

Information for Parents

Admissions into Primary Schools

for September 2026



Walsall Council

Director's Welcome

Admission to Primary School in September 2026

I am delighted to welcome you to Walsall's guide for parents regarding admission into primary schools for September 2026. This booklet provides information, advice and guidance surrounding the application process for primary school places for September 2026.

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, they are eligible for a primary school place for September 2026.

The start of a child's full-time school life can be an 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. I am pleased to say that last year 99% of children who reside in Walsall secured one of their three preferences, with 95% securing their first preference. To increase your chance of securing a place at one of your preferred schools it is advisable to express a preference for three schools, the maximum number that you can apply for. Failure to do this may result in disappointment with the school place that is allocated to your 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** – This information is available in this booklet or from the school direct. This will enable parents to identify which criterion their application will fall within and therefore the likelihood of being offered a place.
- **Consider how your child will travel to and from school.**
- **Remember to submit by the National Closing Date of 15 January 2026** – submitting a late application will impact the chances of being offered a place at a preferred school.
- **We strongly advise you to list three preferred schools for 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 2026**.

All our Walsall schools are committed to giving each child the best possible start at a primary school, helping them to enjoy their experience, 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, 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,

Sharon Kelly

Director – Access & Inclusion

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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 2026, you must submit an on-line application using the Walsall Council website.

All applications are to be submitted online prior to the deadline, 15 January 2026.

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 school admissions](#)

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, Thursday 16 April 2026

Primary application checklist

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

Read the Information for Parents Booklet – gather an understanding of how the Inter-LA Coordinated Primary Admission Scheme works.

Explore school websites – read school admission policies and entry criteria to gain an understanding of how places are allocated. Ofsted reports are also available at the Ofsted website.

View schools' prospectuses – contact schools directly.

Attend open evenings – information regarding opening evenings can be found on the school's website.

Identify under which criteria your preferred schools filled places the previous year – this will enable you to identify which criterion your application will fall within and the likelihood of being offered a school place.

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.

Check performance tables – contact 0370 000 2288 or visit School performance tables

Explore if a supplementary information form is also required for the school you wish to apply for.

Attend a drop-in session – if you are struggling to complete an application or need further assistance from the Admissions and Education Sufficiency team. Dates and locations for drop-in sessions can be found on page 7.

Submit your application online:

Ensure your child's application is submitted before national deadline day 15 January 2026 – submitting a late application will impact the chances of being offered a place at a preferred school.

Include a maximum of three preferred schools on your application. We strongly urge Walsall parents and carers to list three different preferences on their application, the maximum allowed. We also advise including at least one local school you feel confident your child would have met the criteria for in previous years.

All places are offered based on how well a child meets the over-subscription criteria for each preferred school and there is never a guarantee that a place will be offered at any particular school. Including the maximum number of preferences increases the likelihood of a place being offered at a preferred school.

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 information 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.

If you are applying for a pupil premium place at Reedswood E-ACT Academy – please submit a supplementary information form directly to the school.

Schools outside of Walsall may also require additional information or registration forms, please visit the school's website directly to view their admission policies.

Review applications details -

- Check parent/carer contact details are correct – phone number and email address
- Check child's details are correct – including name, DOB and gender and home address

Review the application before submitting – have I ticked the following boxes, if applicable, and provided supporting evidence for:

- Children of multiple births
- Child in care/previously a child in care
- EHCP
- Medical/social requests
- Sibling connections

Following submission of your primary application

Changes can be made to your application through the online portal until the closing date - 15 January 2026.

Making changes to an application after 15 January 2026 – any change in preferences, other than in exceptional circumstances, will be regarded as a late application.

National Offer Day is the 16 April 2026 – all on-time applications will receive a single offer of a school place via email.

Appealing for a school place – online appeal forms for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools must be completed and submitted by 14 May 2026.

Obtain waiting list positions – waiting lists will be available from 30 April 2026.

Email schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk

Change of address – if you move address after the closing date, have you informed the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team and provided proof of address?

School place is no longer required – if the allocated school place is no longer required due to moving out of Walsall or alternate arrangements have been made, have you informed the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team and provided proof of address?

If you require support with completing your application, please contact the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team on schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk

Key dates

Closing Date:

The 15 January 2026 is the closing date for all primary 2026 applications. Your application along with any additional forms or supporting evidence must be submitted by this date.

April 2026:

National Offer Day is 16 April or the next working day. An email, offering your child a single offer of a school, will be sent by email on Thursday 16 April 2026 if your application was submitted on time.

Offers for late applications will be made as follows.

