

Secondary Education in Coventry

2026

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Apply by
31 October
2025



REMEMBER

The information in this booklet was correct at the time of compilation in August 2025 but there may be changes to details either before or during the academic year 2025/26

Please check our website www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions where any changes will be published.



Apply online at:

www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you need this information in another format or language, please contact:

Telephone: 024 7697 8944

Email: SettlementTeam@coventry.gov.uk

Introduction

Deciding which secondary school to choose is one of the most important decisions parents, carers and young people have to make. We want to make sure that your child's move from primary to secondary school is as smooth as possible. It is important that you have all the information available so that you and your child can make an informed decision about the school you would prefer them to attend.

We aim to make sure that you have the best chance of securing a place at the school of your choice. For admissions in September 2025, we were only able to offer 83.1% of children their first preference and 95.2% of children one of their three preferences. Due to the high number of applicants, many schools received more applications than there are places available. This meant that parents who applied late were often unsuccessful in getting a place at one of their preferred schools. It is therefore very important that you apply by the closing date and use the information in this booklet and advice from Admissions staff to ensure you have the best chance of getting a place at your preferred school.

For entry in 2026 we are expecting a higher number of applicants and although some schools have expanded to help to meet demand, we are aware that there will be a lot of competition for places again this year.

School places are offered on the basis of the priorities in each school admissions policy. Please look at the details of the policies for each school that you are interested in, so that you can see whether your application would have a high priority or not. It is important to make realistic applications because where you are not successful with any of your choices, we will have to offer you a place at the nearest school with places available, which may be some distance from your home.

To apply for a school place please apply online by 31 October 2025.

My staff will do everything they can to help provide the very best education for your child in Coventry.

Rachael Sugars
Strategic Lead for Education and SEND

Where can I get more help?

If you feel you need more support and guidance than you find in this document then at any time during the process, you can:

- **Contact staff by** emailing secondaryadmissions@coventry.gov.uk
- Or contact your local primary school

Other language versions

English	If you need help translating this document, please contact the Ethnic Minority Achievement Service on 024 7697 5491
Arabic	إذا اردت المساعدة فى ترجمة هذه الأوراق، الرجاء الاتصال بخدمة الأقليات على هذا الرقم 024 7697 5491
French	Si vous avez besoin d'aide pour traduire ce document, nous vous prions de contacter le service 'Ethnic Minority Achievement' au 024 7697 5491
Italian	Se avrebbe bisogno d'aiuto per tradurre questo documento, potrebbe chiamare il servizio di esecuzione di minoranza etnica su questo numero di telefono 024 7697 5491
Mandarin	如果您需要帮助你翻译本文档，请联系少数民族成就服务 024 7697 5491
Panjabi	ਜਕਰ ਤਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਦਸਤਾਵਜ਼ (document) ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਚ ਅਨਵਾਦ (translate) ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹ ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ Ethnic Minority service Achievement ਨੂੰ ਹਠ ਲਖ ਨਬਰ ਤ ਸਪਰਕ ਕਰ। ਫ਼ਨ 024 7697 5491
Polish	Jeśli masz trudności ze zrozumieniem tego dokumentu i potrzebujesz tłumaczenia, zwróć się do Ethnic Minority Achievement Service pod numer 024 7697 5491
Portuguese	Se precisar de ajuda para traduzir este documento, entre em contato com o Serviço de Realização de Minorias Étnicas no 024 7697 5491
Romanian	Daca aveti nevoie de ajutor pentru a traduce acest document, va rugam sa contactati Ethnic Minority Achievement Service la numarul de telefon 024 7697 5491
Russian	Если вам нужна помощь с переводом этого документа, пожалуйста обращайтесь в Ethnic Minority Achievement Service по телефону 024 7697 5491
Slovak	Ak potrebujete pomoc s prekladom tohto dokumentu prosim kontaktujte Ethnic Minority Achievement Service na tel.cisle 024 7697 5491
Somali	Hadii aad u baahantahay in laguugu turjimo luqadaada Soomaliaga ah dekumintigaan , adoo mahadsan la xariir hayadaan Ethnic Minority Achievement Service or 024 7697 5491
Spanish	Si necesita ayuda para traducir este documento, póngase en contacto con el Servicio de Realización de Minorías Étnicas en el 024 7697 5491
Tamil	இந்த ஆவணத்தை மொழிபெயர்ப்பதற்கு உங்களுக்கு உதவி தேவைப்பட்டால், தயவுசெய்து சிறுபான்மையினரின் சாதனைச் சேவையை 024 7697 5491 இல் தொடர்பு கொள்ளவும்
Urdu	اگر آپ کو اس دستاویز کا ترجمہ کرنے میں مدد درکار ہے تو براۓ مہربانی اتھنک مائنارٹی اچیومنٹ سروس سے 024 7697 5491 پر رابطہ کریں۔

Contents

Introduction/Other languages	2/3
Online Admissions Process	5
Section 1: General information	7
- Application process	
- Special educational needs	
- Addresses	
- Late applications	
- Frequently asked questions about starting secondary school	
Section 2: Coventry Schools	22
- Information on Coventry secondary schools	
- Open evening information	
- Maps – location of Coventry Secondary Schools	
- Applying from outside Coventry	
- School details and admissions criteria	
Section 3: How offers of places are made	75
- Information about the allocation process and waiting lists	
Section 4: Transport to school and free school meals	78
Section 5: What the law says about parental responsibility, parental preference, crown servants and rights to appeal	83
Section 6: Moving schools at other times	87
- In year transfers	
-How to apply	
- Fair Access Protocol	
- Applications for places outside the normal age group	
- Applying for University Technical Colleges	
Section 7: Jargon Buster	92

Why should I apply online?

- You will receive notification of the result of your application by email or you can check your account for details on 2 March 2026 – before the letter arrives
- There is no risk that your application will be lost in the post
- You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been received
- It is quick and easy to use
- You can apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- It is safe and secure
- You can change your application up to the closing date: 31 October 2025

Online admission process

Last year 93.8% of parents submitted online applications requesting a secondary school place for September 2025. The online facility for secondary school admissions for September 2026 will be available from 1 September 2025 until 31 October 2025 and is a quick and simple way to make your application. It will also enable you to know the result on 2 March 2026 rather than waiting for a letter that will be sent out with the results for all other applicants.

Some primary schools will make their computers available at certain times for parents to complete and submit an online application form. You should check with your child's school to find out whether they provide this service. Alternatively, check with your local library for support in completing your online application.

To find your nearest library please visit www.coventry.gov.uk/communitylibraries. You need to join the library before you can use a computer, it's free for everyone .

[www.coventry.gov.uk/info/126/libraries/3213/join find use](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/126/libraries/3213/join_find_use)

Why not join up the whole family so you are ready for school?

You can apply straight from the school admissions page of the Coventry City Council website at www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions

****If you decide you want to change the schools or any information you can do this online up to the closing date, 31 October 2025. Please remember to resubmit your application after reviewing or making any changes to your application.**

You will receive an email on 2 March 2026 informing you which school has been allocated for your child. You can also log into your account and you will be able to see which school your child has been allocated to online.

If you are unable to complete an application online for any reason, you can contact your child's Primary school for a paper application and return this to the Primary school so they can send the application to the Admissions Team. Please ensure this is done before the deadline of 31 October 2025.

REMEMBER

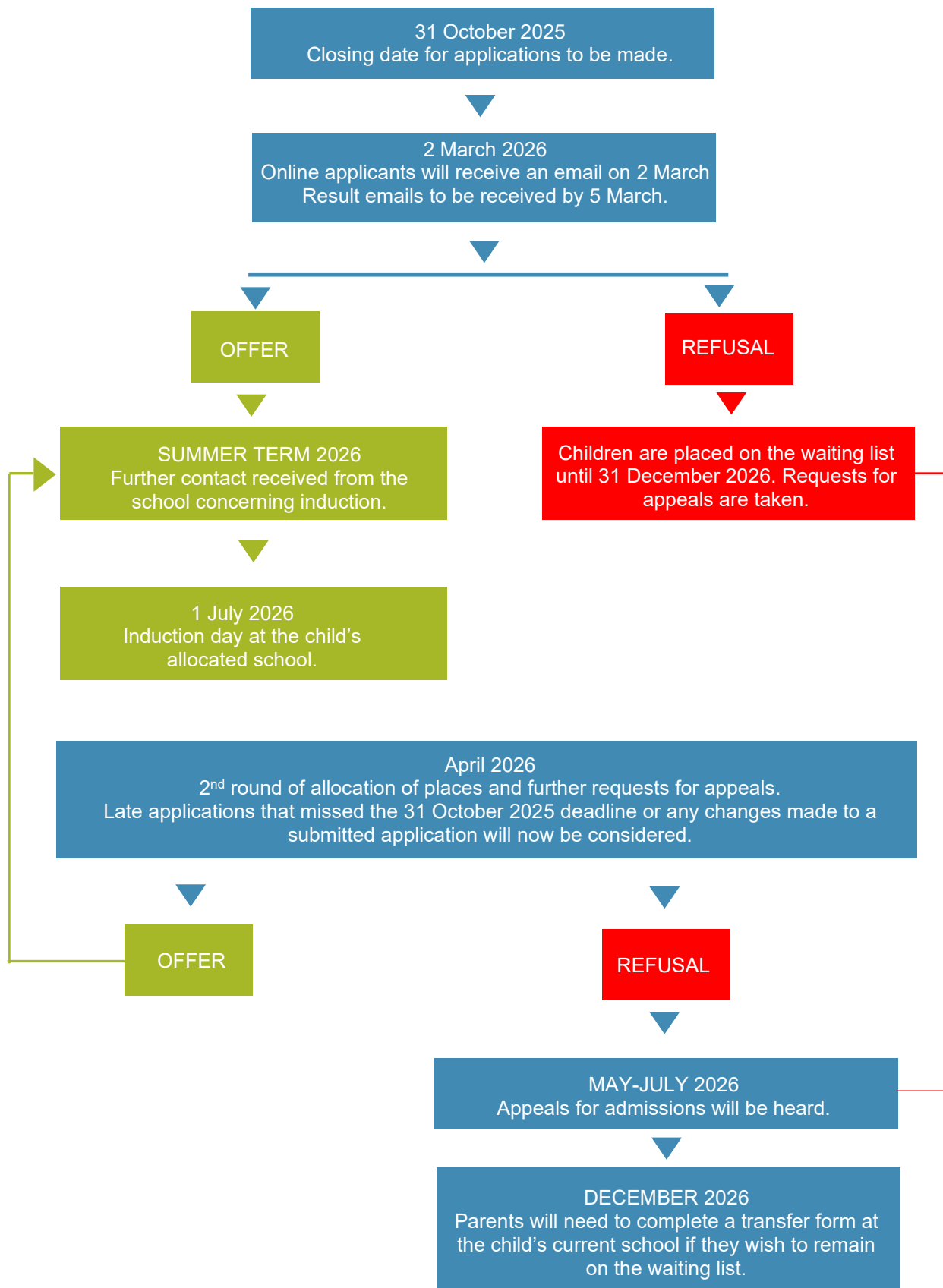
- For all online applications you will need a valid email address
- Please remember to **resubmit** your application after reviewing or making any changes
- Note your password down and keep it safe so you can access your account to check the result on 2 March 2026
- Passwords are case sensitive
- Paper applications can be completed and handed back to your child's primary school by 31 October 2025

Section 1

General information

School Admissions Flowchart

September 2026



The Government requires every Local Authority to draw up a scheme for admissions to mainstream secondary schools. Our scheme covers every school in the Coventry area, except independent schools. The regulations also require Local Authorities to exchange information with their neighbouring authorities. The main aim of the scheme is to ensure that your child receives the best possible single offer of a place at a secondary school based on your preferences.

How does the admissions process work?

If you would like your child to go to any maintained secondary school or Academy you will need to apply online via the [Coventry City Council website](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions/applyonline):
www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions/applyonline

***Please be advised that the 2026 cohort is a high birth year.**

- Parents will be able to apply for up to three schools. We strongly recommend that in your application, you list the three schools that you would like your child to attend. The school you name first should be the one you would most like your child to attend. There is no advantage in listing fewer than three schools or including the same school more than once
- You must include your catchment area school if you want to apply/be considered for a place at that school even if you make this your third choice
- If any of the schools you have listed receive more applications than there are places available, your application is assessed against that school's published admissions criteria
- We will offer you a place at the school you ranked highest if your application meets the admission criteria for more than one school
- An offer will be sent to you on 2 March 2026. If there is not a place available for you at any of the schools, you have requested we will allocate you a place at the nearest school with places available to your home address.

Admission criteria

For all children, the authority will try to offer a place at the school listed first. Parents are advised to read the admissions policies of all the schools requested so they can judge the likelihood, or not, of being offered a place at the school they most prefer. When a school receives more applications than it has places available, we need a fair and consistent way of deciding how to offer the places available.

It is important that you read all the criteria so that you can decide which school your child is most likely to be offered a place at. Some children are not offered a place at any of the schools listed on their application, because there are other children who meet the criteria better than they do. For September 2025 entry, 203 pupils did not get a requested school on 2 March 2025. In most cases, this was because they did not request other schools.

There are further details on how places were allocated on each individual school page in [Section 2](#).

Making a realistic application - Before you apply

- Look at the **oversubscription criteria** for your preferred schools to work out which priority would be given to your application. Policy details can be found by school [here](#)
- Read the individual school pages in [Section 2](#) for definitions that can help you understand the words used within the oversubscription criteria.
- Check your distance from the school. The Admissions team can confirm this for you, please email: secondaryadmissions@coventry.gov.uk stating 'distance query' in the subject box.

Comparing your priority and distance with how places have been offered in previous years will give you an indication of how successful your application might be. There are further details on how places were allocated on each individual school page in [Section 2](#).

Making a realistic application example

This is an example and does not imply the outcome of an application.

Imagine you are applying for School A - find out your priority by checking your circumstances against the oversubscription criteria like this:

1 Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children) and all previously looked after children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order. Including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

Is your child or has your child ever been in foster care or adopted after being in foster care with a local authority or state care outside England?

No

2 Children who live in the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending the school provided that the brother or

- You can check this using <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas>
- Do you have an older child attending in year 7-10 at the time of applying and will they

No

sister will continue to attend that school the following year	still be attending this school next September?	
3 Children living in the catchment area for School A	- You can check this using https://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas	No
4 Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends the school, provided that the brother or sister will continue to attend that school the following year	Do you have an older child attending in year 7-10 at the time of applying and will they still be attending this school next September?	No
5 Children of staff employed by the school for more than 2 years (this does not apply to all schools)	Are you a member of school staff at School A?	No
6 Children living outside the catchment area	How far do you live from School A?	1.6 miles

For School A your application has priority 6 and you live 1.6 miles from the school. Check in **Section 2** the school page and compare to the last person offered a place at School A for last September, this could have been a child in priority 6 at 1.194 miles from the school. This then means that your child would **not** have been offered a place because you live too far away. **However, this is only a guide and does not mean your application would be unsuccessful every year.**

The number of places available in priority 6 will change depending on how many applications are made for each school and how many children live in the catchment area.

Please Note: There is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 in the September 2026 entry.

The distance of the last person offered a place could also change, for example, it will not always be 1.194 miles for School A. You can still apply for this school and if it is the school you want the most you should put it first on your application, but you should include other schools where you may have a better chance of being offered a place. You should find out your priority and distance for all of your preferences. If you have a higher priority or the same priority and live closer to the school you have a good chance of being offered a place. If you have the same priority and live further away your chance of being offered a place is not as good.

Many people will choose to make applications for schools which have been judged by Ofsted as outstanding schools. This means that the schools will be very popular and have far more applications than places. For these schools they are often/usually unable to make offers to children who are lower than priority 3 or 4 in their policies. If you only apply for schools like this, where your application would be classed as under priority 6 then you will not be offered a place at any of your preferred schools.

Please note: The local authority legally must make sure that your child is offered a school place, this means that you will be given a place at the nearest school with a space available. This may not be your catchment area school, especially if all places are allocated to applicants who asked for the school and if other local schools have more applicants than they have places, you run the risk of being allocated a school some distance away. To prevent this from happening we would ask you to always include a school where your application will have a higher priority, even if you put this as your third preference. For example, apply for your catchment area school (as you may not get this later on), or a school where you have a higher priority because of your faith, or you have an older child already attending that school. Some schools do consider 6th form pupils as siblings (check the school policies for details)

If the school you want to apply for is a Catholic school, they will give priority to children who are baptised Catholic and/or those who live in the parish. Coventry Catholic schools require you to send the baptismal certificate for your child as well as include the school name on your application. Blue Coat School and Seva School require a supplementary form to be completed and returned to the school by the deadline date as additional documentation.

Coventry application forms have 3 choices for you to complete, If your 3 choices of schools are all outside Coventry, we would strongly advise that at least one of these choices should be your catchment area school - this will give you a higher chance of receiving a suitable school place offer on 2 March 2026.

Please note: All schools outside of Coventry will give you the final criteria of the distance you live from the school, unless you have a sibling already attending the school. Please make sure that you check the admission policies of the schools outside of Coventry by visiting their individual school website or contacting the Local Authority in which the school resides.

REMEMBER

If we can allocate a place at more than one of your preferred schools, we will offer you the school you ranked the highest.

You must include your catchment area school if you want to apply for a place at that school as there is no guarantee you will get this later in the process.

