60	60									n/a	114	53	42	19	0	52	8	0	0	0
County Bridge Primary	2117	30	25	1	0	0	13	0	0	0	11	n/a	39	24	6	9	0	24	0	1	0	0
Croft Academy	2005	30	30	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	14	0.955	45	24	11	10	0	24	0	0	0	6
Delves Infant	2012	90	90	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	51	0.795	161	100	34	25	2	89	1	0	0	0
Edgar Stammers Primary Academy	3805	45	39	0	1	0	21	0	0	0	17	n/a	44	31	6	7	0	31	1	0	0	7

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Elmore Green Primary	2016	45	45	0	2	0	19	0	0	0	24	0.503	106	60	34	12	0	44	1	0	0	0
Fibbersley Park Primary Academy	2029	90	76	1	0	0	36	0	0	0	39	n/a	103	75	12	13	3	75	1	0	0	0
Goldsmith Primary Academy	2007	60	47	0	1	0	19	0	0	0	27	n/a	61	39	12	10	0	39	5	0	0	3
Greenfield Primary School	2239	45	30	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	19	n/a	46	24	12	10	0	24	4	2	0	0
Hillary Primary	2246	90	77	0	1	0	37	0	0	0	39	n/a	97	73	14	10	0	73	1	1	0	2
Holy Trinity CE Primary	3010	30	21	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	15	n/a	28	16	6	6	0	16	0	0	0	5
Jubilee Academy	2243	30	24	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	16	n/a	31	22	6	3	0	22	1	0	0	1
King Charles Primary	2102	60	48	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	25	n/a	64	46	11	7	0	46	0	1	0	1
King's Hill Primary	2106	60	60	0	1	0	29	0	0	0	30	0.86	112	63	28	20	1	56	4	0	0	0
Leamore Primary	2024	30	25	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	14	n/a	56	19	20	17	0	19	3	2	0	1
Leighswood School	2245	60	59	0	1	0	30	0	0	0	28	n/a	103	54	24	25	0	54	1	2	0	2
Lindens Primary School	2235	60	60	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	34	0.823	191	69	55	66	1	58	1	1	0	0
Little Bloxwich CE Primary	3003	30	27	0	0	0	12	0	0	1	14	n/a	55	23	18	14	0	23	3	1	0	0
Lodge Farm Academy	2025	60	37	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	27	n/a	57	36	9	12	0	36	1	0	0	0
Lower Farm Primary	2042	60	60	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	28	1.106	91	59	13	19	0	57	2	1	0	0
Manor Primary School	5202	60	38	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	18	n/a	117	31	42	44	0	31	3	1	0	1
Meadow View JMI School	2240	60	53	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	32	n/a	120	52	47	21	0	52	1	0	0	0
Millfield Primary School	2220	30	30	0	1	0	17	0	0	0	12	0.329	54	29	13	12	0	27	2	1	0	0
Moorcroft Wood Primary	3327	30	30	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	20	0.375	59	35	10	10	4	29	1	0	0	0
New Invention Infant	2114	90	88	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	51	n/a	183	84	62	32	5	84	4	0	0	0
North Walsall Primary Academy	2034	30	30	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	11	0.401	55	33	13	9	0	30	0	0	0	0
Old Church CE Primary	3100	60	60	1	0	0	22	0	0	0	37	2.463	80	40	31	7	2	40	10	1	0	9
Palfrey Infant	2030	90	82	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	57	n/a	117	77	24	16	0	77	1	3	0	1
Park Hall Infant Academy	5200	90	90	0	1	0	19	0	0	0	70	1.011	168	100	48	19	1	88	2	0	0	0
Pelsall Village School	2237	45	28	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	15	n/a	62	21	16	25	0	21	3	3	0	1

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Pheasey Park Farm Primary School	5203	90	77	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	51	n/a	121	74	31	15	1	74	3	0	0	0
Pinfold Street Primary	2103	60	60	1	3	0	33	0	0	0	23	0.327	111	85	16	10	0	60	0	0	0	0
Pool Hayes Primary	2119	30	23	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	15	n/a	40	21	10	8	1	21	1	0	0	1
Radleys Primary School	2228	30	24	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	15	n/a	34	19	7	8	0	19	0	1	0	4
Reedswood Primary Academy	2010	60	51	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	28	n/a	79	48	24	7	0	48	2	0	0	1
Rivers Academy	2017	60	48	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	26	n/a	70	43	17	10	0	43	5	0	0	0
Rosedale CE Infant	3101	90	67	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	33	n/a	87	67	16	4	0	67	0	0	0	0
Rushall Primary School	2205	30	30	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	21	0.848	73	42	21	10	0	29	0	1	0	0
Ryders Hayes School	2224	60	60	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	39	1.678	108	62	34	12	0	53	6	1	0	0
Salisbury Primary	2105	45	25	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	15	n/a	38	20	10	8	0	20	0	1	0	4
St Anne's Catholic Primary School*	3324	30	30									n/a	82	37	28	17	0	30	0	0	0	0
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School*	2046	30	8									n/a	19	7	11	1	0	7	1	0	0	0
St Francis Catholic Primary School*	3322	30	23									n/a	42	20	15	7	0	20	2	1	0	0
St Giles CE Primary	3102	60	53	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	30	n/a	80	50	18	10	2	50	2	0	0	1
St James Primary School	2248	30	30	0	1	0	13	0	0	0	16	1.1	47	32	9	6	0	30	0	0	0	0
St John's Church of England Primary School	3111	45	45	0	0	0	17	0	0	5	24	n/a	88	51	18	19	0	44	1	0	0	0
St Joseph's Catholic Primary*	3310	30	22									n/a	36	21	11	4	0	21	1	0	0	0
St Mary of The Angels Catholic Primary School*	3323	30	27									n/a	56	26	14	16	0	26	0	1	0	0
St Mary's The Mount Catholic Primary School*	3302	30	30									n/a	91	47	34	9	1	28	1	1	0	0
St Michael's Church of England C Primary	3110	60	60	0	0	0	34	0	0	6	19	0.605	124	74	35	15	0	60	0	0	0	0
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School*	3304	30	30									n/a	55	32	17	6	0	26	3	1	0	0