- **4 May 2026: Offer Day - Phase 1 – for late applications received between 16 January 2026 & 30 April 2026.**
- **10 June 2026: Offer Day - Phase 2 - for late applications received between 1 May 2026 & 5 June 2026**

May 2026:

Appeals – online appeal forms for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools must be completed and submitted by 14 May 2026. Further information surrounding appeals can be found within this booklet.

June/July 2026:

School admissions appeal panels will meet to hear appeals during the summer, June/July 2026.

Date	Primary 2026 Admissions - Key Dates
01 September 2025	Information for Parents booklet available online - Primary 2026.
01 September 2025	Portal for Reception 2026 & Junior 2026 applications open.
2 December 2025	Willenhall Library 9am - 12pm. Primary drop-in session to support families in the community to submit their reception and infant - junior 2026 applications.
2 December 2025	Darlaston Library 1pm - 4pm. Primary drop-in session to support families in the community to submit their reception and infant - junior 2026 applications.
3 December 2025	Lichfield Street Hub 9am - 5pm. Primary drop-in session to support families in the community to submit their reception and infant to junior 2026 applications.
4 December 2025	Blakenall Village Centre 1pm - 4pm. Primary drop-in session to support families in the community to submit their reception and infant to junior 2026 applications.
15 January 2026 (10pm)	NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR ON-TIME RECEPTION 2026 & JUNIOR 2026 APPLICATIONS
16 January 2026 - 14 February 2026	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)
15 February 2026	All applications received from this date forward will be considered late regardless of the circumstances
16 April 2026	PRIMARY NATIONAL OFFER DAY - all on-time applicants of Reception 2026 & Junior 2026 applications will receive an email confirming the school to be offered for September 2026
30 April 2026	Waiting list positions available for Reception 2026 & Junior 2026 applications.
04 May 2026	Late Offers - Phase 1 - Offers made for late applications received between 16/01/2026 & 30/04/2026
14 May 2026	Appeals Deadline - see Information for Parents booklet for more information.
10 June 2026	Late Offers - Phase 2 - Offers made for late applications received between 1/05/2026 & 05/06/2026
As Required	Further offers for late applications will be made as required.
June/July 2026	Appeal Hearings - dates to be confirmed to applicants as appropriate.
June/July 2026	Inset dates - to be confirmed by the school of offer.

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 school admissions](#) 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 43 maintained primary schools plus 43 academies in Walsall.

- 25 non-denominational schools (24 community and 1 foundation school)
- 9 Catholic schools (8 voluntary aided and 1 academy)
- 13 Church of England schools (7 voluntary controlled and 3 voluntary aided, 3 academy)
- 39 academies

There are 9 Infant schools (2 community schools, 1 voluntary controlled, 1 voluntary aided and 5 academy) for children aged between 3 and 7 years old.

There are 9 Junior schools (4 community schools, 1 voluntary aided and 4 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
- 51 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 in your application. For more information surrounding the admission criteria for schools out of the borough you will need to obtain a copy of the Local Authority's information booklet or visit the corresponding authority's website.

Birmingham LA - Tel: 0121 303 1888

Birmingham City Council, School Admissions, PO Box 16068, Birmingham, B2 2ZL

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Email: admict@birmingham.gov.uk

Dudley LA - Tel: 0300 555 2345 (choose Option 5 then Option 6)

People Services Directorate, School Admissions Service, The Council House, Priory Road, Dudley, DY1 1HF

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/>

Email: admissions.cs@dudley.gov.uk

Sandwell LA - Tel: 0121 569 6765

School Admissions Service, Sandwell Council House, PO BOX 16230, Freeth Street, Oldbury, B69 3EX

<https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/school-admissions>

Email: annual_schooladmissions@sandwell.gov.uk

Staffordshire LA - Tel: 0300 111 8007 (Select option for School Admissions & Transport)

School Admissions and Transport Service, Staffordshire County Council, 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street,

Stafford, ST16 2DH <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Education.aspx>

Email: admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk

Wolverhampton LA - Tel: 01902 551122

City of Wolverhampton Council Education, Directorate Admissions and Appeals, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1SH

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions>

E Mail: school.admissions@wolverhampton.gov.uk

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 form 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 15 January 2026. 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.**

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 15 January 2026. 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 15 February 2026 and 15 April 2026 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 14 February 2026 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 15 January 2026. 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 18.

Can I delay my child's entry into reception?

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 later than 1 September 2026, they may have the option to delay their child's entry. Further information can be found on page 34.

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 14 May 2026; 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.

Do I need to accept my school offer?