***Please note: There will be a high number of children applying for places in 2026 so there will be more competition for places**

Special Educational Needs and disabilities

Some pupils may have special educational needs and/or a disability during their time in education. All schools are required to have policies and a SEN information report about their provision for special educational needs which must be made available to parents via their website. Links to local schools can be accessed via the Local Offer on the Local Authority's website which can be found at: www.coventry.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer

All schools must also have an Equality Scheme which sets out the school's arrangements to support pupils with disabilities and shows how they will increase access to education for disabled pupils.

Schools are responsible for arranging help for pupils with special needs and disabilities. The Local Authority provides a range of support services that are available to schools to assist staff and individual children.

Support services are provided for pupils with hearing and/or visual impairment, general learning difficulties, social emotional and mental health difficulties, speech and language and autism. The Education Psychology Service also provides support and advice to teachers and parents of pupils in relation to a wide range of learning difficulties.

Despite extra help, a very small number of pupils continue to have difficulties and may require a fuller statutory assessment of their needs. Under the Code of Practice for Special Educational Needs, an Education, Health and Care Needs assessment would then be carried out. Information on the statutory assessment process is available from either your child's school or from the Local Authority (see Local Offer website above).

Support can be obtained from the Local Authority's Statutory Assessment and Review Team (START) on 024 7683 1614 whilst the SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SEND IASS) provides impartial and confidential support to children/young people and their parents/carers 024 7669 4307, or visit www.coventry.gov.uk/sendiaass

If parents believe that their child has difficulties and needs that the school is unaware of, or they are concerned about the arrangements being made, they should speak to the head teacher or the school SENCO in the first instance.

Coventry process for pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan transferring to secondary school during Year 6

The Statutory Assessment and Review Team (START) will write to families during the autumn term of Year 6 to seek parents' preferred school. Parents do not need to complete the normal online secondary admissions form. Parents will be asked to respond by October half term. Consultation will then follow with the parent's preferred school and the outcome will be communicated to parents by 15 February each year. Please note we are not always able to provide a place at the school of parental preference and this will vary each year depending on capacity in local schools, but we will ensure a suitable school place that can meet your child's need is provided. Any queries or concerns regarding pupils with an EHC Plan, should be addressed to the START Team: 024 7683 1614 or email: sen@coventry.gov.uk

Please note: If you are undergoing an EHC needs assessment, which is scheduled to be completed after the 31st October deadline, you will need to complete a normal secondary admissions form through the usual process.

Accurate addresses

You should use your current permanent address (where you are living at the time you complete your application) and include the council tax property number for that address. Please make sure that the address and postcode you give us is correct, because we may use them to see whether you qualify under a particular admissions criterion. We regularly check addresses, including arranging visits from Attendance and Children Missing Education staff, and if details are not correct, we will withdraw the offer of a school place. For example, it is not valid to state the address of a childminder, grandparent or any other relation.

A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Local Authority that care is split equally between parents at two homes, school admission policies will detail how they will assess which address will be considered.

WARNING

The Local Authority will withdraw your offer of a school place if you have given incorrect information regarding your child's address.

Change of address

If you have submitted your application by the closing date of 31 October 2025 and move to a new house before 31 December 2025 you must contact admissions by email on 11plus@coventry.gov.uk with your new address, we will then consider your preferences from your new address.

If you move after 31 December 2025 it will not be possible to take your new address into account until after the initial allocation of pupils to schools has been made on 2 March 2026.

You should be aware however that there may not be places available at that time. If this is the case, you will be informed of your right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel.

Late applications

All applications received after 31 October 2025 will only be considered after offers are made to all on time applicants on 2 March 2026. This means that late applicants are only likely to get places at schools which are not full on 2 March 2026. Details within the individual school pages in [Section 2](#) show which schools were oversubscribed in previous years.

After 2 March 2026 all late applications will be considered along with applicants who have had a change of circumstances e.g. those who moved addresses too late for their new address to be taken into account. We will then make offers to all those in a second round of offers in early April 2026.

Receipt of applications

If you apply online, you will receive an acknowledgement email. If you have returned a paper application form, you will be sent a receipt within 14 days.

If you do not receive this receipt, then please contact the team immediately by emailing 11plus@coventry.gov.uk or telephone 024 7697 5445.

Without this receipt, your application will not have been received which means that your child will not be offered a school place.

Frequently asked questions about starting a secondary school

Can I apply for a school place online?

An online application form is available at www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions follow the link to the online application. When you submit your application, you will receive an acknowledgement email. Supplementary forms for applicants applying for Blue Coat Church of England School and the Seva School can also be downloaded from the above website. However, these must be returned to the preferred school direct in the paper format. Advice is available from Admissions staff in making your application. It is your responsibility to contact us if you do not receive an acknowledgement.

Can I make changes to my online application?

You can check and change your application up to the closing date 31 October 2025. However, it is important that you make sure you **resubmit** your application every time you view or make any changes as this will not be sent to the admissions team if you do not.

What if my child is currently being educated outside of their normal age group?

If your child was not born between 1/9/2014 and 31/8/2015 then you will be unable to apply for secondary school entry in 2026 using the online portal. Please contact the Admissions Team on 024 7697 5445 to request a paper application form and to discuss your application.

Where requests are made for children to attend school outside their normal age group these will be considered on the circumstances of each case and in the child's best interests. Each secondary school governing body will need to make an individual decision. There are no guarantees that such applications will be agreed. However, where the application is not agreed a letter settling out the decision and reasons for it will be provided along with any rights to appeal.

For a summer born child that started in reception a year later than is usual, they would need to apply for a secondary school place as an out of year group place when they are in year 5 rather than year 6. If you have missed this deadline please speak to the Admissions Team and for more general advice you can go to

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-born-children-school-admission>

We went through the secondary admissions process three years ago with our older child. Has anything changed?

There have been some changes to the admissions policies for some schools in respect of admissions oversubscription criteria and appeals. Please check the information in this booklet to see how the process will work in 2026. There has been an increasing demand for secondary school spaces due to the increasing birth rate. September 2026 entry has one of the highest birth rates and therefore we would advise you to read through the criteria and the past years allocation details as stated on the individual schools' details listed in [Section 2](#)

of this booklet. If you don't understand the process, you can also contact Admissions by emailing 11plus@coventry.gov.uk

What happens if I miss the 31 October 2025 deadline?

If your application is late, it will not be dealt with until after 2 March 2026. You will not receive a letter regarding the outcome of your application until April 2026, and it is very unlikely you would get a place in any of the popular, oversubscribed schools. Please be aware that the high birth year for September 2026 will mean more demand for places in the city. Due to the increased demand for spaces, there may be only a limited number of schools within the city with spaces available after the initial allocation has taken place on the 2 March 2026. All applications which are received before or on 31 October 2025 will be considered as on time.

What happens if I move after the deadline for receiving applications?

If you have submitted your application by the closing date of 31 October 2025 and move to a new home before 31 December 2025 you must contact admissions by email on 11plus@coventry.gov.uk with your new address, we will then consider your preferences from your new address. We will only consider a new address when you are actually living there, and it is the child's permanent or main residence. If you originally put down 3 preferences for that address, you may also wish to change them to take into account your new address. If you move after the deadline of 31 December 2025, it will not be possible to take your new address into account for the school offered on 2 March 2026. We will only be able to use your new address for allocating a place from April 2026. You should be aware that there may not be places available in oversubscribed schools at that time.

How can I find out more about a particular secondary school?

You will find some basic information in this booklet. You can also;

- Visit the school website for the school which you are interested in to view a copy of their prospectus, which will give you more details about the school. School contact details can be found via the link; www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolcontactdetails
- Attend the open evenings. See www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions for latest details, Section 2 of this booklet or ask to visit the school and talk to the head teacher;
- www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted shows details of OFSTED inspections for all schools in the UK.

How can I find out which secondary school my primary school is linked to?

There is a feeder school link between the Catholic primary schools and the Catholic secondary schools in the city. There is also a link between Sidney Stringer Primary Academy and Sidney Stringer Academy for September 2026 entry. You can find out more about which schools are linked and the level of priority this will give your application by checking the individual schools' details in Section 2 of this booklet or by checking the admissions policies for the schools via the link; www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolcontactdetails

Apart from the schools listed above the remaining primary schools within Coventry City have **no** link with any of the secondary schools in the city giving priority for admission in September 2026.

If my child attends Seva Primary School must we apply for a place for Year 7 at Seva Secondary?

The Seva School is an all through school. If your child currently attends the primary school and you wish your child to continue at Seva Secondary, then you do not need to make an application. If you wish for your child to attend a different Secondary School, you will need to make an application by the 31 October 2025 deadline. If your child does not attend Seva Primary and you wish for a place at Seva Secondary, you will need to make an application by the above deadline.

How do I find out which my catchment area school is and how far away I live from my preferred school?

Information regarding catchment areas (which is not always your nearest school) can be found at www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas. If you require details about the distance from your address to a school, please email 11plus@coventry.gov.uk

If I register my child at a school, does this guarantee them a place there?

No. You will only be considered for a place at a Coventry secondary school if you complete an application and include that school as a preference.

Can I write to support my application?

Yes. You have the legal right to explain your reasons for wanting a particular school, including philosophical or religious reasons. However, these reasons will only be taken into account if they are directly linked to the admissions criteria for the schools you have listed on your application. If you are applying for Eden Girls School, Coventry under exceptional medical/social grounds, you should provide supporting evidence direct to the school.

What address should I use on my application form?

See Page 14 of this booklet - "Accurate addresses".

I know which school I want my child to go to. Why should I request other schools?

If you only list one school, you cannot be certain that your child will be offered a place there. If you are unsuccessful, we then allocate the nearest school with a place available. This may not be your catchment area school. If other local schools have more applicants than they have places, you run the risk of being allocated a school some distance away. You are strongly recommended therefore to use all your preferences and to include your catchment area school; doing so does not reduce your chance of getting your first preference school. For the September 2025 entry, 203 pupils did not get a requested school on 3 March 2025 and in most cases, this was because they did not request other schools.

If you intend to apply for an independent school, it is also recommended that you apply for 1 or more of the schools discussed in this booklet and request the school on that form.

How do I make an application for Year 9 and Year 10 at WMG Academy?

The WMG Academy admits pupils aged 14 -19 (transfer at year 10) and this year will also be admitting pupils into Year 9. All parent(s)/carer(s), whether they live in Coventry or elsewhere, should apply for a place at the Academy by making an application direct to the Academy on their website. The closing date for applications for the WMG Academy for

Young Engineers is **1 November 2025**. All applications received by this date will be classified as “on time” and will be considered first. Parent(s)/carer(s) will be notified of the outcome of their child’s application on **9 January 2026** by the Academy. Please see section 2 for more information on the school and section 6 for more details on the process.

What if I do not live in Coventry but want my child to go to a Coventry school?

We treat all applications equally, no matter where you live. However, you must complete an application to the Local Authority you pay your council tax to. Your Local Authority will then contact Coventry who will in turn inform them if they are able to meet your request. Your Local Authority will then inform you on 2 March 2026 of the outcome of your application. However, if you do not qualify for a Coventry school, your Local Authority will be responsible for making sure your child has a school place. Please make sure you read the admissions policies of Coventry schools in this booklet. Many have policies which include priorities based on catchment areas and distance.

What can I do if I don’t get the places I want?

Your allocation letter will explain the reasons why it was not possible to offer you a place at your preferred school and the process for appealing against this decision. Your child’s name will also be included on a waiting list(s), which means that we will consider your child for any places that become available after the initial allocation on 2 March 2026. There is no guarantee however, that a place will become available or that you will get one if it does.

Being on a waiting list for one school does not prevent you from visiting others. We would strongly recommend you visit any preferred school. You can decide to accept our offer of a place at another school and still go on a waiting list for any school you have received a refusal for. For all schools in Coventry, places that become available after 2 March 2026 allocation will be offered by applying the oversubscription criteria to everyone on the waiting list. You have the right to appeal against all refusals about secondary school admissions. This means that you have a chance to put your case to an independent appeal panel made up of people who have had no connection at all with the original decision. Going through the appeals process does not guarantee you a place at the school you are appealing for and does not affect your position on any waiting lists for other schools.

How do I get onto the waiting list for a school?

If you are not offered a place at a school you placed as a higher preference to one you have been allocated, then you will automatically be placed on a waiting list for that school/those schools. This will continue until a place can be offered to you, or until the 31 December 2026. After this date, if you wish to remain on the waiting list you may need to re-register your interest in your preferred school with the Admissions Team or the school. Please check the individual schools’ details in [Section 2](#) and/or the schools’ policies for details of their respective arrangements.

If places become available and there are more children on the waiting list than places, how are the available places allocated?

If there are more children on the list than there are places available, we will allocate the places to those who best meet the school’s oversubscription criteria. This will include any late applications. We will use the individual schools’ criteria as highlighted in their school admissions policies.

Can I find out where I am on the waiting list for a particular school?

Yes. By contacting the Admissions team, staff will be able to inform you of the position you hold on the list. It is important to remember that you can move up or down this list depending on whether other children come onto or go off the list. After the initial allocation on 2 March 2026, you can request to go on any schools waiting list. This will then be looked at in the second round of allocation in April 2026 along with any late applications received. As this is open to all applicants there can be a considerable amount of change to the waiting lists at the second round of allocation. You can come off or go on the list at any stage in the process. For this reason, we can only guarantee the position of your child on the list on the date of communication.

My child already attends the school I want my younger child to go to but they will be in year 12 in September (sixth form) will they still count as a sibling at the school?

Some schools' admissions policies only take account of siblings of compulsory school age i.e. 16, so older siblings who will attend years 12 or 13 from September 2026 will not be counted. Schools who accept sibling links with Sixth form are as follows;

- Barr's Hill School
- Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School
- Blue Coat School and Music College
- Cardinal Newman Catholic School
- Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School
- Sidney Stringer Academy

Policies can be found at www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolcontactdetails

How do I find out if I am eligible for help with transport?

The Local Authority can offer assistance for travelling to school, but only for those fitting the qualifying distance and other entitlement criteria. Pupils applying for assistance with travel must live within the Coventry boundary and be of statutory school age i.e. 5–16 years of age. Secondary pupils may be eligible for a bus pass if the distance from their home address to their nearest qualifying school at which places are available is in excess of 3 miles, or between 2-6 miles under low-income rules. In each case this is the shortest walking route between the home address and the school measured by which a child, accompanied as necessary, may walk safely. More information can be found in the Secondary Admissions booklet in Section 4 or at: www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolbuspasses

You can apply online via www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforatravelpass

Can I apply for a place at a secondary school in another Local Authority area?

Yes. If you are a Coventry resident, you can apply for a school place in another authority by completing Coventry's application. You do not need to complete an application form in that authority as well.

However, if your 3 preferences of schools are all outside Coventry, we would strongly advise that at least one of these preferences is a Coventry school in your local area or your catchment area school - this will give you a higher chance of receiving a suitable school place offer on 2 March 2026.

You should make sure that you check the admission policies of schools outside of Coventry by asking other authorities for a copy of their information booklets.

Can I apply for a grammar school?

Yes, you can apply for any grammar schools within your Coventry application for them to be considered. **However**, you **MUST** ensure that you have already registered to sit the 11+ test with the Local Authority in which the Grammar school is situated as the deadline date to register is usually at the end of June the year before your child starts secondary school. Coventry School Admissions do not administer the 11+ test.

What do I do if I am a member of UK armed forces or a crown servant returning to the UK from a posting abroad?

The School Admissions Code requires that for families of UK armed forces or Crown servants returning from overseas to live in Coventry, admission authorities must allocate a school place in advance of the family arriving in the area, provided their application is accompanied by an official letter declaring a relocation date. Children of UK service personnel and other Crown Servants will be treated as meeting the residency criteria for a catchment area once proof of posting has been provided. Applications must be made by the 31 October national closing date for secondary applications. If there are any difficulties in providing the information required please contact the school admissions team on 11plus@coventry.gov.uk

I want to apply for a place at a Catholic School. Do I need to attach any extra information?

Yes. If you apply to a Catholic school and your child is a baptised Catholic then you can receive a higher priority on the basis of your faith if you provide a copy of your child's Baptism certificate directly to the school you are requesting by 31 October 2025.

Can I refuse to accept a school offer if it's not one of the schools I wanted/selected?

Unfortunately, we are unable to remove a school your child has been offered unless we can offer an alternative school with places available. You can discuss availability with the school admissions team. There is no guarantee by requesting one of the alternative schools that a place will be offered as this will depend on how many other requests we receive for these spaces.

Can I have a friend ring on my behalf to talk about my application form?

Due to GDPR regulations the Admissions team can only speak to the parent who made the application unless they provided details of an alternative contact within the application details.

In this section you will have seen the following key information:

- **How to complete the application**
- **Applying for three schools can only help you get a school of your choice**
- **How admission criteria are used to offer places to parents**
- **Which address you should use, and what happens if you use the wrong one**

- If you change address, whether it will be taken into account when offering places
- What is considered a “late application”
- How Special Educational Needs are met in secondary school

Staff at your child’s primary school will be happy to help, or you can email 11plus@coventry.gov.uk

Section 2

Coventry schools

Coventry has 20 secondary academies serving children aged 11 to 18, a University Technical College for children aged 14 to 19 and an all-through academy for children aged 4-16.

Definitions of school types are provided in [the jargon buster](#).