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St Peter's Catholic Primary*	3306	30	20									n/a	35	18	10	7	0	18	1	1	0	0
St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary*	3312	30	30									n/a	65	42	11	11	1	30	0	0	0	0
Sunshine Infant and Nursery	2003	60	52	1	1	0	24	0	0	0	26	n/a	66	46	10	10	0	46	8	0	0	4
Walsall Wood School	2218	30	30	0	2	0	16	0	0	0	12	0.477	81	35	22	24	0	29	1	0	0	0
Watling Street Primary School	2219	30	30	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	22	0.746	67	41	14	12	0	30	0	0	0	0
Whetstone Field Primary School	2214	30	30	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	18	1.566	77	32	25	20	0	30	0	0	0	0
Whitehall Nursery and Infant	2032	90	58	0	1	0	15	0	0	0	42	n/a	102	53	31	18	0	53	2	2	0	1
Woodlands Academy	2118	60	58	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	35	n/a	99	57	20	22	0	57	0	0	0	1
Woods Bank Academy	2104	52	39	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	17	n/a	42	32	7	2	1	32	0	0	0	7

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HOW JUNIOR PLACES WERE ALLOCATED FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

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Alumwell Junior	2000	90	88	3	0	0	31	0	50	4	n/a	93	88	2	3	0	88	0	0	0	0
Blakenall Heath Junior	2002	60	50	0	1	0	15	0	33	1	n/a	51	50	0	1	0	50	0	0	0	0
Blue Coat CE (A) Junior*	3300	90	88								n/a	106	88	11	7	0	88	0	0	0	0
Delves Junior	2043	90	90	0	0	0	27	0	61	2	0.59	132	94	27	10	1	90	0	0	0	0
New Invention Junior	2122	90	89	0	0	0	40	0	47	2	n/a	100	89	9	2	0	89	0	0	0	0
Palfrey Junior	2028	90	90	2	0	0	39	0	47	2	0.116	116	92	18	6	0	90	0	0	0	0
Park Hall Junior Academy	5201	102	101	0	1	0	41	0	51	8	n/a	120	100	16	4	0	100	1	0	0	0
Short Heath Junior	2116	90	75	4	1	0	19	0	50	1	n/a	79	74	4	1	0	74	0	0	0	1
Whitehall Junior	2031	90	73	2	2	0	17	0	51	1	n/a	103	68	20	15	0	68	2	0	0	3

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APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED ADMISISON TO RECEPTION & APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION OUTSIDE OF A CHILD'S NORMAL AGE GROUP

Children reach compulsory school age on the first day of the term following their fifth birthday. However, all Walsall primary schools provide full-time places for pupils in reception classes from September in the school year in which children reach their fifth birthday.

If parents prefer for their child to start school late than 1 September 2024, they have the option of delaying the child's entry until later in the 2024/25 school year. **Parents are not able to delay entry beyond the beginning of the term following their child's fifth birthday.**

Summer born children, (born between 1 April and 31 August) reach compulsory school age in the September following their fifth birthday (or their fifth birthday if it falls on 31 August). Parents of summer born children may submit a request for their child's entry to reception class to be deferred which means their child will be admitted to a reception class in the September following their fifth birthday, at the point in which other children in their chronological age group are moving from the reception class to year 1. All requests for reception class deferral should be submitted in writing to the Admissions and Education Sufficiency Manager by 15 January 2024 to primary.admissions@walsall.gov.uk and must be accompanied by relevant supporting educational or medical evidence.

Parents seeking a place for their child outside of their normal age group should make a request in writing to Walsall Council to primary.admissions@walsall.gov.uk providing details of the reason for the request and supporting medical or educational evidence. When a request for reception class deferral or admission outside of a child's normal age group relates to a community or voluntary school in Walsall, Walsall Council as the admission authority for the school, will make the decision as to whether to grant the request based on the individual circumstances of each case. If the application relates to a place at a school when Walsall Local Authority is not the admission authority, then the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team will forward the request to the relevant admission authority for their consideration.