Acceptance of School Place Offered

Walsall Council will only make one offer to your child unless it becomes possible to offer a higher ranked preference later in the process or you are successful at appeal. The school that is offered is the school that your child should attend from September 2026. It is not necessary for you to contact either the Local Authority or the relevant School to accept the offer.

Schools outside the Walsall Borough may require you to accept your school offer with that Local Authority. Contact details for neighbouring Local Authorities can be found on page 8.

Can I decline my school offer?

Walsall Council has a statutory duty to ensure all children are given a school place.

We will not remove the offer of a school place unless other suitable education arrangements have been made. This includes:

- Securing a place at another school
- Enrolling in an independent school
- Registering for elective home education

Until such arrangements are confirmed, the current offer remains in place, and we expect your child to attend the offered school in September 2026. If your child does not attend, the Council may issue a School Attendance Order (SAO), which is a legal requirement for your child to be enrolled at the named school. Failure to comply with an SAO could lead to legal action.

If you have obtained a school place elsewhere, please advise the Admissions and Education Sufficiency Team at schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk. All refusals must be made in writing.

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 from the 30 April 2026. All waiting list positions are fluid and can move up or down depending 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 direction by a local authority to be admitted 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 by ticking the appropriate box.

Who will be able to access information or make changes to my application?

Once submitted, updates or changes to an application can only be made by the applicant. We are unable to share information regarding a child's application without the applicants written consent.

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.

Transport to primary schools

Please note:

This applies only to children of compulsory school age attending a Primary School, children under the age of 5 can 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 assistance 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 will qualify for travel assistance if 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

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 free travel assistance in the form of a bus pass.
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 travel assistance in the form of 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 travel assistance.

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 travel assistance will be assessed annually.

Walsall primary schools

Follow the link below to find your nearest primary school. This link enables parents to locate all primary schools within the borough of Walsall and allows parents to search for the closest schools to their home address, using the 'find address' function.

<https://mymaps.walsall.gov.uk/mywalsall.aspx>

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 (AC) Barcroft, Willenhall, WV13 1NA	3-11	60	Telephone: 01902 368132 Email: postbox@bar.lighthousefederation.com
Beacon Primary (AC) Davis Road, New Invention, Willenhall, WV12 5HA	2-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710874 Email: postbox@bea.lighthousefederation.com
Bentley West Primary (AC) Monmouth Road, Bentley, WS2 0EQ	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 720792 Email: bentleywest.postbox@bentleywest.co.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@blackwoodprimary.com
Blakenall Heath Junior (AC) Field Road, Bloxwich, Walsall, WS3 3JF	7-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710145 Email: postbox@bla.lighthousefederation.com
Bloxwich Academy (AC) Bloxwich Lane, Walsall, WS2 7JT	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710 226 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	2-11	45	Telephone: 01922 710700 Email: postbox@busilljonesprimary.co.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	60	Telephone: 01922 721359 Email: cpa-postbox@attrust.org.uk
Castlefort JMI (AC) Castlefort Road, Walsall Wood, Walsall, WS9 9JP	3-11	30	Telephone: 01543 452158 Email: postbox@cas.lighthousefederation.com
Christ Church CE (AC) Harden Road, Leamore, Walsall, WS3 1EN	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710080 Email: postbox@christchurch.walsall.sch.uk

School name, type & address	Age range	Published admission number	Contact details
Chuckery Primary (C) Lincoln Road, Walsall, WS1 2DZ	2-11	60	Telephone: 01922 449104 Email: postbox@chuckery.walsall.sch.uk
Cooper & Jordan CE VA Primary (VA) The Green, Aldridge, Walsall, WS8 8NH	2-11	60	Telephone: 01922 743765 Email: postbox@cooperjordan.walsall.sch.uk
County Bridge Primary (C) Anson Road, Bentley, WS2 0DH	2-11	30	Telephone: 01922 720718 Email: postbox@countybridge.walsall.sch.uk
Croft Academy (AC) Croft Street, Walsall, WS2 8JE	2-11	30	Telephone: 01922 720689 Email: admin.croft@croftacademy.org
Delves Infant & Nursery (AC) Botany Road, Walsall, WS5 4PU	2-7	90	Telephone: 01922 720754 Email: postbox@delvesinfantschool.co.uk
Delves Junior (AC) 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@esp.greenheartlearning.org
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	2-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710182 Email: postbox@goldsmith.windsoracademytrust.org.uk
Greenfield Primary (AC) Coal Heath Lane, Shelfield, WS4 1PL	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 682234 Email: postbox@greenfield.walsall.sch.uk
Hillary Primary School (AC) 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	4-11	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@kingcharlesprimary.co.uk
Kings Hill Primary (C) Old Park Road, Wednesbury, WS10 9JG	2-11	60	Telephone: 0121 568 6301 Email: postbox@kings-hill.walsall.sch.uk
Leamore Primary School (C) Bloxwich Road, Leamore, WS3 2BB	2-11	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 School (AC) Hundred Acre Road, Streetly, B74 2BB	3-11	60	Telephone: 0121 353 9273 Email: postbox@lin.lighthousefederation.com
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	2-11	60	Telephone: 01902 928900 Email: postbox@lodgefarmprimary.co.uk
Lower Farm Primary (C) Bakewell Close, Bloxwich, WS3 3QH	2-11	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