Each secondary school provides detailed information about its curriculum, organisation, pupil behaviour, progress monitoring, examination results and other matters. You will be able to obtain this information in individual school prospectuses, which are available from the school.

School webpages can be found via
www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolcontactdetails

You can also find information about the schools at
www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions
www.gov.uk/schools-admissions

For locations of schools in Coventry please see the maps on [pages 25](#) and [26](#). Information about the catchment areas of the city's schools is available at www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas and each school that has a catchment or priority area has to include specific details of its area on the school website.

For contact details on the schools including website addresses please see the individual schools pages in this section.

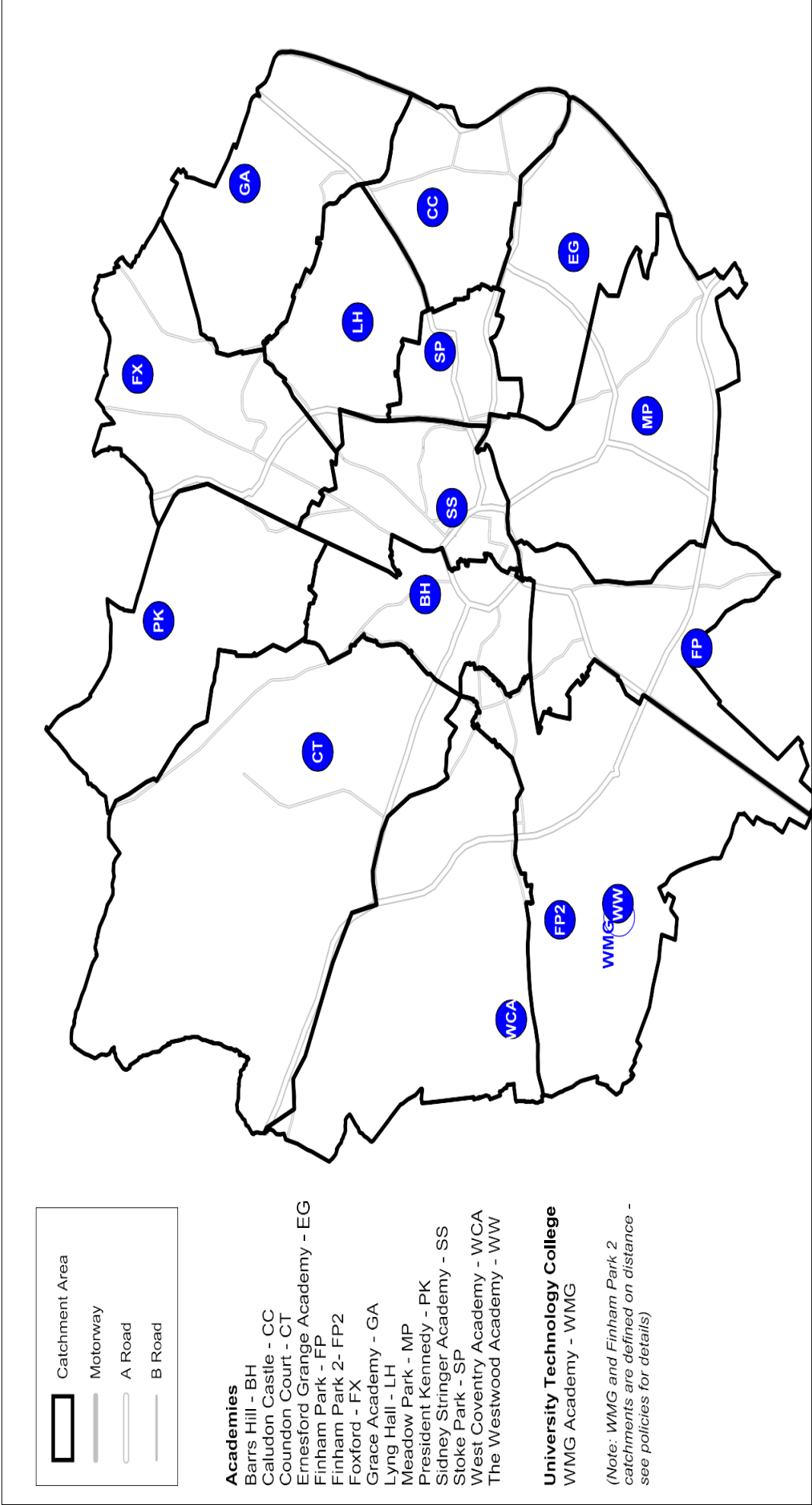
Secondary School Open Evenings 2025

Please note: Schools will keep their own websites up to date with information about visiting the schools in September and October 2025.

Details of Open evenings for each school is indicated on the individual school pages below and can also be seen in the table at:

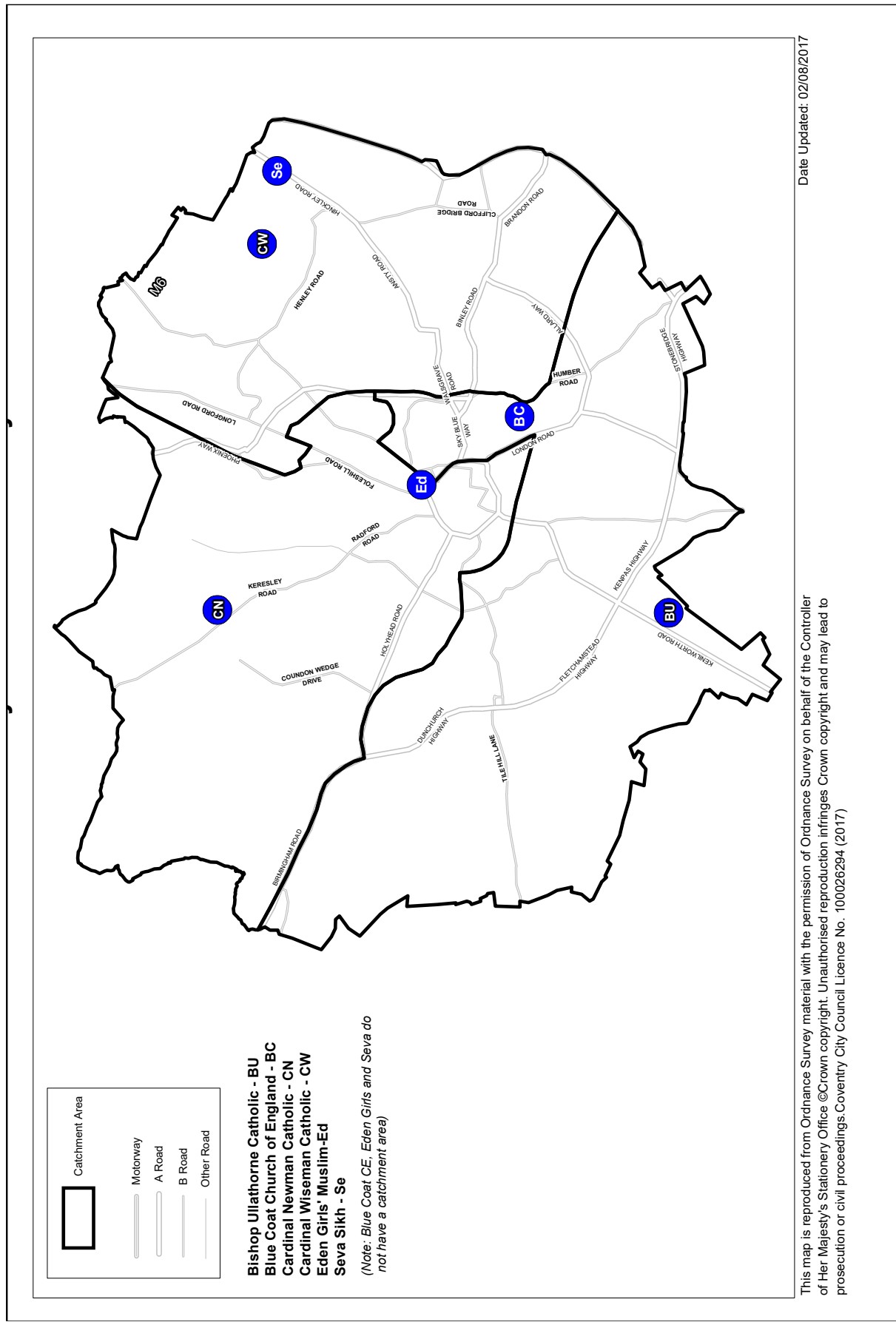
www.coventry.gov.uk/school-admissions/secondary-school-open-evenings

Academy Secondary Schools and University Technology Colleges in Coventry



This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office ©Crown copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings.Coventry City Council Licence No. 100026294 (2023)

Faith Secondary Academies in Coventry



Applying to schools outside Coventry if you are a Coventry resident

Coventry Local Authority acts as a “clearing house” for parents who are resident in Coventry and wish to express a preference for their child to attend a school outside the Coventry area. You must apply online to Coventry Local Authority. If you are expressing a preference for a school in another authority, Coventry will inform the other authority. They will then inform Coventry Local Authority if they are able to meet the request. On 2 March 2026 it will be the responsibility of Coventry Local Authority to inform parents resident in Coventry of the outcome of their request. If you are thinking of applying for a school place outside Coventry you are strongly advised to contact the other Local Authority to ask for their information booklet.

Coventry City does not have any Grammar schools in its area. To apply for a Grammar school, you will need to include the school within your Coventry application in order for them to be considered. **However**, you **MUST** ensure that you have already registered to sit the 11+ test with the Local Authority in which the Grammar school is situated as the deadline date to register is usually at the end of June the year before your child starts secondary school. Coventry School Admissions do not administer the 11+ test.

Applying for a Coventry school if you live outside Coventry

If you want to apply for a school in Coventry, but live in another Local Authority area, you must apply on your home authority's application form. Your home authority will pass details of your application to us to consider. If you are applying for a school in Coventry you should think about which criterion your application would be considered against.

Address and telephone number of neighbouring Authorities:

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Warwickshire Admissions Service

- Saltisford Office Park, Ansell Way, Warwick CV34 4UL
01926 414143
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals>

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL

School Admissions, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

- School Admissions, Solihull Council, Manor Square, Solihull B91 3QB
0121 704 6693
www.solihull.gov.uk/School-admissions

In this section you will have seen the following key information:

- [The types of schools you can apply for in Coventry](#)
- [How to apply for schools outside Coventry](#)
- [Where you can go to find out more information about individual schools](#)

School details and admission criteria

In the following pages you will find details of the oversubscription criteria used by each school. The full details of the policy arrangements are available at www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolcontactdetails or on each individual school website.

Definitions

All individual policies will contain details of how the school defines the terms used in their policies. This includes key issues such as definitions of home addresses, how distance is measured, who is counted as a brother or sister (siblings), details of how children of staff are defined, and how faith criteria are met.

There are some details which are common to all policies:

- All children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that name the school will be admitted before all other applicants.
- All schools have to have looked after children and previously looked after children as the first priority in their oversubscription criteria. This also includes those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- All schools have to have waiting lists which operate until at least the 31 December.
- They also have to provide the right of appeal when refusing a place at the school.
- They also have to describe how they will deal with applications where they can only separate them by using “tie breakers”
- They have to describe how they will deal with applications for admission of children outside their normal age group.

Schools within Coventry which require an additional Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to be completed and returned direct to the school by the National Closing date (31 October), are:

- Blue Coat School and Music College
- Seva School

Specific details are contained in each individual school policy.

Where schools have a local catchment area (sometimes also called a priority area) details of these can be provided at www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas and /or direct from schools.

If you do not have access to the website and require more information on any school policy then please contact Admissions staff on [024 7697 5445](tel:02476975445).

Please note: There will be a high number of children applying for places in 2026 so there will be more competition for places



Contact details:

Barr's Hill School
Radford Road
Coventry
CV1 4BU

Telephone: 024 7623 4600

Email:

schooladmin@barrshill.coventry.sch.uk

Website: www.barrshill.coventry.sch.uk

Executive Head: Mr Chris Jupp

Interim Head of School: Mrs Emma Martin

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 180

Number on Roll: 1038

DfE Number: 331 4000

Open Evening- Please check school website for any updates

Tuesday 23 September 2025 (5.00pm – 7.30pm)

For catchment area details please see admissions policy or visit;

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas>

Admissions Authority

Barr's Hill School is part of The Futures Trust, a multi-academy trust.

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more requests for a school place than there are places available within the schools admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order as shown below:

1. Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children) Also all previously looked after children, 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 as a result of being adopted.
A looked-after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989
2. Children who live in the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending the school provided that the brother or sister will continue to attend that school the following year.
The definition of brother or sister includes step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address
3. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the school
4. Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends the school, provided that the brother or sister will continue to attend that school the following year.
5. Children by reference to the distance to the preferred school

For full policy details, click the link below -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1807/barrs_hill

Brothers and Sisters; The definition of brother or sister includes step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address. However, where schools are over-subscribed no guarantee can be given that places will be available for brothers and sisters. Where the final place in a year group is offered to one of twins or other multiple births the parent has to decide which child will take up the place.

Distance; If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, the Governors will prioritise the requests within that category by reference to distance. A straight-line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence - to the centre of the school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, the Governors will select by drawing lots. This process will be supervised by a person independent of the school.

Home address: A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Governors that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place. **If a school is offered on the basis of an address that is subsequently found to be different from a child's normal and permanent home address, then that place is liable to withdrawal.**

Waiting Lists After the initial allocation of places on **2 March 2026**, the Governors in conjunction with the Local Authority will establish a waiting list and this will operate up until the end of the Autumn term (31 December) parents who wish for their children to continue to be considered for any places that might become available **after 31 December 2026**, must contact the Local Authority to go onto the waiting list.

School Appeals; Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Governors to refuse their child a place in the school may apply to the School Appeals Team via

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

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Catchment area	Siblings	Distance	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	180	364	7	2	133	27	11	0.651	180
2024	180	272	11	3	113	32	21	0.891	180
2023	180	496	2	0	123	29	26	0.852	180

In each year the school was able to admit up to criteria 5 but there is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.



Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School



Contact details:

Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School
Leasowes Avenue
Coventry
CV3 6BH

Telephone: 024 76414 515

Email: BU-Admin@hccmac.co.uk

Website: www.bishopullathorne.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs S Boyle

Chair of Governing body: Mr R Ridley

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 210

Number on Roll: 1137

DfE Number: 331 4701

Open Evening/Morning - Please check school website for any updates

Thursday 25 September 2025 (6pm-
8pm)

Admissions Authority

Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School is an
Academy in the Holy Cross Multi Academy
Company.

**Baptismal Certificates MUST be submitted
with the application for any child who is
Baptised Catholic**

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority. If there is oversubscription within a category, the Local Governing Body will give priority firstly to children who will have a brother or sister attending Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School at the time of admission and then secondly to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance

1. Baptised Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after
2. Baptised Catholic children currently attending a named feeder school (see Note below)
3. Baptised children currently living within a Parish feeder area
4. Other Baptised Catholic children
5. Non-Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after
6. Non-Catholic children currently attending a named feeder school (see note below)
7. Other Non-Catholic children.

Note: The named feeder schools for Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School are: All Souls Catholic Primary, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary, St Anne's Catholic Primary, St John Vianney Catholic Primary, St Mary & St Benedict Catholic Primary and St Thomas More Catholic Primary.

For full details on the admissions policy, click on the link below -

http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1815/bishop_ullathorne_catholic_secondary

Baptismal Certificates; In all categories, for a child to be considered as Catholic, evidence of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Church will be required. For a definition of a Baptised Catholic, see the school policy. Those who face difficulties in producing written evidence of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Church should contact their Parish Priest. Parents making an application for a Catholic child will need to submit a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate. **This should be returned directly to the school.** If you do not provide a Baptismal Certificate by the closing date, this is likely to affect the criteria that your child is placed into, which is likely to affect your child's chance of being offered a place at this school.

Brothers and Sisters; For all applicants the definition of a brother or sister is: • A brother or sister sharing the same parents • A half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one common parent • A step-brother or step-sister, where two children are related by a parents' marriage or civil partnership, or where they are unrelated but their parents are living as partners. • Adopted or fostered children. The children must be living permanently in the same household

Distance; Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement from the centre of the child's home address to the centre of the school site. The Local Authority calculates these measurements on behalf of the school using a computerised mapping system. Ordnance Survey supplies the co-ordinates that are used to plot a child's home address and the address of the school.

School Appeals; Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Local Governing Body to refuse their child a place in the school should make that appeal request in writing to the Chair of the Local Governing Body at the school address. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

Waiting Lists; In addition to their right to appeal, children who have not been offered a place at Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School but were offered a school that was ranked as a lower preference on their application form will be added to a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained until 31st December 2026 and will then be discarded. Parents may apply to Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School for their child's name to remain on the waiting list until the end of the academic year 2027 when it will be discarded. A child's position on a waiting list is not fixed. When a new child joins the waiting list, all applicants on that waiting list will be re-ranked to ensure that the list is always maintained in oversubscription criteria order. This means that a child's position on the waiting list could go up or down during the time that it is on the list.

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN and 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Last distance allocated	Total Allocated
2025	210	239	5	73	18	48	0	44	21	3.183	210
2024	180	241	3	87	9	48	1	32		2.675	180
2023	210*	450	2	83	14	54	2	42	13	1.746	210

*For 2023 entry Bishop Ullathorne School agreed to offer 30 additional spaces over their PAN to meet the demand for spaces within the city and increased their PAN from 2025. In these years only some places were offered to non-catholic children under criteria 7. There is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.