School name, type & address	Age range	Published admission number	Contact details
Meadow View JMI (AC) Frampton Way, Great Barr, B43 7UJ	3-11	60	Telephone: 0121 366 6182 Email: postbox@mv.lighthousefederation.com
Millfield Primary (C) Catshill Road, Brownhills, WS8 6BN	3-11	30	Telephone: 01543 452513 Email: postbox@millfield.walsall.sch.uk
Moorcroft Wood (AC) Bull Lane, Bilston, WV14 8NE	2-11	30	Telephone: 01902 495943 Email: postbox@mcw.lighthousefederation.com
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 Learning Academy (AC) 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 (AC) Bescot Street, Walsall, WS1 4HY	3-7	90	Telephone: 01922 720713 Email: postbox@palfreyinfant.co.uk
Palfrey Junior (C) Dale Street, Walsall, WS1 4AH	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	30	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
Radleys Primary (C) Kings Road, Rushall, WS4 1JJ	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 721383 Email: postbox@radleysprimary.org
Reedswood E-ACT Academy (AC) Bentley Drive, Walsall, WS2 8RX	2-11	60	Telephone: 01922 721323 Email: postbox.reedswood@e-act.org.uk
Rivers Primary Academy (AC) Livingstone Road, Blakenall, Walsall, WS3 1LY	3-11	60	Telephone: 01922 710164 Email: postbox@rivers.windsoracademytrust.org.uk
Rosedale CE Infant (VC) Stroud Avenue, Willenhall, WV12 4EG	4-7	60	Telephone: 01902 368910 Email: rosedale@shortheathfederation.org.uk
Rushall Primary (AC) 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	2-11	60	Telephone: 01922 683008 Email: postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk
Salisbury Primary (C) Salisbury Street, Darlaston, WS10 8BQ	3-11	30	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

School name, type & address	Age range	Published admission number	Contact details
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 (AC) Narrow Lane, Brownhills, WS8 6HX	4-11	15	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 (AC) Great Charles Street, Brownhills, WS8 6AE	4-11	30	Telephone: 01543 452328 Email: postbox@sj.lighthousefederation.com
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 0HA	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 (AC) Blakenall Lane, Leamore Lane, Walsall, WS3 1HF	3-7	60	Telephone: 01922 710174 Email: postbox@sun.lighthousefederation.com
Walsall Wood (AC) Brownhills Road, Brownhills, WS8 7BP	3-11	30	Telephone: 01543 452664 Email: postbox@walsallwoodprimary.org.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 0HJ	3-11	30	Telephone: 01922 743498 Email: office@whetstonefield.co.uk
Whitehall Junior (C) Delves Road, Walsall, WS1 3JY	7-11	90	Telephone: 01922 720778 Email: postbox@whitehall-j.walsall.sch.uk
Whitehall Nursery and Infant School (AC) West Bromwich Road, Walsall, WS1 3HS	3-7	90	Telephone: 01922 721991 Email: postbox@whitehall.victrust.org
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	30	Telephone: 0121 568 6421 Email: postbox@woodsbank.org

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 at alternate place in your home authority area.

On National Notification Date, 16 April 2026, all parents in Walsall, will be informed of the outcome of their applications.

Example of how the Inter-LA co-ordinated 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	Fairview	Lives 5 miles away	No	No
2	Sunnyville	Lives ½ mile away	Yes	Yes
3	Hall View	Lives 1 mile away	Yes	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:

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

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 15 January 2026; applications submitted after this deadline will be considered as late.

Also considered as late applications:

- Requesting to add additional school preferences after the deadline.
- Requesting to change the preference order of 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 (16 January 2026 - 14 February 2026)

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 prevented 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 (15 February - 15 April 2026)

All applications submitted more than 4 weeks after the closing date, but before National Offer Day, 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 pages 6 to determine when offers will be received for late applications.

Late Applications received after National Offer Day 16 April 2026 (once places have been offered)

Applications received after National Offer Day will be offered a place at the highest ranked school depending upon availability. For Walsall residents only, if no places are available at any preferred school, an alternative 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 2026. Parents can enquire about their child's waiting list position by contacting the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team on schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk from 30 April 2026. To enquire about your waiting list position for a school outside of Walsall please contact the relevant local authority.