Contact details:

Blue Coat Church of England School & Music College
Terry Road
Coventry
CV1 2BA

Telephone: 024 7622 3542

Email: schooloffice@bluecoatschool.com

Website: www.bluecoatschool.com

Head Teacher: Mrs L Henden

Chair of Governing body: Mrs C Maren

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 265*

Number on Roll: 1749

DfE Number: 331 4800

Open Evening - Please check school website for any updates

Friday 19 September 2025 (5.30 – 7.30pm)

Admissions Authority

Coventry Blue Coat Church of England School and Music College is an academy and part of the Inspire Education Trust.

***to help with the need for spaces within the city the school has agreed to take a further 10 pupils in 2026 entry. This means 275 places will be allocated.**

Please note: Those wishing to apply for a place based on their faith must complete the supplementary information form which is available in the link below and return it to the school by 31 October 2025.

For full details on admissions policy, click the link below -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1818/blue_coat_church_of_england_school

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are applications from non-faith applicants and insufficient faith applicants, then the Board of Directors will admit such non-faith applicants up to the published admission number

If there are more applications received than there are places available, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown:

1. Applications from Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children
2. Applications from siblings of children currently in the school.
3. Applications from any children from families who can demonstrate frequent participation by the child and either of their parents or guardians (see definitions), in the life of a Church of England worshipping community.
4. Children of all staff who are employed by the Inspire Education Trust to work at Blue Coat School and have been employed continuously for a period of at least two years for the purpose of working in the Trust– see definitions
5. Applications from any children from families who can demonstrate frequent participation by the child and their parents or family members (see definitions) in the life of “another Christian worshipping community” recognised by the governing body.
6. Applications from any children from families who can demonstrate frequent participation by the child and their parents or family members (see definitions) in the life of a recognised place of worship for other major world faiths as defined in the schools admissions policy.
7. All other applications.

Having applied the above priority order, if it is not possible to meet all application requests in any one of the categories defined above, applications within that category will be further prioritised by reference to distance between the school and the home address. Where the final available place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school random allocation will be used.

Definitions;

Frequent Participation; Frequent participation in the life of a worshipping community is assessed by using the information provided within the supplementary information form (SIF) to determine the level of attendance at public worship by the child and parent(s), carer(s), legal guardian(s) or family relative(s) (defined as a grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling over the age of 18, or step- grandparents, step-aunt, step-uncle, or step-sibling over the age 18), and verified by a recognised minister, official or similar representative of the worshipping community to which the child and qualifying adult belong. Frequent participation requires, as a minimum, attendance on not less than 30 weeks of the previous 52 weeks in which the place of worship was fully open for public acts of worship. 'Fully open' is taken to mean that the place of worship is operating a full programme of acts of worship which is accessible to the public and all members of the worshipping community. The Admission Authority recognises that 'fully open' may mean different things depending on the place of worship. It is the responsibility of the worship leader/representative to discuss frequent participation with the applicant to ensure the criteria are met. Attendance arranged as part of school-based church worship or education is *not* included. Where the qualifying adult, and/or applicant child, consider that they have attended more than one worshipping community in the above period, or where they attend separately to the child, a supporting statement and counter signature is required from each such worshipping community. In this case, it is essential that the numbers of weeks' attendances are included on the SIF in order to meet the attendance criteria in total. Where a family is commissioned by a church to participate in work as part of a mission organisation (for example, to establish a church in another country), they will still be considered as meeting the frequent participation criteria for their home Christian worshipping community. Where possible the 'additional worshipping community' section of the SIF should be completed to detail the participation at the 'receiving' place of worship.

Definitions of **Another Christian Worshipping Community** and **Another Faith Community** are included in the policy and SIF.

Staff; Staff who are employed by the Inspire Education Trust to work at Blue Coat School and have been employed continuously for a period of at least two years for the purpose of working in the Trust as follows: • All full time teaching staff • All full time support staff – defined as those on 37 weeks and above contracts • All part time teaching staff with a 45% and above timetable • All part time support staff who work at least 15 hours per week for 37 weeks or more. The two-year qualification period may be waived if a post is hard to fill and has remained vacant for six months or longer. The definition does not include contract staff. If a service has been 'in house' and is subsequently 'contracted out' children of staff will no longer be eligible for priority admission under this criterion. The definition does not include peripatetic staff.

Looked After Children; A "looked after child" has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of the local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making the application to the school. A "previously looked after child" is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order and includes those children who appear (to the Board of Directors) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

Siblings ; Children who, at the time of application have a sibling who will be attending the school in Year 7 to Year 13. This priority applies equally to brothers, sisters, step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters, provided that they are living at the same

address as the applicant child. Any place offered may be withdrawn if the sibling already attending the school leaves the school before the applicant attends.

Waiting Lists; Applications for those who were not offered a place, because all available places have been allocated to those having a higher priority according to the over-subscription criteria, or who have applied late, will automatically have their name placed on the waiting list for that year group. For Year 7 applications (September start), the waiting list will remain in operation until 31st December. At this point, parents wanting their child to remain on the waiting list, must complete an In-Year application form. In-Year applications will remain on the waiting list until the end of the academic year for which admission is sought and will then be discarded. Parents who have not previously applied for a place may also apply to have their child's name included on the waiting list. When a place becomes available those on the waiting list for that year group at that time, including each added child, will be ranked according to the over subscription criteria, and the place offered to the highest priority application.

Right of Appeal; Parents who wish to appeal against the decision not to admit their child should contact the school for an appeal form. The completed form, stating the grounds for the appeal, should be returned to the Clerk to the Independent Admission Appeals Panel, whose address appears on the form. The independent admission appeals panel is appointed by Coventry Diocesan Board of Education. It is the policy of the governing body not to consider repeat applications or appeals within the same academic year, unless there has been a material change of circumstances relevant to the application or appeal.

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic year	PAN	Total number of requests	SEN/Public Care (1 st)	Siblings	Church of England	Staff	Christian	World Faiths	Other	Last distance allocated	Total Allocated
2025	305*	419	9	116	15	2	32	30	101	0.995	305
2024	265	391	10	87	24	2	39	23	80	0.704	265
2023	295*	850	2	83	14	2	54	42	13	0.722	295

*For 2023 and 2025 entry Blue Coat School agreed to offer additional spaces over their PAN to meet the demand for spaces within the city. In each year only some places were offered to children with no faith based on distance from the school. **There is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.**

Contact details:

Caludon Castle School
Axholme Road
Wyken
Coventry
CV2 5BD

Telephone: 024 7644 4822

Email: enquiries@caludoncastle.co.uk

Website: www.caludoncastle.co.uk

Chief Executive – Michele Marr

Head Teacher: Ms S Kenrick

Chair of Governors: Ann Brennan

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 240

Number on Roll: 1514

DfE Number: 331 4028

Open Evening - Please check school website for any updates

Tuesday 23 September 2025 (5:30pm – 7:30pm)

For catchment area details please visit;

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas>

Admissions Authority

Caludon Castle is an academy within the Castle Phoenix Trust which is a multi-academy trust.

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more applications for a place than there are places available within the Academy's admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown

1. Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children) 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 as a result of being adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order. A looked after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 (*see definitions section*).
2. Children who live in the catchment area served by the Academy, who have a brother or sister attending the Academy provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend the Academy the following year.
3. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the Academy.
4. Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends the Academy, provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend the Academy the following year.
5. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application for the school place, or recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. Children by reference to the distance their home is from the Academy in accordance with the definitions section.

For full policy details, click the link below -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1808/caludon_castle

Brothers and Sisters; The definition of brother or sister includes step brothers, step sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address. Brothers and sisters are required to be of compulsory school age within the oversubscription criteria. This means they must be attending the Academy in Years 7 to 11 at the time that the applicant would be joining the Academy.

Distance; A straight line measurement using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence to the centre of the school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the Academy as described above, the admissions authority will select by drawing lots.

Home Address: A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Governors that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place. If a place is offered on the basis of an address that is subsequently found to be different from a child's normal and permanent home address, then that place is liable to withdrawal.

Waiting Lists; After the initial allocation of places, the admission authority in conjunction with the Local Authority will establish a waiting list and this will operate up until the end of the Autumn term (31 December). Parents who wish for their child to continue to be considered for a place after the end of the autumn term must register their interest via the Local Authority by completing a Secondary School Transfer Application Form. A new waiting list will be produced at the start of the spring term which will then operate until the end of the academic year. Applications for inclusion on the waiting list will be ranked according to the school's oversubscription criteria as described above. When a place becomes available the school will contact the first person on the list for the relevant year group

School Appeals; If you are unsuccessful in obtaining a place, parents have the right of appeal to an independent panel who have the authority to exceed the Academy's admission number where appropriate. Please address your appeal to Caludon Castle Appeal, helen.crayton@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk or in writing to Caludon Castle Appeal, Caludon Castle School, Axholme Road, Coventry, CV2 5BD.

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Catchment area	Siblings	Distance	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	240	293	1	3	162	20	54	1.205	240
2024	270*	322	6	4	177	15	68	1.137	270
2023	240	680	3	4	186	20	27	0.704	240

In each year the school was able to admit up to criteria 5 (distance from the school), but there is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.



Contact details:

Cardinal Newman Catholic School
Sandpits Lane
Coventry
CV6 2FR

Telephone: 024 7633 2382

Email: CN_Admin@hccmac.co.uk

Website: www.cncs.school

Head Teacher: Ms Emma O'Connor

Chair of Governors: Theresa Boland

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 250

Number on Roll: 1448

DfE Number: 331 4707

Open Evening/Morning - Please check school website for any updates

Wednesday 24 September 2025

Admissions Authority

Cardinal Newman Catholic School is an Academy in the Holy Cross Multi Academy Company.

Baptismal Certificates MUST be submitted with the application for any child who is Baptised Catholic.

For full details on admissions policy, click the link below -

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1816/cardinal-newman-catholic-secondary>

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority. If there is oversubscription within a category, the Local Governing Body will give priority to children who will have a brother or sister attending Cardinal Newman Catholic School at the time of admission and then secondly to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance.

1. Baptised Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after.
2. Baptised Catholic children of a member of staff working for Cardinal Newman Catholic School
3. Baptised Catholic children who currently attend one of our Catholic Feeder Schools
4. Baptised Catholic children who are siblings of children in attendance at Cardinal Newman Catholic School at the time of admission.
5. Other Baptised Catholic children.
6. Non-Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after
7. Non-Catholic children of a member of staff working for Cardinal Newman Catholic School
8. Non-Catholic children who currently attend one of our Catholic Feeder Schools, who are siblings of children in attendance at Cardinal Newman Catholic School at the time of admission.
9. Non-Catholic children who are siblings of children already in attendance at Cardinal Newman Catholic School at the time of admission.
10. Non-Catholic children who currently attend one of our Catholic Feeder Schools.
11. Other Non-Catholic children.

Named Feeder School; The named feeder schools for Cardinal Newman are: Christ the King, Holy Family, St Augustine's, St Elizabeth's, and St Osburg's Catholic Primary Schools.

Baptismal Certificates; In all categories, for a child to be considered as Catholic, evidence of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Church will be required. Those who face difficulties in producing written evidence of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Church should contact their Parish Priest. Parents making an application for a Catholic child will need to submit a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate. **This should be returned directly to the school.** If you do not provide a Baptismal Certificate by the closing date, this is likely to affect the criteria that your child is placed into, which is likely to affect your child's chance of being offered a place at this school.

Brothers and Sisters; For all applicants the definition of a brother or sister is: · A brother or sister sharing the same parents · A half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one common parent · A step-brother or step-sister, where two children are related by a parents' marriage or civil partnership or where they are unrelated but their parents are living as partners. · Adopted or fostered children. The children must be living permanently in the same household.

Staff: A 'member of staff working for Cardinal Newman Catholic School' is defined as an individual who has been employed by Cardinal Newman Catholic School for two or more years prior to the application being submitted to the local authority, or where the staff member has more recently been recruited to fill a vacant post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Distance; Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement from the centre of the child's home address to the centre of the school site. The Local Authority calculates these measurements on behalf of the school using a computerised mapping system. Ordnance Survey supplies the co-ordinates that are used to plot a child's home address and the address of the school.

Waiting Lists; Children who have not been offered a place at Cardinal Newman School but were offered a school that was ranked as a lower preference on their application form will be added to a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained until the last day of the summer term 2027 and will then be discarded. A child's position on a waiting list is not fixed. When a new child joins the waiting list, all applicants on that waiting list will be re-ranked to ensure that the list is always maintained in oversubscription criteria order.

School Appeals; Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Local Governing Body to refuse their child a place in the school should make that appeal request in writing to the Chair of the Local Governing Body at the school address. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	1st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	Last Distance allocated	Total Allocated
2025	250	305	5	0	130	11	16	1	1	9	18	30	29	1.406	251
2024	250	297	4	1	149	7	29	2	0	11	21	26		3.579	250
2023	250	467	3	0	146	11	16	1	0	6	23	15	29	1.329	250

In 2023 and 2025 only some places were offered to non-catholic children under criteria 11, and in 2024 only some non-catholic children under criteria 10. There is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.



**The Romero
Catholic Academy**
Nurturing the Talent of Tomorrow



**Cardinal Wiseman
Catholic School**
Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

Contact details:

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School
Potters Green Road
Coventry
CV6 2AJ

Telephone: 024 7661 7231

Email: admin.cw@romeromac.com

Website:

www.cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk

Principal: Ms L Burtonwood

Chair of Governors: Ann Harkin

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 240

Number on Roll: 1439

DfE Number: 331 4007

**Open Evening/Morning - Please check
school website for any updates**

Thursday 18 September 2025

Admissions Authority

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School is part
of the Romero Catholic Academy.

**Baptismal Certificates MUST be
submitted with the application for any
child who is Baptised Catholic**

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority. If there is oversubscription within a category, the Board of Directors will give priority firstly to children who will have a brother or sister attending Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School at the time of admission and then secondly to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance.

1. Baptised Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after.
2. Baptised Catholic children currently attending a named feeder school (see Note below).
3. Baptised Catholic children who live in the feeder school or academy parish area. (see note below)
4. Other Baptised Catholic children.
5. Non-Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after.
6. Non-Catholic children currently attending a named feeder school (see Note below).
7. Other Non-Catholic children.

Note : The named feeder schools and appropriate parishes for Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School are:

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School - Corpus Christi Parish
Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School - St Elizabeth's Parish
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School - Sacred Heart Parish
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School - St John Fisher Parish
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School - St John Fisher Parish
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School - St Patrick's Parish
SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School - St Patrick's Parish

For full details on admissions policy, click the link below -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1817/cardinal_wiseman_catholic_secondary

Baptismal Certificates; In all categories, for a child to be considered as Catholic, evidence of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Church will be required. Those who face difficulties in producing written evidence of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Church should contact their Parish Priest. Parents making an application for a Catholic child will need to submit a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate. **This should be returned directly to the school.** If you do not provide a Baptismal Certificate by the closing date, this is likely to affect the criteria that your child is placed into, which is likely to affect your child's chance of being offered a place at this school.

Brothers and Sisters; For all applicants the definition of a brother or sister is: · A brother or sister sharing the same parents · A half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one common parent · A step-brother or step-sister, where two children are related by a parents' marriage or civil partnership, or where they are unrelated but their parents are living as partners. · Adopted or fostered children. The children must be living permanently in the same household.

Distance; Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement from the centre of the child's home address to the centre of the school site. The Local Authority calculates these measurements on behalf of the school using a computerised mapping system. Ordnance Survey supplies the co-ordinates that are used to plot a child's home address and the address of the school.

School Appeals; Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Local Governing Body to refuse their child a place in the school should make that appeal request in writing to the Chair of the Local Governing Body at the school address. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

Waiting Lists; In addition to their right to appeal, children who have not been offered a place at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School but were offered a school that was ranked as a lower preference on their application form will be added to a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained until the last day of the summer term 2027 and will then be discarded. A child's position on a waiting list is not fixed. When a new child joins the waiting list, all applicants on that waiting list will be re-ranked to ensure that the list is always maintained in oversubscription criteria order. This means that a child's position on the waiting list could go up or down during the time that it is on the list. Any late applications accepted will be added to the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	1 st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Last distance allocated	Total Allocated
2025	240	263	7	71	33	2	0	19	108	-	240
2024	270	269	3	30	67	18	1	56	94	-	269
2023	270	355	6	31	36	21	0	69	107	-	270

In each year all applicants were offered places under the school policy. There is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.



Contact details:

Coundon Court School
Northbrook Road
Coventry
CV6 2AJ

Telephone: 024 7633 5121

Email: admin@coundoncourt.org

Website: www.coundoncourt.org

Principal: Mr C Heal

Chair of Governors: Mr T Fitzpatrick

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 345

Number on Roll: 1878

DfE Number: 331 4026

Open Evening- Please check school website for any updates

Thursday 18 September 2025 (5pm-7pm)

For catchment area details please visit;

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas>

Admissions Authority

Coundon Court is an academy and therefore its own admissions authority.

For full policy details, click the link below -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1809/coundon_court

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more requests for a school place than there are places available within the schools admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order as shown below:

Criteria 1: Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children). Also children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order and all previously looked after children, 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 as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989*

Criteria 2: Children of teaching and non-teaching staff who have been directly employed by the school for two or more years at the time of application for the school place; or recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Criteria 3: Children who live in the catchment area served by Coundon Court, who have a brother or sister attending the school provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend the following year

Criteria 4: Other children who live in the catchment area served by the school.

Criteria 5: Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends Coundon Court, provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend the following year.

Criteria 6: Children by reference to the distance to Coundon Court.

Brothers and Sisters; The definition of brother or sister includes stepbrothers, stepsisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address. Brothers and sisters are required to be of compulsory school age within the oversubscription criteria. This means they must be attending in Years 7 to 11 at the time that the applicant would be joining the school.

Address; A student's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned will be confirmed with each child's primary school. In any case of dispute, parents will be asked to provide appropriate documentary evidence to confirm address and residency. Where documentary evidence can substantiate, to the satisfaction of the Governors, that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place.

Distance; If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, the Governors will prioritise the requests within that category by reference to distance. A straight-line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence - to the centre of the school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, the Governors will select by drawing lots.

Brothers and Sisters; The definition of brother or sister includes stepbrothers, stepsisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address. They are required to be of compulsory school age within the oversubscription criteria. This means they must be attending in Years 7 to 11 at the time that the applicant would be joining the school.

Waiting Lists; Where, in any year, the school receives more applications for places than there are places available a waiting list will be maintained from 1 September to 31 December of the year to which the allocation applies. It will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. Parents who wish for their children to continue to be considered for any places that become available after the end of the autumn term must re - register their interest with the school. Children's position on the waiting lists will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out in above. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the published oversubscription criteria.

School Appeals; Parents who wish to appeal against the fact that their child has not been allocated a place at the school must apply to the School Organisation (Admissions) section who will arrange for appeals to be registered. An independent panel will hear appeals. Appeal applications are made through the following link: www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolappeals

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Staff	Catchment area	Siblings	Distance	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	345	306	3	0	1	148	35	111		298
2024	345	314	3		1	161	33	116		314
2023	345	528	2	0	0	187	41	115		345

In each year the school was able to admit all applicants but there is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. High birth year predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.



Eden Girls

Contact details:

Eden Girls' School, Coventry
Stoney Stanton Road
Coventry
CV1 4FS

Telephone: 024 7622 0937

Email: info@egcoventry.staracademies.org

Website: www.edengirlscoventry.com

Principal: Shazia Akram

Chair of Governors: Afzal Ismail

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 120*

Number on Roll: 599

DfE Number: 331 4002

Open Evening/Morning - Please check school website for any updates

Thursday 25 September 2025 (4pm-6:30pm)

Admissions Authority

Eden Girls' School Coventry is a Muslim faith school and is part of Star Academies multi academy trust.

If applying on the basis of a parent being a staff member please provide full details on the application form.

***to help with the need for spaces within the city Eden Girls School has agreed to take a further 30 pupils in 2026 entry. This means 150 places will be allocated.**

For full details on admissions policy, click the link below –

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/2802/eden_girls_school

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If the school is oversubscribed, children will be admitted in accordance with the oversubscription criteria listed below, once all children with an education, health and care plan, naming the school are admitted.

- 1) Looked after children or a child who was previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order, or special guardianship order or those children who appear to the school to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. **Please see note below**
- 2) Children of staff employed at Eden Girls' School for 2 or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made, and / or the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage
- 3) Children with proven, exceptionally strong special, medical or social circumstances, which are directly relevant to attendance at Eden Girls' School. Parents are responsible for providing the professional supporting evidence to the school by the closing date from a consultant, doctor, psychologist, social worker or from another relevant independent professional
- 4) Children with older siblings attending Eden Girls' School in Years 7 to 11, at the time of application and offer of a place
- 5) A maximum of 10 places to children resident in the CV10 and CV11 postcode areas of Nuneaton.
- 6) A maximum of 18 places to children resident between 2 and 4 miles of school.
- 7) All other children who live nearest from home to school including those refused admission under criteria 5 & 6

Coventry City Council measures the distance in a straight line from the centre of the home to the centre of the school's site.

Note: A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society (see Section 23ZZA(8) of the Children's Act 1989 (inserted by Section 4 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017). This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see Section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see Section 46 adoption orders).

Siblings; Siblings refers to full, half, adopted, step, foster sisters or the child of the parent's partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.

Special, Medical or Social Circumstances; For a place to be offered under this criterion, the information must confirm the exceptional medical or social need and demonstrate how Eden School is the only school that can meet the defined needs of the child. In all cases the medical or social need must be permanent or long term. For medical conditions affecting mobility, consideration will only be given if Eden School is nearest to the child's home. It is the parent's responsibility to provide the information directly to the school. Failure to provide the supporting information by the closing date may result in the application not being considered under this criterion.

Waiting Lists; Children refused admission for the school's Year 7 group each September, will automatically be included on the waiting list for the school, where the school is a higher preference than the school where your child was allocated a place. Parents who wish their child's details to be included on the waiting list for the school, even though a place has been allocated at a higher preference school should contact Coventry City Council's School Admissions Team. The position on the waiting list is determined by the priority order of the admission policy and nothing else. When the number of children admitted to the school drops below the published admission number, a place is offered to the child who is at the top of the waiting list. The position of your child on the waiting list may change. They may move up or down each time a child is added or removed, or when the change in circumstances of the child requires them to be considered against a different priority order of the school's oversubscription criteria. Looked after children, previously looked after children, and those allocated a place at the school in accordance with the Fair Access Protocol must take precedence over those on the waiting list. The school maintains the waiting list in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria, until 31st December in the academic year of Year 7 admission. Parents should complete an in-year application form thereafter if they wish their child's details to be kept on the waiting list for the remainder of the academic year. For the in-year waiting list, parents must complete a new application form each year at the beginning of the new academic year.

School Appeals; Parents have a legal right of appeal to an independent appeal panel against the decision not to offer admission. Education appeals Dotcom Ltd administers the appeals process on behalf of the school. Parents should access the appeal form from www.edap.link/myschoolappeal

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests	SEN/LAC	Staff	Special/ Medical/ Social	Siblings	CV10/CV11 (10)	2-4 Miles (18)	Distance	Last Place Allocated	Total
2025	120	130	5	2	2	34	4	18	55	C6 2.4 C7: 0.795	120
2024	120	226	6	1	0	39	10	18	50	C6 2.667 C7: 0.711	120
2023	120	265	3	2	0	39	8	18	50	C7: 0.912	120

The school has not been able to admit all applicants under the distance-based criteria 6 – 7. The table shows the distance of the last place offered under these criteria. There is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.



Contact details:

Ernesford Grange Community Academy
Princethorpe Way
Coventry
CV3 2QD

Telephone: 024 7645 3121

Email: admin@egacademy.org.uk

Website: www.egacademy.org.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs D Burrows

Chair of Governors: Mr A Wright

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 210

Number on Roll: 1163

DfE Number: 331 4001

Open Evening- Please check school website for any updates

Thursday 25 September 2025
5:30pm-7:00pm

For catchment area details please visit;
<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas>

Admissions Authority

Ernesford Grange Community Academy (EGCA) is part of the Sidney Stringer multi-academy trust.

For full details, click the link below -
https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1810/ernesford_grange_secondary

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more requests for the school than there are places available within the school's admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown below:

1, Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children). Also children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A *looked-after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.*

2, Children of staff who work at the school and spend the majority of their time working at the school, with two years' service at the time of application. Staff refers to any person employed by the Governing body of the school, or if employed by another organisation who works wholly or mainly in the school. They must meet the following criteria • All full time teaching staff • All full time support staff – defined as those on 37 week and above contract • All part time teaching staff with a 45% and above timetable • All part time support staff who work at least 15 hours per week for 37 weeks or more The definition does not include contract or peripatetic staff

3, Children who live in the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending the school provided that the brother or sister is of compulsory school age and will continue to attend Ernesford Grange Academy the following year. The definition of brother or sister includes step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address.

4, Other children who live in the catchment area served by the school.

5, Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends the school, provided that the brother or sister is of compulsory school age and will continue to attend Ernesford Grange Academy the following year.

6, Children by reference to the distance to the school.

Compulsory School Age; Brothers and sisters are required to be of compulsory school age within the oversubscription criteria. This means they must be attending in Years 7 to 11 at the time that the applicant would be joining the school.

Distance; If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, requests will be prioritised within that category by reference to distance. A straight-line measurement will be made, using Coventry City Council's computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence to the centre of the preferred school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, the decision will be made by the drawing of lots.

Home address: A student's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Governing Body that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place.

Waiting Lists; After the initial allocation of places the Governors in conjunction with the Local Authority will establish a waiting list and this will operate up until the end of the Autumn Term, 31 December. Parents who wish for their children to continue to be considered for any places after the end of the Autumn Term must register their interest for the school via the Local Authority. Waiting lists are kept in admissions criteria order and this is the basis for deciding where a child is placed on a list. The date of application does not affect the position on a waiting list.

School Appeals; All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. Appellants should contact Mrs D Last on 024 7645 3121 or e-mail dlast@egacademy.org.uk for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website.

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Staff	Catchment area	Siblings	Distance	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	210	236	5	1	3	164	10	27	3.64	210
2024	210	240	6	0	4	170	15	15	0.608	210
2023	210	346	6	0	1	171	11	21	0.882	210

In each year the school was able to admit up to criteria 5 but there is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. High birth year predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.



Contact details:

Finham Park 2
Torrington Avenue
Coventry
CV4 9WT

Telephone: 024 7771 0720

Email: contact@finhampark2.co.uk

Website: www.finhampark2.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mr William Keddie

Chair of Governors: Mr Antony Hopker

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 180

Number on Roll: 774

DfE Number: 331 4006

Open Evening- Please check school website for any updates

Thursday 18 September 2025 (5pm-7pm)

Admissions Authority

Finham Park 2 is an Academy and part of The Finham Park Educational Trust.

Please note that the admissions policy for the academy aims to ensure that no more than 50% of pupils live within 1 mile of the school.

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more requests for the school than there are places available within the school's admission number, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order.

1. Children who, at the time of admission, are in care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children). Also children who were previously looked after, including those children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or a residence order or a special guardianship order. A *looked-after child* is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

2. Children who have a sibling attending the school provided that the sibling is in year 7-10 and will continue to attend Finham Park2 the following academic year.

3. The Children of all staff who have been continuously employed by the school for a period of at least two years for the purpose of working in the school as follows: • All full-time teaching staff • All full-time support staff – defined as those on 37 week and above contract • All part time teaching staff with a 45% and above timetable • All part time support staff who work at least 15 hours per week for 37 weeks or more. The two-year qualification period may be waived if a post is hard to fill.

The definition does not include contract staff. If a service has been 'in house' and is subsequently 'contracted out' children of staff will no longer be eligible for priority admission under this criterion. The definition does not include peripatetic staff

4. Up to 50% of remaining places (rounded up to the nearest whole number) will be offered to children who live in a 1-mile radius of the school (ranked by distance to the school).

5. Places will be offered to children who live from a distance of 1- mile up to 2- mile radius of the school (ranked by distance to the school).

6. All other children

For full details, click the link below -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/3633/finham_park_2

Siblings; The trustees of the school see the benefits of children from the same family attending the same school and give priority to siblings in its policy for allocating places. 'Siblings' includes half, step, adoptive and foster brothers and/or sisters living permanently at the same address as the applicant as part of the same family unit. **Applications within each year group made on behalf of twins or triplets** – where the last child to be offered a place is one of multiple birth siblings, the school will admit over the published admission number (PAN) to support the family.

Distance; If it is not possible to meet all the requests in any one of the categories described above, the Trustees will prioritise the requests within that category by reference to distance. A straight-line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence – to the centre of the school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority.

Address: A child's home address is a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Trustees that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place. **If a school place is offered based on an address that is subsequently found to be different from a child's normal or permanent home address, then that place is liable to withdrawal.**

Waiting Lists; Where in any year Finham Park 2 receives more applications than there are places available, the Local Authority will establish a waiting list and this will operate up until the 31st December in the year of application. Parents who wish for their child(ren) to continue to be considered for any places after 31 December must register their interest for the school via the Local Authority otherwise their child's name will be removed. This waiting list will then operate until the end of the school year. If a place becomes available, then it will be offered to the students at the top of the list. Where places become vacant, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever a child joins or leaves the waiting list.

School Appeals: Appeals are heard by an independent panel. If you want to appeal for a place at Finham Park 2 you should write to Mrs D Barnacle at the school or email: admissions@finhampark2.co.uk

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN/ Public care	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	180	181	11	31	1	65	57	15	5.84 (C6)	180
2024	180*	209	6	27	2	73	69	3	0.853 (C4) 1.989 (C5) 0.877 (C6)	180
2023	150*	552	18	36	0	48	48	0	0.438 (C4) 1.44 (C5)	150

Please note that the policy means that only limited numbers of places are offered to those living less than 1 mile from the school (criteria 4). The last place allocated distances for each criteria show how close you would have needed to live in previous years to be offered a place. This means that if you live further away your chances of gaining a place will be reduced. In 2025 all those who applied under criteria 4 and 5 were offered places. **There is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.**

Contact details:

Finham Park School
Green Lane
Coventry
CV3 6EA

Telephone: 024 7641 8135

Email: admin@finhampark.co.uk

Website: www.finhampark.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mr Chris Bishop

Chair of Governors: Anne Brennan

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 270

Number on Roll: 1705

DfE Number: 331 4037

Open Evening- Please check school website for any updates

Thursday 25 September 2025 (5pm – 7pm)

For catchment area details please visit;

[http://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchment areas](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchment_areas)

Admissions Authority

Finham Park School is the lead Academy within the Finham multi-academy trust.

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more requests for a school place than there are places available within the school's admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown below:

1. Children who, at the time of admission, are in care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children). Also children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to child arrangements order or a special guardianship order and all previously looked after children, 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 as a result of being adopted *A looked-after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.*
2. Children who live inside or outside the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending the school provided that the sibling is in year 7-10 and will continue to attend Finham Park School the following year.
3. Children of all staff who have been continuously employed by the school for a period of at least two years for the purpose of working in the school as follows:
 - All full time teaching staff
 - All full time support staff – defined as those on 37 week and above contract
 - All part time teaching staff with a 45% and above timetable
 - All part time support staff who work at least 15 hours per week for 37 weeks or more. The two year qualification period may be waived if a post is hard to fill. *The definition does not include contract staff. If a service has been 'in house' and is subsequently 'contracted out' children of staff will no longer be eligible for priority admission under this criterion. The definition does not include peripatetic staff.*
4. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the school.
5. Children by reference by distance to the school.

For full details of the academy admissions policy, click the link below -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1819/finham_park_school

Brothers and Sisters; The definition of brother or sister includes stepbrothers, stepsisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address. Brothers and sisters are required to be of compulsory school age. This means they must be attending in Years 7 to 11 at the time that the applicant would be joining the school. Where the final place in a year group is offered to one of twins or other multiple births the parent must decide which child will take up the place.

Address: A student's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Governors that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place.

Distance; If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, the Trustees will prioritise the requests within that category by reference to distance. A straight-line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence – to the centre of the school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, the Trustees will select by drawing lots.

Waiting Lists; After the initial allocation of places the Trustees in conjunction with the Local Education Authority will establish a waiting list up until the end of the Autumn Term (31 December). Parents who wish to continue to be considered for any places after the end of the Autumn Term must register their interest for the school via the Local Authority.

School Appeals; If you have not been offered a place at Finham Park School you have the right of appeal against the decision not to allocate your child a place. Accepting the place you have been offered does not affect your right of appeal. Appeals are heard by an independent panel. If you want to appeal for a place at Finham Park School you should write to Ms J Bevan at the school or email j.bevan@finhampark.co.uk.

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Siblings	Staff	Catchment area	Distance	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	270	352	7	1	88	3	103	68	1.553	270
2024	270	406	7	2	98	5	117	41	1.384	270
2023	270	627	10	0	75	4	129	52	1.351	270

In each year the school was able to admit up to criteria 5 but there is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.

Contact details:

Foxford Community School
Grange Road
Coventry
CV6 6BB

Telephone: 024 7636 9200

Email:

foxfordmail@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

Website: www.foxfordschool.co.uk

Head Teacher/Deputy CEO:

Mrs A Gallagher

Chair of Governors: Mr R Elkin

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 210

Number on Roll: 1060

DfE Number: 331 4010

Open Evening- Please check school website for any updates

Thursday 2 October 2025 (5pm-7pm)

For catchment area details please visit;

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas>

Admissions Authority

Foxford Community School is an academy within the Castle Phoenix Trust which is a multi-academy trust.

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more applications for a place than there are places available within the Academy's admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown below (please reference to oversubscription definitions for further information):

1. Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children) 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 as a result of being adopted or became subject to a special guardianship order. *A looked after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 (see definitions section).*
2. Children who live in the catchment area served by the Academy, who have a brother or sister attending the Academy provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend the Academy the following year.
3. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the Academy.
4. Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends the Academy, provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend the Academy the following year
5. Children by reference to the distance their home is from the Academy in accordance with the definitions section.

If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, priority will be determined by the proximity of the child's home to the Academy

For full policy details, click the link below -

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1811/foxford>

Brothers and Sisters; The definition of brother or sister includes step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address. Brothers and sisters are required to be of compulsory school age within the oversubscription criteria. This means they must be attending in Years 7 to 11 at the time that the applicant would be joining the Academy.