Children who are the subject of directions by a local authority to be admitted 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.

Multiple offers

We will only make one offer of a school place for your child on National Offer Day.

If the local authority is in a position to offer a higher preference from the waiting list at a later date, we will make contact with you by email and telephone to advise of the available place. Written acceptance of this additional offer will be required within 5 working days whereby the lower preference offer will be removed. Please note that your child can only hold a place at one school at any time.

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 letter explains who you will need to contact for information surrounding appeals. If the school you wish to appeal to is situated outside of Walsall, you should contact the relevant local authority for information on their process.

The deadline for you to submit your appeal form for a community or voluntary controlled school within Walsall is 14 May 2026. For academies, foundation schools and voluntary aided schools, appeals are arranged by the governing bodies, you will need to contact the school direct for an appeal form and information about their appeals procedure and the deadline for submission.

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 16 April 2026, 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 the 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.

If there are more applications than there are places available, places will be allocated using the Oversubscription Criteria in the following order of priority:

Criterion 1: Children in public care & previously looked after children

Children and young people in care are children who at the time of application are:

- In the care of the Local Authority
- Being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of the social services functions.

Previous Children and young people in Care are children who

- were looked after but ceased to be so due to adoption (or became subject to child arrangements order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been looked after.
- Children who appear to a Local Authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because of being adopted.

Supporting Evidence: If the child for whom the application is being made is in the care of a local authority or previous children in care this must be indicated on the common application form, support of this must be added to the application by way of attachment.

Criterion 2: Children who have a sibling in attendance at the school or paired junior school when the application is submitted 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 or sister sharing the same parents;
- A half-brother or half-sister sharing one common parent.
- A stepbrother or sister (i.e. related by their parent's marriage);
- 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).

Criterion 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. (Applications will be subject to verification by the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Manager)

If parents believe there are specific medical or social reasons for claiming priority for a child to attend a particular school, the relevant part of the application must be completed and evidence to support the claim must be submitted to the Local Authority.

Requests for such consideration will be subject to verification by the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Manager. This is necessary because parents will be asking the Authority to assess the child as having a stronger case than many other children, some of whom may live closer to the school.

Medical Evidence

Medical evidence must be submitted in writing from a medical practitioner and should state why the preferred school is the only school that can meet the child's needs. This must relate to either the child or the parents, for example where the parent(s) or the child has a disability that may make travelling to a school further away more difficult. Medical evidence, which relates to parent, will be considered in the following circumstances:

- Where the child lives with a single parent who has a medical condition or disability that may make travel to a school further away more difficult.
- Where the child lives with both parents and both parents have a medical condition or disability that may make travel to a school further away more difficult.
- Where a child lives with both parents and one parent has a medical condition or disability that may make travel to a school further away more difficult medical evidence may be considered if the other parent is unable to accompany the child on the journey to and from school because they are the sole carer for the other parent.

Social Evidence

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

Please note that preferences are only given priority under the medical/social criterion in very exceptional cases where medical or social evidence clearly demonstrates that the preferred school is the only school which can meet the child's needs.

Criterion 4: For applications to junior schools only. Attendance by the child at the relevant paired infant school when the application is made.

The paired infant and junior schools are:

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

*Please see academy website for their over subscription criteria.

Criterion 5: For applications to voluntary controlled Church of England primary schools only. Up to 25% of places may be allocated as 'Church Places' to children, regardless of distance between home and school, whose parents are regular worshippers at a Christian church and whose application is supported in writing by the minister of the church where they worship.

The following voluntary controlled Church of England primary schools have 'Church Places':

- Christ Church CE (C) JMI
- Holy Trinity CE Primary
- Little Bloxwich CE (VC)Primary
- Old Church CE (C) Primary
- Rosedale CE (C) Infant
- St Giles CE Primary
- St John's CE Primary
- St Michael's CE (C) Primary

The number of Church places available is determined by the Admission Number of the school. Voluntary controlled Church of England primary schools:

Admission Number	Maximum Number of Church Places
30	7
45	11
60	15
90	22

If there is over-subscription for Church Places, priority will be given to those living closest to the school as measured in a straight line.

'Regular worshipper' is defined as attending a place of worship on at least one occasion per month over the past twelve months.

Supporting Evidence:

A supplementary information form (SIF) will need to be downloaded from the Walsall Council website [School admissions](#) for applicants to submit to the school.

Criterion 6: Distance between the home address and the school as measured in a straight line with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

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.