Distance; A straight-line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence to the centre of the school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, the Trustees will select by drawing lots

Home address: A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Governors that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place.

Waiting Lists; After the initial allocation of places, as required by the current School Admissions Code the Academy will manage the waiting list until the end of the autumn term (31 December). The Academy will continue to do this for subsequent terms and also manage waiting lists for other year groups. Applications for inclusion on the waiting list will be ranked according to the school's oversubscription criteria.

When a place becomes available the Academy, through the LA, will contact the first person on the list (according to the Academy's oversubscription criteria) for the relevant year group. Parent/carers must contact the Academy at the end of every term to ensure their child remains on the waiting list.

School Appeals; If you are unsuccessful in obtaining a place, parents have the right of appeal to an independent panel who have the authority to exceed the Academy's admission number where appropriate. Please address your appeal to Foxford Appeal, jan.clarke@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk or in writing to Foxford Appeal, Foxford School, Grange Road, Longford, Coventry, CV6 6BB.

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Catchment area	Siblings	Distance	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	210	210	1	1	168	16	24	2.096	210
2024	210*	216	3	2	161	12	32	2.041	210
2023	210*	298	3	0	156	14	37	1.784	210

Only limited numbers of children living outside the catchment area in 2023 and 2024 were offered places (criteria 4 and 5). All applicants were offered places in 2025 but there is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.



Contact details:

Grace Academy Coventry
Wigston Road
Coventry
CV2 2RH

Telephone: 02476 589 000

Email: coventry@graceacademy.org.uk

Website: www.graceacademy.org.uk

Executive Principle: Natasha Whiles

Associate Principle: Emily Wheller

Chair of Governors: Richard Smith

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 210

Number on Roll: 1022

DfE Number: 331 6905

Open Evening- Please check school website for any updates

Wednesday 17 September 2025 (5pm – 7.30pm)

For catchment area details please visit;

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas>

Admissions Authority

Grace Academy is part of The Tove Learning Trust.

For full of the admissions policy details, click the link below -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1820/grace_academy

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

In the event that the school receives more applications than the number of places it has available, applications will be prioritised according to the criteria set out below for Grace Academy Coventry

- a. Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children). Also children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order and including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked-after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.*
- b. Children of staff at the Academy, in either of the following circumstances:
 - The member of staff has been employed at the Academy for 2 or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the Academy is made, or
 - The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- c. Children who live in the catchment area served by the Academy, who have a brother or sister attending the Academy provided that the brother or sister is of compulsory Academy age and will continue to attend that Academy the following year.
- d. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the Academy.
- e. Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends the Academy, provided that the brother or sister is of compulsory Academy age and will continue to attend that Academy the following year
- f. Children by reference to the distance from home to the preferred Academy.

Brothers and Sisters; The definition of brother or sister includes step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address. They are required to be of compulsory Academy age within the oversubscription criteria. This means they must be attending in Years 7 to 11 at the time that the applicant would be joining the Academy. Where the final place in a year group is offered to one of twins or other multiple births the parent has to decide which child will take up the place.

Address: A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Local Authority that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a place.

Distance; A straight-line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the applicant's home address to the centre of the preferred Academy site as set by the Local Authority. All distances are subject to change with updates of mapping data. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the Academy, the Local Governing Body will use the tie break method as per paragraph 6.3 in the policy.

Waiting Lists; Subject to provisions regarding waiting lists the Local Authority's coordinated admissions scheme, the Academy will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where in any year Grace Academy Coventry receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate. This will be maintained by the Academy in conjunction with School Admissions and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. Students will remain on the list until 31 December 2026. Parents who wish for their child's name to be placed on a waiting list from January 2027 until the end of the academic year should notify School Admissions who operate the list.

School Appeals; Parents have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision in relation to the offering of a place for a student to Grace Academy. Please contact schoolappeals@coventry.gov.uk for further details.

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Staff	Catchment area	Siblings	Distance	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	210	195	6	1	0	114	26	48		195
2024	210	155	2	2	1	100	27	23		155
2023	210	243	4	0		84	21	98		207

In each year all applicants were offered places under the school policy but there is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.



Contact details:

Lyng Hall School
Blackberry Lane
Coventry
CV2 3JS

Telephone: 024 7672 4960

Email: enquiries@lynghallschool.co.uk

Website: www.lynghallschool.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mr P Green

Chair of Governors: Ghulam Vohra

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 180

Number on Roll: 989

DfE Number: 331 4030

Open Evening- Please check school website for any updates

Tuesday 23 September 2025 (5:30pm-7:30pm)

For catchment area details please visit;

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas>

Admissions Authority

Lyng Hall School is an academy and is part of the Finham multi-academy trust

For full details on admissions policy, click the link below -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1812/lyng_hall

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

1. Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children) and all previously looked after children, 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 as a result of being adopted. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangement order or a special guardianship order. A *looked-after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.*
2. Children who have a brother or sister attending the school provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend that school the following year (*the definition of brother or sister includes stepbrothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address*).
3. Children of all staff who have been continuously employed by the school for a period of at least two years for the purpose of working in the school as follows: • All full time teaching staff; • All full time support staff – defined as those on contracts of at least 35hrs a week; • All part time teaching staff with a 45% and above timetable; • All part time support staff who work at least 15 hours per week for 37 weeks or more. *The two year qualification period may be waived if a post is hard to fill. The definition does not include contract staff. If a service has been 'in house' and is subsequently 'contracted out' children of staff will no longer be eligible for priority admission under this criterion. The definition does not include peripatetic staff.*
4. Children who live in the catchment area served by the school.
5. Children by reference to the distance to the preferred school.

Brothers and Sisters; Brothers and sisters are required to be of compulsory school age within the oversubscription criteria. This means they must be attending in Years 7 to 11 at the time that the applicant would be joining the school. Where the final place in a year group is offered to one of twins or other multiple births the parent has to decide which child will take up the place.

Address: A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Governors that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place

Distance; A straight-line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence - to the centre of the preferred school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, the Governors will select by drawing lots. This will be independently supervised.

Waiting Lists; After the initial allocation of places on 2 March 2026, the Governors in conjunction with the Local Authority will establish a waiting list and this will operate up until the end of the Autumn term (31 December). Parents who wish for their children to continue to be considered for any places after the end of the autumn term must register their interest for the school via the Local Authority.

School Appeals; Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Governors to refuse their child a place in the school may apply to the School Appeals Team who will arrange for appeals to be registered. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Siblings	Staff	Catchment area	Distance	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	180	180	7	0	62	0	45	66		180
2024	180	180	4	2	47	0	53	72		180
2023	180	347	12	0	50	0	63	55		180

In each year all applicants were offered places under the school policy but there is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.



Contact details:

Meadow Park School
Abbey Road
Coventry
CV3 4BD

Telephone: 02476 302580

Email: admin@meadowparkschool.com

Website: www.meadowparkschool.com

Head of School: Mrs B Pettman

Chair of Governors: Mr David Kershaw

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 180

Number on Roll: 803

DfE Number: 331 4011

Open Evening - Please check school website for any updates

Thursday 11 September 2025 (5pm-7pm)

Admissions Authority

Meadow Park School is part of the Finham multi-academy trust

For catchment area details please visit:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas>

For full details on admissions policy, click the link below -

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1824/meadow-park-school>

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If the school is not oversubscribed, all applicants will be offered a place. In the event that the school receives more applications than the number of places it has available, places will be given to those children who meet any of the criteria set out below, in order, until all places are filled.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children
2. Children who live in the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending Meadow Park School, providing that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend Meadow Park School the following year
3. Other children who live in the catchment area
4. Children of staff who meet the definition
5. Children living outside the catchment area who have a brother or sister attending Meadow Park School, providing that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend Meadow Park School the following year
6. Other children according to distance between their home and Meadow Park School

Looked after children are children who, at the time of making an application to the school, are: • In the care of a local authority, or • Being provided with accommodation by a local authority in exercise of its social services functions.

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they: • Were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 or the Adoption and Children Act 2002, or • Became subject to a child arrangements order, or • Became subject to a special guardianship order, and All those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be as a result of being adopted.

Sibling; By sibling we mean: • Children living at the same address who have one or both natural parents in common • Children living at the same address who are related by a parent's marriage • Children living at the same address whose parents are living as partners at this address • We include siblings who are adopted within our definition of sibling • We do not include 'cousins' within our definition of sibling • However, where the school is oversubscribed no guarantee can be given that places will be available for brothers and sisters. Twin sibling – admitting all multiple births when the last place is to be offered is to a twin is at the discretion of the School.

Compulsory School Age; Brothers and sisters are required to be of compulsory school age within the oversubscription criteria. This means they must be attending in Years 7 to 11 at the time that the applicant would be joining the school.

Staff; Under the oversubscription criteria the word staff will mean: All staff who have been continuously employed by the school for a period of at least two years for the purpose of working in the school as follows: • All full time teaching staff • All full time support staff – defined as those on 37 week and above contract • All part time teaching staff with a 45% and above timetable • All part time support staff who work at least 15 hours per week for 37 weeks or more. The two year qualification period may be waived if a post is hard to fill. The definition does not include contract staff. If a service has been 'in house' and is subsequently 'contracted out' children of staff will no longer be eligible for priority admission under this criterion. The definition does not include peripatetic staff.

Home address: A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Governing Board that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place.

Distance; A straight line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence – to the centre of the school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, the Admissions Panel will select by drawing lots. This process will be independently verified.

Waiting Lists; the school will maintain a waiting list until 31 December (after the end of the Autumn Term). We will continue to do this for subsequent terms and the applicants will be contacted at the end of every term to ask if they still wish their child to be held on the waiting list. The waiting list will be closed at the end of each academic year and the data discarded in line with GDPR.

School Appeals; If your application for a place at the school is unsuccessful, you will be informed why admission was refused and given information about the process for hearing appeals. If you wish to appeal, you must set out the grounds for your appeal in writing and send it to the following address: Please address your appeal to Meadow Park School Appeal at admin@meadowparkschool.com or in writing to Meadow Park School, Appeal, Abbey Road, Coventry, CV3 4BD.

[Previous Allocation information on following page;](#)

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Catchment area	Staff	Siblings	Distance	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	180	105	2	0	57	0	10	36		105
2024	180	149	0	0	101	0	10	38		149
2023	180	137	0	0	67	0	11	57		135

In each year all applicants were offered places under the school policy but there is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.

Contact details:

President Kennedy School
Rookery Lane
Coventry
CV6 4GL

Telephone: 02476661416

Email: reception@pks.coventry.sch.uk

Website: www.pks.coventry.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Ms Sam Rooke

Head of School: Mr Tyson Lane

Chair of Governors: Mr M Moseley

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number: 300

Number on Roll: 1845

DfE Number: 331 4034

Open Evening - Please check school website for any updates

Wednesday 17 September 2025
(4:30pm – 7:30pm)

For catchment area details please visit;
<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas>

Admissions Authority

President Kennedy School is an academy within The Futures Trust, a multi-academy trust.



2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more requests for a school place than there are places available within the school's admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown below (please reference to oversubscription definitions for further information):

- a. Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children) and all children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order, 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 as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 (see definitions section).*
- b. Children who live in the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending the school provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend President Kennedy School the following year.
- c. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the school.
- d. Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends the school, provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend President Kennedy School the following year.
- e. Children by reference to the distance their home is from the school in accordance with the definitions section.

For full details on the schools admissions policy, click the link below -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1813/president_kennedy

Brothers and Sisters; The definition of brother or sister includes step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address. Brothers and sisters are required to be of compulsory school age within the oversubscription criteria. This means they must be attending in Years 7 to 11 at the time that the applicant would be joining the school.

Home Address: A child's home address is considered to be the residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where parents have shared responsibility for a child and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the definition of a child's residence will be where they reside the majority of the time (3 nights or more) between Monday to Friday.

Distance; A straight-line measurement using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence to the centre of the school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school as described above, the admissions authority will select by drawing lots.

Waiting Lists; After the initial allocation of places, the admission authority in conjunction with the Local Authority will establish a waiting list and this will operate up until the end of the Autumn term (31 December). Parents who wish for their child to continue to be considered for a place at President Kennedy School after the end of the autumn term must register their interest via the Local Authority by completing a Secondary School Transfer Application Form. A new waiting list will be produced by the Local Authority at the start of the spring term which will then operate until the end of the academic year. Applications for inclusion on the waiting list will be ranked according to the school's oversubscription criteria as described above.

School Appeals If you want to appeal for a place you should contact Coventry City Council School Appeals Team on 024 7697 2647 / schoolappeals@coventry.gov.uk (<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/school-admissions/school-appeals>).

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Catchment area	Siblings	Distance	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	300	496	3	3	262	16	16	0.89 Criteria E	300
2024	300	499	11	11	267	11		4.131 Criteria D	300
2023	300	845	12	0	288	0	0	1.241 Criteria C	300

In 2023 we were could not offer places to all children within the catchment area. In 2024 we were not able to offer places to all of the siblings living outside the catchment area. In 2025 we were able to offer places to all catchment and sibling applicants but only some based on distance from the school. There is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.



Contact details:

Seva School
Link House
Eden Road
Coventry
CV2 2TB

Telephone: 024 77987619

Email:

school.office@seva.coventry.sch.uk

Website: <http://sevakeducationtrust.org/>

Principal: Sukhjinder Sanghera

Chair of Trustees: Amarjit Basra

Type of School: Academy All Through

Age range: 4-16

Published Admission Number: 120

Number on Roll: 702

DfE Number: 331 4004

Open Evening -

Tuesday 16 September 2025 (5pm-7:30pm)

Admissions Authority

Seva School Coventry is a Sikh faith school and is part of the Sevak Education trust.

Those wishing to apply for a place based on their faith must complete the supplementary information form which is available in the link below and parents should make sure this is returned direct to the school.

The form is available to download from;
https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/2778/seva_school

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

Please note that students currently in Year 6 at Seva School will be guaranteed their place in Year 7.

Pupils with an Education Health Care Plan, where the school is named in the Statement, will be admitted to Seva School. If undersubscribed, the school will admit all remaining applicants. If oversubscribed, the school will admit the remaining children under two priority groups. Up to 50% of the available places will be allocated to children in **Priority Group A** based on faith. The remaining places will be allocated without reference to faith to children in **Priority Group B**.

Priority Group A - A maximum of 50% of the available places will be allocated to children who are members of the Sikh faith. Places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Looked after Sikh children (children in public care) or previously looked after Sikh children.
2. Children with a sibling who is a pupil already attending Seva School, at the time of admission.
3. Sikh children whose parents demonstrate their commitment to the Sikh faith by completing the whole of Section 2 of the Supplementary Information Form. The form will be assessed and places will be allocated based on the score achieved (points are specified against each answer). Priority will be given to the highest scores in descending order.
4. Children of staff who have been employed at Seva School for 2 years or more at the time of applying. Or children of staff who have been recruited to fill a post where there is a skills shortage.
5. Children by reference to the distance their home is to the Academy in a straight line measurement.

Details for more oversubscription criteria on next page.....

For full details on admissions policy, click the link below –
https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/2778/seva_school

Priority Group B; After the allocation of places under Priority Group A, at least 50% of places will be allocated to non-Sikh applicants. Places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Children with a sibling who is a pupil already attending Seva School, at the time of admission.
3. Children of staff who have been employed at Seva School for 2 years or more at the time of applying. Or children of staff who have been recruited to fill a post where there is a skills shortage.
4. Children by reference to the distance their home is to the Academy in a straight-line measurement.

Allocation of places if either group A or group B is undersubscribed; If after the admission of children with an Education, Health & Care Plan fewer than 50% of the remaining children qualify for admission under Priority Group A, additional places will be offered using the criteria listed under Priority Group B until the admission numbers are met. If after the admission of children with an Education, Health & Care Plan fewer than 50% of the remaining children qualify for admission under Priority Group B then additional places will be offered to applicants who were not allocated a place under Priority Group A. These applicants will be considered without reference to faith in line with the over-subscription criteria in Priority Group B until the admission numbers are met

Full details including definitions of Sikh faith are included within the main policy.

Waiting List; Children who are not admitted will have their name placed automatically on a waiting list which is maintained by the Trustee Board. Should a place become available, applications will be processed according to the oversubscription criteria for the relevant priority group. Parents/carers will be required to confirm in writing by 31 December if they wish to remain on the waiting list. The waiting list will operate for the remainder of the school year.

Appeals Those applicants who do not receive an offer of a place will be able to appeal the decision in accordance with the School Admissions Appeal Code. The details of the appeal procedure will be set out in full in the decision letter. The appeal will be heard by an Independent Appeals Panel, constituted according to the relevant statutory provisions in force at the time. The determination of the Independent Appeals Panel will be binding on all parties.

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Seva school is an all through school. It takes up to 60 pupils in Year 6 and these children have a right to continue automatically into Year 7 if they wish. From 2023 to 2025 the number of children wishing to stay at the school and those applying to join the school has not been greater than the admission number of 120 so all applicants have been admitted.

There is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.



Sidney Stringer Academy

Believe, Achieve, Succeed

Contact details:

Sidney Stringer Academy
2 Primrose Hill Street
Coventry
CV1 5LY

Telephone: 024 7625 1756

Email: info@sidneystringeracademy.org.uk

Website: www.sidneystringeracademy.org.uk

CEO of Multi Academy Trust: Ms Turpin

Associate Headteacher: Ms Ford

Chair of Governors: Ian Dunn

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number:
210

Number on Roll: 1495

DfE Number: 331 6906

Open Evening-

Thursday 18 September 2025 (5.30 – 7.30pm)

For catchment area details please visit;

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas>

Admissions Authority

Sidney Stringer Academy is part of the Sidney Stringer multi-academy trust.