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

- owned by the child's parent(s) or guardian; or
- leased to or rented by the child's parent(s), or guardian under lease or written rental agreement of not less than six months duration.

Documentary evidence of ownership or rental agreement may be required together with proof of actual permanent residence at the property concerned. In certain circumstances the child's current school will be asked to verify the address given.

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 most of the week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary 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 under the distance criterion.

If a family moves between the application and the date of offer, the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team must be informed as soon as possible of these circumstances.

If the home address is a flat (or apartment) and there is more than one flat at the same address, priority will be given to applicants living in the lowest numbered flat 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 over subscription, 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: [ASNA Admission Arrangements](#)

Bentley West Primary School: [Admissions](#)

Birchills Church of England Community Academy: [Birchills Church of England Community Academy - Policies](#)

Blackwood School: [Blackwood School - Class Admissions](#)

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 Primary Academy: [Edgar Stammers](#)

Fibbersley Park Academy: [Admissions | Fibbersley Park Academy](#)

Goldsmith Primary Academy: [Goldsmith Primary Academy School Admissions](#)

Greenfield Primary School: [Greenfield Primary School - Admissions](#)

Jubilee Academy Mossley: [Admissions - Jubilee Academy Mossley \(Attrust.org.uk\)](#)

Lodge Farm Primary Academy: **Admissions** — [Lodge Farm Primary School, Willenhall](#)

New Invention Learning Academy: [Admissions \(Invention-J.walsall.sch.uk\)](#)

North Walsall Primary Academy: [North Walsall Primary Academy \(Attrust.org.uk\)](#)

Park Hall Infant Academy: [Admissions | Park Hall Infant Academy \(Parkhall-Inf.walsall.sch.uk\)](#)

Park Hall Junior Academy: [Admissions | Park Hall Junior Academy](#)

Pheasey Park Farm Primary Academy: [Admissions | Pheasey Park Farm](#)

Reedwood E-ACT Academy: [Reedwood E-ACT Primary Academy](#)

Ryders Hayes School: [Admissions \(ryders-hayes.co.uk\)](#)

Rivers Primary Academy: [How to Apply | Rivers Primary Academy](#)

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School: [Admissions | St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School](#)

Walsall Wood School: [Admissions | Walsall Wood School](#)

Woodlands Academy of Learning: [Admissions | Woodlands Academy of Learning](#)

Woods Bank Academy: [Admissions \(woodsbank.org\)](#)

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: [Admissions \(cooperjordan.walsall.sch.uk\)](http://cooperjordan.walsall.sch.uk)

Admission criteria for voluntary aided catholic schools

St Anne's Catholic Primary School: [Reception Class Admissions](#)

St Francis Catholic Primary School: [St. Francis Catholic Primary School, Mill Road, Shelfield, Walsall](#)

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 Mary's the Mount Catholic Primary School: [St Mary's the Mount Primary - Admissions](#)

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School: [St Patrick's Catholic Primary School - Admissions](#)

St Peter's Catholic Primary School: [Admission Procedures | St Peters \(st-peters.walsall.sch.uk\)](#)

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School: [Reception Admissions \(st-thomas.walsall.sch.uk\)](#)

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 children 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 for the school will further assist with helping your child achieve. To register for free school meals, please complete the application form online and submit it electronically from the Walsall Council website. For more information, please visit this link: [Apply for free school meals](#)

Nursery Education

Good quality pre-school experiences are directly related to better cognitive, social, and behavioral development for young children. All providers of early year's education work within the statutory Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework.

Note for 2025: A revised EYFS framework will take effect from 1 September 2025, updating requirements for both childminders and school/group settings.

Universal Hours for 3 & 4 year olds

All parents of children aged three and four can access free, government funded childcare, equivalent to 15 hours per week (570 free hours per year). This funding can be claimed the term after the child turns 3.

Families receiving qualifying benefits (including Universal Credit) and earning below the threshold £24,000 per household, may access 15 hours per week of funded childcare.

2-year old funding for families in receipt of additional government support

- This funding entitles parents to 15 weekly hours of funded education, which can be claimed the term after the child turns 2.
- Parents must meet the eligibility criteria – you can find this here [15 hours childcare funding for eligible 2-year-olds](#)
- There are deadlines for application of this funding. Please see the table below.
- The parents do not have to reconfirm this funding. Once they begin to claim this they never lose it regardless of any changes to circumstances.
- This funding continues until the child moves onto the Universal Funding for 3&4 years olds (please see below)
- There may be times when parents are eligible for both the working parent entitlement and disadvantaged funding. If this happens the parents can use 15 hours from both funding streams to claim 30 hours per week.

Working Parent Entitlement.

In addition to this, from September 2025, working parents of children aged 9 months + may be able to access up to 30 hours government funded childcare.

- This funding entitles parents to 30 hours of funded education per week (1,140 free hours per year) and can be claimed the term after the child turns 9 months. They can apply here - [Homepage | Childcare Choices](#)
- Parents must meet the eligibility criteria which can be found here - [Get free childcare if you're working: Check if you're eligible - GOV.UK](#)
- If eligible, parents are then required to log onto their childcare account by the end date they are given (this is usually every 3 months) and reconfirm their details. If they fail to do this, they may lose their funding.
- There are deadlines to apply for this funding please see below.

Deadline for Application	Term to Claim
Must apply by 31st August	To claim funding in the Autumn term (September)
Must apply by 31st December	To claim funding in the Spring term
(January)	
Must apply by 31st March	To claim funding in the Summer term (April)

Flexibility & Providers

Entitlements are usually taken over 38 weeks (term time), but some providers offer year-round flexibility with pro-rata hours.

Funded hours can be used in up to **two different settings simultaneously**, such as:

- Nursery schools/classes
- Primary schools
- Playgroups
- Day nurseries
- Independent schools
- Registered childminders

When can a child claim their funding?

The same rules apply for all funding types:

Child turns 9 months+ between 01 September – 31 December	and has applied before 31 December – Child can start in January
Child turns 9 months+ between 01 January – 31 March	and has applied before 31 March – Child can start in April
Child turns 9 months+ between 01 April – 31 August	and has applied before 31 August – Child can start in September
Children cannot start accessing the funding until the term after they have applied.	

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 visit the Walsall Family Hub Webpage at www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk

How do I apply for nursery place?

Applications for nursery places should be made directly to the school.

If there are more applications than there are nursery places available, at Community or Voluntary Controlled nurseries, infant, and primary schools then places will be allocated using the Oversubscription Criteria in the following order of priority.

Priority for nursery places will be given to children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023. If places are oversubscribed, the following Oversubscription Criteria will apply:

- 1) Children in Care and all previous children in care, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because of being adopted.
- 2) Pupils who have a sibling already in attendance at the school or paired junior school when the application is made and who will be still attending the school at the proposed admission date.
- 3) Pupils for whom a place at the school is essential on medical or social grounds and supported in writing by a medical practitioner or a Social Worker. (Applications will be subject to verification by the Admissions & Education Sufficiency Manager).
- 4) Distance between the home address and the school as measured in a straight line with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Where places are still available schools may only offer places to children who have attained the age of 3. If the remaining places are oversubscribed the Oversubscription Criteria 1-4, shown above, will apply. If you are refused a nursery place there is no right of appeal as nursery education is non-statutory.

If there is oversubscription in criteria 2 and 3, priority will be given to those living closest to the school as measured in a straight line.

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

Charges & Additional Services

From **1 April 2025**, DfE guidance clarifies that parents can only be charged for **non-EYFS items**, such as meals, consumables (nappies, suncream), and extras (e.g., clubs) – and must be able to **opt in or out** for these services

Settings must publish any additional charges (e.g., on their own website or via local directories) by **January 2026 at the latest**.

You can find more information on funding at the below websites:

[Homepage | Childcare Choices](#)

[15 hours childcare funding for eligible 2-year-olds](#)

www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk

How reception places were allocated for September 2025

Reception Offers 2025	DFE No	PAN	Total Offered	How places were offered										Number of preferences received (on-time)					Number of offers made (on-time)				
				SEN	CIC	Medical/Social	Sibling(s)	Staff Child	Feeder	Church Place	Pupil Premium	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	21	2	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	10	N/A	36	21	11	4	0	21	0	0	0	0
All Saints National Academy	2019	30	17	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	5	N/A	35	16	15	4	0	16	1	0	0	0
Alumwell Infant	2001	90	84	3	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	43	N/A	107	84	17	6	0	84	0	0	0	0
Barcroft Primary	3329	60	59	2	1	0	30	0	0	0	0	23	N/A	77	56	11	10	0	56	0	0	0	3
Beacon Primary	2247	60	59	0	0	1	30	0	0	0	0	28	N/A	102	57	21	23	1	57	2	0	0	0
Bentley West Primary	2049	60	60	1	2	4	34	0	0	0	0	19	0.4	102	70	16	16	0	60	0	0	0	0
Birchills C of E Community Academy	2015	60	48	2	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	23	N/A	66	48	13	5	0	48	0	0	0	0
Blackwood School	2234	90	85	0	1	0	41	0	0	0	0	43	N/A	183	82	70	31	0	82	3	0	0	0
Bloxwich Academy	4001	60	51	1	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	26	N/A	65	51	7	7	0	51	0	0	0	0
Blue Coat CE (A) Infant*	3301	90	78										N/A	131	76	37	18	0	76	2	0	0	0
Brownhills West Primary School	2225	30	19	1	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	4	N/A	22	19	1	2	0	19	0	0	0	0
Busill Jones Primary	2036	45	25	1	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	6	N/A	34	25	4	5	0	25	0	0	0	0
Butts Primary School	2006	30	30	2	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	10	0.421	47	34	8	5	0	30	0	0	0	0
Caldmore Primary Academy	2123	60	33	1	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	18	N/A	73	33	28	12	0	33	0	0	0	0
Castlefort JMI	2222	30	27	1	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	18	N/A	55	24	18	13	0	24	0	2	0	1
Christ Church CE JMI	3000	60	60	0	2	1	22	0	0	5	0	30	0.911	95	57	27	11	0	55	5	0	0	0
Chuckery Primary School	2250	60	41	1	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	15	N/A	57	36	11	10	0	36	1	0	0	4