For full details on admissions policy, click the link below -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1821/sidney_stringer_academy

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number and after the admission of Children with an Educational Health Care Plan where Sidney Stringer Academy is named on the EHCP, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below.

- a. Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children). Also children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. *A looked-after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.*
- b. Children of staff working at the school and spend the majority of their time working at the school, with two years' service at the time of application.
- c. Children who have attended Sidney Stringer Primary school since the start of Year 5 and have remained at the school since then.
- d. Children who live in the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister at the school and who will continue to do so on the date of admission. The definition of brother or sister includes step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address.
- e. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the school.
- f. Children living outside the catchment area served by the school with a brother or sister who currently attends the school and who will continue to do so on the date of admission. This criterion applies to all children who live outside the school catchment area but have a brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, adopted brother or sister who already attend the school requested and who will continue to do so on the date of admission and live at the same permanent address.

Siblings; Whilst the Academy will give priority to brother and / or sister (see criteria for definitions of brothers and sisters) connections in its policy for allocating places, in the case of over subscription there can be no guarantee that places will be available to all siblings.

Distance; If after the application of the over-subscription criteria, there are still places available; applicants will be prioritised by reference to the straight line distance. The straight line distance will be measured from the centre of the child's residence to the centre of the school site, using a computerised mapping system. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. This criterion will also be applied as a tie-break in criteria b, c and d if the academy is oversubscribed within these criteria. Where the final place can be taken by two or more applicants living an equal distance from the Academy, then the admissions number for that particular year only, will be raised accordingly to accommodate each of the applicants.

Staff: refers to any person employed by the Governing body of the school, or if employed by another organisation who works wholly or mainly in the school. They must meet the following criteria: • All full time teaching staff • All full time support staff – defined as those on 37 week and above contract • All part time teaching staff with a 45% and above timetable • All part time support staff who work at least 15 hours per week for 37 weeks or more. The definition does not include contract or peripatetic staff

Home address: A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. Proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. If an offer is made on the basis of an address that is subsequently found to be different from a child's normal and permanent address, then that place may be liable to withdrawal.

Waiting Lists; Subject to any provisions regarding waiting lists in the LA's co-ordinated admission scheme, the Academy will operate a waiting list. Where in any year the Sidney Stringer Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until 31st December of the same year (e.g. for applications for entry in 2026 the waiting list will operate until 31st December 2026). This will be maintained by the Academy Trust and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. At the 31st December, the Academy will contact the parents advising them that their child's name will be removed from the waiting list, unless they confirm directly with the Academy Trust that they wish for it to remain. This waiting list will then operate until the end of the school year. Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

School Appeals; The Academy shall ensure that parents will have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of the Academy. The Independent Appeal Panel will be independent of the Academy Trust. The arrangements for appeals will comply with the School Admission Appeals Code published by the DfE as it applies to Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools. The determination of the appeal panel is binding on all parties. Appellants should contact Mrs J.K. Singhrao on 02476251756 or email jksinghrao.staff@sidneystringeracademy.org.uk for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website.

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Staff	Feeder school	Catchment area	Sibling	Other	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	210	444	6	0	0	45	160	0	0	0.589	211
2024	240*	456	9	0	2	36	193	0	0	0.877	240
2023	240*	834	11	0	1	47	181	0	0	0.851	240

*For 2023 and 2024 entry Sidney Stringer Academy agreed to offer an additional 30 spaces to the PAN as a temporary increase to meet the demand for spaces within the city.

In each year the school has been unable to admit all catchment area requests or any out of area siblings, and the last distance allocated is within the catchment area.

There is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026 but please be aware of the fact no offers to children outside the catchment area have been made in recent years. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.

**Contact details:**

Stoke Park School
Dane Road
Coventry
CV2 4JW

Telephone: 024 7645 0215

Email: admin@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk

Website: www.stokepark.coventry.sch.uk

CEO – The Futures Trust: Mr C Jupp

Headteacher: Mrs Natalie Rock

Chair of Governors: Mr E Lawrence

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number:
210

Number on Roll: 1084

DfE Number: 331 4008

Open Evening

Thursday 18 September 2025 (3.30pm - 5pm and 6pm -7:30pm)

Admissions Authority

Stoke Park School is an academy within The Futures Trust, a multi-academy trust.

For full details on admissions policy, click the link below -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1814/stoke_park

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more requests for a school place than there are places available within the school's admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown below:

1. Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children) and all children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order, 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 as a result of being adopted. *A looked after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.*
2. Children who live in the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending the school provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend Stoke Park School the following year.
3. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the School.
4. Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends the school, provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend Stoke Park School the following year.
5. Children by reference to the distance their home is from the school

Brothers and Sisters; The definition of brother or sister includes step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address. Brothers and sisters are required to be of compulsory school age within the oversubscription criteria. This means they must be attending in Years 7 to 11 at the time that the applicant would be joining the school. Where the final place in a year group is offered to one of twins or other multiple births the admission number will be exceeded to accommodate the multiple birth siblings.

Distance; A straight-line measurement using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence to the centre of the school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school as described above, the Local Governing Body will select by drawing lots.

Home Address: A child's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where parents have shared responsibility for a child and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the definition of a child's residence will be where they reside the majority of the time (3 nights or more) between Monday to Friday. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the admission authority that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place

Waiting Lists; After the initial allocation of places, the admission authority in conjunction with the Local Authority will establish a waiting list and this will operate up until the end of the Autumn term (31 December). Parents who wish for their child to continue to be considered for a place at Stoke Park School after the end of the autumn term must register their interest via the Local Authority by completing a Secondary School Transfer Application Form. A new waiting list will be produced by the Local Authority at the start of the spring term which will then operate until the end of the academic year. Applications for inclusion on the waiting list will be ranked according to the school's oversubscription criteria as described above. If a place becomes available the school will contact the first person on the list for the relevant year group

School Appeals; If your child has not been offered a place at Stoke Park School, you have the right of appeal against the decision. Appeals are administered by the Local Authority and heard by an independent panel. If you want to appeal for a place you should contact School Appeals Team on 02476972647 schoolappeals@coventry.gov.uk

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Catchment area	Siblings	Distance	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	210	210	3	1	89	31	86	2.17	210
2024	210	210	5	2	86	15	102	8.11	210
2023	210	525	4	0	92	29	85	1.01	210

In each year the school was able to admit up to the final distance criteria and in 2025 to all those who applied, but there is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.

**Contact details:**

The Westwood Academy
Mitchell Avenue
Coventry
CV4 8DY

Telephone: 024 7646 7779

Email: admin@twa.kmat.org.uk

Website:

www.thewestwoodacademy.co.uk

CEO: Mr H Abbott

Headteacher: Ms S Hatch

Chair of Governors: Sue Casey

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number:
157

Number on Roll: 862

DfE Number: 331 4043

Open Evening -

Wednesday 17th September 2025
5.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Admissions Authority

The Westwood Academy is part of the Kenilworth Multi Academy Trust (KMAT) which is the Admissions authority for the school.

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more requests for a school place than there are places available within the school's admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown below:

1. Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children) and in addition, all previously looked after children, 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 as a result of being adopted, or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. *A looked-after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.*
2. Children who live in the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending the school provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend that school the following year, *The definition of brother or sister includes step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address.*
3. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the school.
4. Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends the school, provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend that school the following year
5. Children whose parent (or parents) are employed by The Westwood Academy and who have been so employed for two or more years at the time at which the application is made and/or they have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage
6. Children by reference to the distance to the school

If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, the school governors will prioritise the requests by reference to distance. *For full details on the admissions policy, click the link below -*

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1822/the-westwood-academy>

Compulsory School Age; Brothers and sisters are required to be of compulsory school age within the oversubscription criteria. This means they must be attending in Years 7 to 11 at the time that the applicant would be joining the school.

Distance; If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, the Governors will prioritise the requests within that category by reference to distance. A straight-line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence - to the centre of the preferred school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, priority will be determined by the drawing of lots overseen by a person independent of the school and the MAT.

Home address; A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Governors that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place.

Waiting Lists; After the initial allocation of places on 2 March 2026, the Governors in conjunction with the Local Authority will establish a waiting list and this will operate until 31st December 2026. Parents who wish for their children to continue to be considered for any places after the end of the autumn term must register their interest for the school via the Local Authority

School Appeals; Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the governors to refuse their child a place in the school may apply to the school direct in the first instance. The school will arrange for appeals to be registered with the Kenilworth Multi Academy Trust, who will refer this to an independent appeal panel for the appeal to be heard.

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Catchment area	Siblings	Staff	Distance	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	157	126	1	1	47	30	1	46		126
2024	157	115	4	0	46	13	0	52		115
2023	187*	364	4	0	85	18	0	72		179

*For 2023 entry The Westwood Academy agreed to offer an additional 30 places over their PAN to meet the need for spaces within the city.

In each year all applicants were offered places under the school policy but there is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted



Contact details:

West Coventry Academy
Tile Hill Lane
Coventry
CV4 9PW

Telephone: 024 7642 6200

Email: info@westcoventryacademy.org

Website: www.westcoventry.atlp.org.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Ana Neofitou

Chair of Trustees: John Vickers

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 11-18

Published Admission Number:
240

Number on Roll: 1301

DfE Number: 331 4033

Open Evening

Thursday 18 September 2025
(5 – 7pm)

Admissions Authority

West Coventry Academy part of The
Arthur Terry Learning Partnership

For catchment area details please visit:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchment-areas>

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more requests for a school place than there are places available within the school's admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown below:

1. Children who, at the time of admission, are in care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children). Also, all previously looked after children, 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 as a result of being adopted or became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order. *A looked-after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.*
2. Children who live in the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending the school provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend West Coventry Academy the following year.
3. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the school.
4. Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends West Coventry Academy, provided that the brother or sister will be of compulsory school age and will continue to attend the following year.
5. Children by reference by distance to the school.

If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, the school will prioritise the requests by reference to distance.

For full details on the admissions policy, click the link below -

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1823/west-coventry-academy>

Brothers and Sisters; The definition of brother or sister includes step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address. Brothers and sisters are required to be of compulsory school age within the oversubscription criteria. This means they must be attending in Years 7 to 11 at the time that the applicant would be joining the school. Where the final place in a year group is offered to one of twins or other multiple births the parent has to decide which child will take up the place.

Address; A student's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the admission authority that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place.

Distance; If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, the priority will be determined by the proximity of the child's home to West Coventry Academy. This will be carried out using a straight-line measurement and a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence - to the centre of the school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, the admission authority will select by drawing lots.

Waiting Lists; After the initial allocation of places, the admission authority in conjunction with the Local Authority will establish a waiting list up until the end of the Autumn Term (31 December). Parents who wish to continue to be considered for any places after the end of the Autumn Term must register their interest for the school via the Local Authority by completing a secondary school transfer application form. A new waiting list will be produced at the start of the spring term which will operate until the end of the academic year.

School Appeals; Appeals are co-ordinated by the local authority. For details of timetables and the appropriate appeal forms please visit [School appeals – Coventry City Council](#)

Previous year's allocation information 2023-2025

Academic Year	PAN	Total number of requests received	SEN	Public Care	Catchment area	Siblings	Distance	Last Distance Allocated	Total Allocated
2025	240	256	6	5	166	16	47	2.457	240
2024	237	140	2	3	135				140
2023	237	341	2	0	105	24	48		179

In 2023 and 2024 all applicants were offered places under the school policy, and in 2025 some applicants offered under the distance criteria. There is no guarantee that a similar situation will occur for admission in September 2026. A high birth year is predicted for Year 7 September 2026 entry.

Contact details:

WMG Academy for Young Engineers
Mitchell Avenue
Coventry
CV4 8DY

Telephone: 024 7646 4661

Email: info@wmgacademy.org.uk

Website: www.wmgacademy.org.uk

Chief Executive Officer: Mr Stewart Tait

Associate Principle: Ms Adele Wallis

Chair of Governors: James Morgan

Type of School: Academy

Age Range: 13-19

Number on Roll: 510

**Published Admission Number for Year 9
and Year 10:** 100

DfE Number: 331 4003

Open Evening

Contact the school to book a place

**Thursday 2 October 2025
(5pm – 8pm)**

Admissions Authority; The WMG Academy for Young Engineers is a University Technical College for 13 – 19-year-old students and from this year will be taking students into Year 9 and Year 10. The Academy is non-selective.

Applicants need to apply when in Year 8 or Year 9, by 1 November 2025 direct to the school.

[Apply for Year 9 September 2026 - WMG Academy Coventry](#)

[Apply for Year 10 September 2026 - WMG Academy Coventry](#)

For full details on the admissions policy, click the link below -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/2578/wmg_academy

2026/2027 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more applications than places available then all applications will be given a priority from the oversubscription criteria and places will be offered in priority order.

1. Looked after children (under section 22 of the Children Act 1989) and all previously looked after children, and those subject to a Special Guardianship or child arrangements order. This includes children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Applications for previously looked after children must be supported by appropriate evidence (ie, a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order).
2. Children with siblings at WMG Academy will be prioritised. Siblings must be on roll at the Academy when the application is made. This includes siblings of Post 16 students. A sibling must live at the same address and is defined as: ● A brother or sister sharing the same parents; ● A half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent; ● A stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage or civil partnership; ● The separate children of a couple who live together; or ● An adopted or fostered brother or sister.
3. Remaining places will be allocated by distance from the WMG Academy (postcode CV4 8DY) as follows
 - a. Children within a 5 mile radius 40% of places (up to a maximum of 40),
 - b. Children living within a 5 – 10 mile radius 40% (up to a maximum of 40) of places,
 - c. Children outside the 10 mile radius 20% (up to a maximum of 20) of places.

Allocation Notes:

1. Children with an education, health and care plan that names WMG Academy Coventry will be offered a place first. This will reduce the number of places available. If there is an uneven number of places left, the proportion allocated to each part of the catchment area will be round up to the nearest whole number.
2. Where there are more applications than places available within any of the catchment areas identified within criterion (3), independently verified random allocation will be used to decide which children will be allocated a place.
- 3 If places remain unfilled from any of the three catchment areas, they will be offered by random allocation to the unallocated applicants.
4. Applications from sets of twins or other children from multiple births will be treated as individual applicants, this may result in one child being allocated a place under random allocation and another not.

Further details on next page

How to apply for a place in Year 9 or 10; Parent(s)/carer(s) should apply for a place at the Academy by making an application via the Academy website. The closing date for applications for the WMG Academy for Young Engineers is **1st November 2025**. All applications received by this date will be classified as “on time” and will be considered first. Parent(s)/carer(s) will be notified of the outcome of their child’s application on 9th January 2026.

Home Address: When considering a child’s application, the permanent home address at the closing date of applications will be used. If parent(s)/carer(s) are separated and the child spends time at each parent(s)/carer(s) address, the address of the main carer (where the child lives for the majority of the week) will be used for admission to the Academy. Where a child spends equal time between addresses, the address in closest proximity to the Academy will be considered. Parent(s)/carer(s) may be asked to provide documentary evidence to verify the student’s address. This could be defined and verified as that registered with his/her doctor.

Distance; Distances are measured by the Local Authority standard admissions measure/process. The admissions system uses six-figure grid references provided by the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). The grid references provide a unique point on each property.

Waiting Lists; Places may become available at the WMG Academy after 9th January 2026. All children who were refused a place will be placed on a waiting list of the Academy; The list will be prioritised in line with the oversubscription criteria; The list will be maintained until the end of 31st December 2026 (the end of the Autumn Term 2026). If a vacancy arises, the place will be offered to the child with the highest priority. Where there are more applicants on the waiting list in a priority than places available, the place will be offered using the method of random allocation.

IN YEAR Applications to Year 9, 10 and Year 11; Applications for a place at any time other than the normal time for admission (in-year admission) should be made to **WMG Academy Coventry**. If there is a vacancy in the relevant year group a place will be offered unless it is deemed to fall under the Coventry City Council Fair access Protocol whereby it will be referred to Coventry Admissions and Inclusion Teams. If the year group is full the application will be given a priority and put on the waiting list.

Appeals; Applicants can appeal a decision to refuse admission by writing to admissions@wmgacademy.org within 10 days of the refusal setting out the reasons for appeal. Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council will facilitate appeals for applicants who are refused a place at WMG Academy.

Previous year’s allocation information 2023-2025

WMG Academy was a University Technical College for 14 – 19-year-old students taking up to 135 pupils in Year 10. From 2023 to 2025 the number of children applying to join the school has not been greater than the admission number, so all applicants have been admitted. In 2026 WMG Coventry will change to 13 -19 year olds with a smaller intake of 100 students into Year 9 and Year 10. Based on previous admissions it is possible that they will be oversubscribed in both year groups.

Section 3

How offers of places are made

The Local Authority will inform all Coventry residents of the outcome of their application by letter or email.

If you applied online:

Emails will be sent by 5pm on the 2 March 2026. If you do not receive your email you can log in to your online account and will be able to see which school your child has been allocated to.

If you applied by paper:

Parents who submitted a paper application will receive a letter or email confirming the school offered by 5 March 2026. If for any reason you have not received your letter or email by 5 March 2026, we will provide you with information on the outcome of your application over the telephone.