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How junior places were allocated for September 2025

How places were offered													Number of preferences received (on-time)					Number of offers made (on-time)					
Year 3 Offers 2025	DfE No	PAN	Offered	SEN	CIC	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)	
	Alumwell Junior	2000	90	86	5	0	0	32	0	47	0	0	N/A	90	82	6	2	0	82	2	0	0	2
	Blakenall Heath Junior	2002	60	57	2	0	0	20	0	32	0	3	0	60	57	2	1	0	57	0	0	0	0
	Blue Coat CE (A) Junior*	3300	90	90								N/A	112	94	12	6	0	89	1	0	0	0	
	Delves Junior	2043	90	90	1	1	0	34	0	53	0	1	0.11	136	91	39	6	0	88	2	0	0	0
	New Invention Learning Academy	2122	90	88	4	0	0	24	0	59	0	1	N/A	96	87	9	0	0	87	1	0	0	0
	Palfrey Junior	2028	90	90	2	1	0	32	0	49	0	6	0.379	116	91	16	9	0	90	0	0	0	0
	Park Hall Junior Academy	5201	102	102	2	1	0	45	0	49	0	5	0.556	138	116	13	9	0	102	0	0	0	0
	Short Heath Junior	2116	90	73	4	1	0	31	0	37	0	0	N/A	82	73	8	1	0	73	0	0	0	0
	Whitehall Junior	2031	90	84	7	1	0	29	0	41	0	2	N/A	99	70	20	9	0	70	6	4	0	4

* Places offered in line with the schools faith based admission criteria

PAN = Published Admission Number

SEN = Child with Education Health and Care Plan

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 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.

What happens if your child has an EHCP?

The admission of a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan to a school is the responsibility of the Local Authority which maintains the child's EHCP, this is the authority in which you pay your council tax. The government has set a different time scale for the admissions process for children with EHCP's, meaning places will be given to children with a statement of EHCP before places are allocated to other children. SEN regulations require that the EHC plan must be reviewed and amended before **15 February 2026** if your child is due to change school in September 2025. This means there should always be an annual review of the EHC plan before a transfer to a new phase of education. The annual review process should begin in the autumn term prior to the phase transfer.

Parents/carers of children who live in Walsall, can apply online via the Walsall Council portal, but they should ensure that they show on the application that their child has an EHCP. Parents can also apply by completing the preference form that you will receive as part of the EHCP phased transfer process. The Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team and

Education, Health Care Team will work together to ensure that all children with an EHCP receive a single offer of a school place.

Please note that it is not possible to list a preference for a Special School on the online application and parents who wish to apply for a Special School place will need to contact their EHCP family liaison officer to discuss the process of applying for a Special School.

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 15 February 2026 time scale. Where the decision to issue an EHCP is not made by the 15 February 2026, the EHCP 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.

Application for deferred admission 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 later than 1 September 2026, they have the option to delay their child's entry until later in the 2026/27 school year when their child reaches compulsory school age. Parents who wish to delay their child's start must complete an application by 15 January 2026 and must write to Walsall Council to inform them on 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 child's fifth birthday.** Furthermore, parents can request that their child attend part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Summer born children, (born between 1 April and 31 August) reach compulsory school age in September following their fifth birthday. 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 via primary.admissions@walsall.gov.uk by 15 January 2026 along with supporting education or medical evidence provided by a professional working directly with the child.**

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.

For further information please contact:

Admissions and Education Sufficiency Team

Email: schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk

Apply on-line at

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-primary-school-place>