If you are not satisfied with the decision, you can discuss your concern with a member of the Admissions staff. At this time, you may wish to change your preferred options or register an appeal to an independent appeal panel. Staff in the team will advise you on the steps you need to take to do this. **Further information on the appeals process is in [Section 5](#).**

After 2 March 2026 parents can make changes (eg: address changes), make requests for places at other schools and also make a late application up to 16 March 2026. Please email your request to 11plus@coventry.gov.uk or call 024 76975445. From 17 March 2026 we will put together all late applications and changes of preference and complete a second round of offers in early April.

If places subsequently become available at oversubscribed schools, they will be allocated to children amongst the outstanding requests who have the highest priority according to the oversubscription criteria, regardless of whether parents have appealed. These requests will continue to be considered for any available places until the 31 December 2026.

Waiting list

The Local Authority cannot always offer places at a preferred school. If this is the case, the child's name will be automatically placed on the waiting list for the schools they have applied for. If places become available, the Local Authority will allocate the places to those who best meet the oversubscription criteria.

After the 2 March 2026, all late applications and changes of circumstances will be considered. Many of these children will not receive a place at their preferred school and will also have their name added to waiting lists in April during the second round of allocation. As this is open to all applicants there can be a considerable amount of change to the waiting lists during the second round of allocation.

All applicants will be placed in order based on the school's oversubscription criteria. This means that your position on the waiting list may go up or down depending on how others joining/leaving the list meet the oversubscription criteria. Schools will operate their own lists in conjunction with the local authority.

Waiting lists will remain in operation until the 31 December 2026. Please look at the individual school details in Section 2 or view the schools' policies at www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolcontactdetails to check the individual schools position in regards to the operation of their waiting lists.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

- If you have not got a place at your preferred school, you have the right to appeal.
- Children can move up or down the waiting list.
- Having a place on the waiting list is no guarantee that a place will become available
- The position your child is at on the waiting list is as of the day you enquire. There will be no changes to the waiting list from 2 March until we have completed the second allocation round so information on changes to waiting list positions will only be available from 10 April 2026
- Parents who have applied for places outside the city should contact the appropriate authority direct to discuss the appeals process and the position on any waiting lists.

Section 4

Travel to school and free school meals

School travel and transport

The Coventry Transport Strategy sets out the Council's plans to transform the way that people travel around the city, including substantially reducing the proportion of journeys that are made by car and encouraging greater use of public transport, walking and cycling. We will do this by creating a city where it is easy, convenient and safe to walk, cycle and travel on public transport, and where most people do not need to use a car to access the services that they need for day-to-day life.

This includes, for example:

- building a network of safe, segregated cycleways
- creating a safer and more pleasant environment for pedestrians
- delivering a programme of School Streets schemes, where temporary road closures at pick and drop off times make it easier for pupils to walk and cycle to school
- introducing a 'first-of-its-kind in the world' Very Light Rail system - a new form of mass transit, similar to trams seen in other cities but with smaller, electric-powered vehicles
- becoming the first city in the county to have an all-electric bus fleet (by 2025)
- engaging with local schools, businesses, and residents to promote sustainable travel options.

In 2022, 53% of residents said that driving was the method of travel they most commonly used when escorting children to school. While this is significantly lower than for other types of journeys (e.g. commuting), it is anticipated that, over the long-term, the measures set out in the Coventry Transport Strategy will help to reduce this further and to increase the number of school children who travel to school by walking, cycling or by public transport.

The Coventry Transport Strategy is available on the Council's website at <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/transport-strategy-2>.

One of the things to think about when deciding which schools to apply for, is how your child will get to school. The Local Authority can offer assistance for travelling to school, but only for those fitting the qualifying distance and other entitlement criteria detailed below.

When considering how your child will get to school, please use the following links for up-to-date information and advice.

www.coventry.gov.uk/cyclemap

<https://journeyplanner.networkwestmidlands.com/>

Qualifying distances

We have a duty to provide free home to school transport for children who live within the Coventry boundary, are of statutory school age (5 - 16 years of age) and meet one of the following criteria:

General entitlement

Free transport will be provided for pupils attending the nearest qualifying school at which places are available if the distance from the home address to the school is:

- more than 2 miles for children aged 5 to 7 years
- more than 3 miles for children aged 8 to 16

Please note: The 2-mile limit will also apply to children over the age of 8 from low-income families.

In each case this is shortest walking route between the home address and the school measured by which a child, accompanied as necessary, may walk safely.

If however, you successfully apply for a place for your child at a school that is not the nearest school with places available, you will not be eligible for a free travel pass unless you qualify under the low-income rules.

Low-income entitlement

There are extra ways in which low-income families may also qualify for free travel. Low-income families are defined as those who are entitled to free school meals or who are in receipt of their maximum level of working tax credit. Working Tax Credit payments ended on 5 April 2025 and will be transferred to Universal Credit. Parents who claimed maximum Working Tax Credit will have an earned income of no more than £7,400. This means your child will become eligible for free school meals (if they are not already) when you are transferred to Universal Credit.

Children from low-income families will be entitled to free travel if:

1. Aged 8-11 and attending the nearest qualifying school which is more than 2 miles from their home
2. Aged 11-16 attending:
 - One of the three nearest qualifying schools between 2 and 6 miles from their home
 - The nearest school preferred by reason of a parent's religion or belief which is between 2 and 15 miles from their home

Exceptional circumstances

Where pupils do not qualify for free travel on distance grounds, in certain exceptional circumstances a child may be eligible for free transport. Each application will be considered on its individual merits, taking full account of all the circumstances put forward. Please see the appeals section for further details.

You can apply online via www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforatravelpass

For further information including the appeals process please visit:

www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolbuspasses

Individual school policies

Where a child does not qualify under the Coventry City Council home to school transport policy Cardinal Newman Catholic School and Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School operate a discretionary policy in which a child may qualify for free travel under their own individual transport policy. These policies are reviewed annually and are subject to change. For any queries regarding the school policies please contact the school direct. **Please note:** Any right of appeal if refused under the school policy is a matter for the school and not the council.

For further information please visit: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/schools-schooling/school-travel-passes/2>

School transport for a child with special educational needs

Sometimes Coventry City Council will provide travel assistance to pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. To find out further information, please visit the Travel Assistance page at www.coventry.gov.uk/travelassistance

For further information please email: access@coventry.gov.uk

School meals

Secondary schools provide meals for pupils at midday and a choice of menu is offered (a hot meal or a packed lunch). Menus are planned to ensure a high nutritional content. Pupils requiring alternative diets for medical or religious reasons are also catered for.

If your child already attends a Coventry primary school and will be attending a Coventry secondary school in September 2026 the secondary school will be made aware that you receive free school meals so there is no need to make another application.

Eligibility Criteria

The Government does not allow us to recognise any other benefit other than those mentioned below. If you are not sure, please contact the Free School Meals team – see page 84 for contact details.

Free school meals are available to children of families who are in receipt of:

- Universal Credit (you are eligible after you have received your first payment) Your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Pupils protected from losing Free School Meals

Any child who becomes eligible for Free School Meals between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2025 will remain entitled to a Free School Meal regardless of any change in parental income until they finish the phase of education they are in (primary or secondary) as of 31 March 2025.

From 1 April 2025, the Government's transitional protection arrangement for income-based free school meals will end. This means any child (including No Recourse to Public Funds/Asylum Seeker children) confirmed as eligible for Free School Meals from 1 April 2025 onwards will be subject to further eligibility checks.

Free School Meals – No recourse to public funds

Your child will be able to get Free School Meals if you fall into one of the following eligible groups

- Zambrano carers
- families who have no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights

- families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Children carers
- families holding a [BN\(O\) passport](#)
- spousal visa holders
- work visa holders
- student visa holders
- those with no immigration status

You will also need to evidence that your annual household income is below

- £22,700 for families with 1 child
- £26,300 for families with 2 or more children

In addition to these thresholds, families must hold no more than £16,000 in capital and savings.

For details of how to apply, when and how to report a change of circumstances, and for further advice if you require further advice, please visit

www.coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or contact the team direct on 024 7683 3773 or freeschoolmeals@coventry.gov.uk

Pupil premium

When you successfully apply for free school meals the school will receive extra government funding, even if your child does not want the meal. This additional funding will be used to help children from lower income families to do their very best at school. Please let your school know if you think you may qualify.

School uniform help

Clothing Coventry is supporting struggling families by providing free, good quality second-hand school uniforms. To find out more information please visit:

www.coventry.gov.uk/schooluniformsupport

Your child's school may also be able to offer support depending upon your financial circumstances. Please also contact the Citizens Advice Bureau by calling the Adviceline on 0800 144 8848 or via www.advicebuddy.org

Section 5

What the law says about
parental responsibility,
parental preference,
crown servants and rights
to appeal

Definition of a parent includes

- All natural parents, whether they are married or not; and
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person
- Any person who, although not the natural parent, has the care of a child or young person

Who has parental responsibility?

- Natural mother (unless and until an Adoption Order is made)
 - Natural father not married to mother but jointly registered the child's birth with the mother
 - A man married to the biological mother at the time of the child's birth
 - A person named in a Child Arrangement Order (CAO) as the person with whom the child shall live whilst the CAO remains in force
 - A guardian of the child appointed by the Court
 - A man with whom the child's mother has made a "parental responsibility agreement"
 - A man on whose application the Court has made a "Parental Responsibility Order"
 - Adoptive parents named in an Adoption Order
 - Local Authority named in a care order
- (This list is not exhaustive)

What does care mean?

A person has care of a child if they live with and look after the child irrespective of their relationship with the child. This person is considered to be a parent under the education law.

Schools need to be informed of the names of all parents, people with parental responsibility or persons who care for a child in order to ensure that all persons who have rights relating to a child are consulted about important decisions.

It is therefore important that you co-operate with the school staff by providing the information they require. If changes are made to your family circumstances or if orders are made under the Children Act which relate to the child it is vital that you keep the school fully informed.

Parental Choice

An admission authority has a duty to meet parents' preferences for a school place up to their published admission number. Parents do not have a right to choose which school their child will attend only the right to express a preference. In 2025 83.1% of first preference requests for secondary school places were met. The individual school pages in this booklet give details of the number of last year's applications and their outcomes for each school.

Where you have been refused a school place you have the right to appeal that decision to an Independent Appeal Panel. Appeals for admissions into secondary school in September 2026 will be heard May-July 2026.

Please Note: You must make an application and be refused a place at each school you stated as a preference before you can make an appeal for that school.

Appeal Outcome

Where an appeal panel allow your appeal, the admission authority must admit your child. If you wish to discuss the appeals process further, please contact school appeals on 024 7697 2647 or email; schoolappeals@coventry.gov.uk

Further Appeals

Parents who have appealed unsuccessfully can apply for a place at the same school in respect of a later academic year and have the further right of appeal if that application is unsuccessful.

Parents do not have a right to a second appeal in respect of the same academic year, except where:

- a) The Admissions Authority agree there were faults in the first appeal which may have significantly affected the outcome
- b) The Admissions Authority accept a further application for a place at the school because of a significant and material change in the circumstances of the parent, child, or school, but this has been turned down

Schools do not consider repeat applications unless the significant and material change relates to matters that would affect the level of priority which would be given to the application in accordance with the admission oversubscription criteria.

Admission Numbers

The School Standard and Framework Act 1998, referred to in this booklet as the 1998 Act, and the School Admissions Code 2021 requires the Academy Trust for Academy Schools, to admit pupils on request up to the school's published admission number. The published admission number applies in respect of the normal year of entry (Year 7 and in the case of the UTC Years 9 and 10 in 2026) and is based on the Net Capacity Formula. The calculation takes account of the amount of teaching space the school has available. The admission number therefore is a reflection of the physical capacity of the school.

Admission of children of UK service personnel and other crown servants

In line with the School Admissions Code (2.21) families of UK service personnel with a confirmed posting to Coventry or Crown servants returning from overseas to live in Coventry can be allocated school places before their arrival in the city if they provide an official letter that sets out their relocation date and a unit postal address or quartering area address.

This means that any schools with places available must allocate a place for a child before the family arrives in the city. Where a school is full you have the right to appeal to Independent Appeal Panel and/or to be placed on the waiting list. If families do not request a school with places available, then Coventry City Council will allocate a place at the nearest school to the intended address which has places available.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Appealing for a school place does not affect your position on the waiting list.

Section 6

Moving schools at other times

In Year transfers - things to think about

When a child enters primary school or transfers at 11 to secondary school, it is normally expected that they will continue at their school throughout their school career. We recognise however, that there may be specific limited circumstances where a parent or guardian considers a transfer request to be appropriate. As a parent or guardian, please think carefully before making an in-year transfer request. A change of school may not be the solution and if undertaken hastily, may worsen the situation. There is clear evidence that the attainment levels of children who move schools outside the normal admissions round are significantly lower than those who remain at the same school throughout their secondary education.

In deciding whether to apply for a transfer, please look at the details below and consider the following question: **“Will a transfer be the best way to meet the educational or social needs of my child?”**

Discussions with the current school

Have you fully discussed the problems your child is facing with their current school? In many cases schools can put measures in place to deal with any problems that a child has. It may be that they are unhappy due to bullying or finding it difficult to make friends; they might not be getting on with a teacher; they may be struggling with their work, or maybe not being challenged enough.

Whatever the problem, simply changing schools may not be the answer to solving it. Indeed, the problems could get worse in a new environment.

Curriculum/exams

Although there is a National Curriculum that every child is expected to follow, each school will teach a different part of the curriculum at different stages and different times of the year. If you change your child's school, they are likely to miss important work and their exam results are likely to suffer. This is particularly relevant when considering a move for those children in Year 9, 10 or 11. Research has shown that pupils moving schools are far more likely to achieve poorer examination results than those who remain at the same school.

Alternative schools

There is likely to be a small number of schools that have places available, particularly for some Year Groups. The distances your child has to travel may therefore be considerably longer. If there are no places available, and you still would like a place at a particular school, your child will be placed on the waiting list for the school requested and you will have the right to appeal to an independent appeals panel. There is however, no guarantee that this would be successful. For information on a school waiting list and appeal process, please view the schools admissions policy via www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolcontactdetails

Whatever year group your child is in, it's important that if you are considering moving schools, you need to make sure that the school you choose is the right one for your child. The best way to find this out is to visit the school you are interested in - speak to the head teacher (with an appointment) if you can. Remember the question above and find out how

this school is different from the one they are at now. Is your child going to find it easier to achieve at this school than their current one?

How to apply

For anyone making an application, please note that all secondary schools set their own rules for admissions. You can view the admissions policies for each school, via www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolcontactdetails

Further information about each school can be found in its prospectus, which can be obtained direct from the school. Arrangements can be made to visit individual schools by contacting the Head teacher.

If you would like to apply for a place at a Coventry secondary school, please complete the In Year Secondary application form online via the following link; www.coventry.gov.uk/secondaryinyearapplication

If you are looking to transfer from a Coventry school to another Coventry school outside of the usual admission round (i.e. Year 6 to Year 7) please complete the in-year transfer form, which is available from the main reception of your child's current school.

Once you have completed Part 1 and Part 2 of the form, you will need to return it to your child's current school for Part 3 to be completed. The Head teacher will arrange to discuss the reasons for transfer with you.

Supplementary forms for applicants applying for Blue Coat Church of England School and Seva School can also be downloaded via www.coventry.gov.uk/Supplementary_forms. However, these must be returned to the preferred school direct in the paper format. Advice is available from Admissions staff in making your application.

Remember - until a transfer has been agreed, and a start date confirmed, it is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure your child continues to attend school.

Transport

If you decide to move your child, the Local Authority will NOT provide free transport even if you live outside the travel limits for the school 3 miles for secondary, 2-6 miles for low income families. Journeys to a new school may involve additional buses, extra costs and travelling time.

Fair Access Protocol

All Coventry schools are required to sign up to an in-year fair access protocol. The aim of this protocol is to reduce the time that vulnerable children spend out of school and to ensure that vulnerable children are admitted to Coventry schools on a fair basis, making sure that no school is asked to take a disproportionate number of pupils presenting with challenging behaviour or who have been excluded. This process can also be used if there are no places available for children without school places. Any children that are considered to require a

school place through this protocol will be given priority over those on waiting lists and can be admitted to schools even when the school is full.

Further details of the protocol are available from the Attendance and Children Missing Education team webpages at www.coventry.gov.uk/attendanceCME

Applications for places outside the normal age group

Where a parent/carer seeks a place for their child outside their normal age group they must state which year group they are requesting and why they want this year group on the application form.

Parents/carers will then be contacted to discuss the matter further as requests will be considered on the circumstances of each case and in the child's best interests. Each secondary school governing body will need to make an individual decision. There are no guarantees that such applications will be agreed. However, where the application is not agreed a letter settling out the decision and reasons for it will be provided along with any rights to appeal.

Admission of children of UK service personnel and other crown servants

In line with the School Admissions Code (2.21) families of UK service personnel with a confirmed posting to Coventry or Crown servants returning from overseas to live in Coventry can be allocated school places before their arrival in the city if they provide an official letter that sets out their relocation date and a unit postal address or quartering area address.

This means that any schools with places available must allocate a place for a child before the family arrives in the city. Where a school is full you have the right to appeal to Independent Appeal Panel and/or to be placed on the waiting list. If families do not request a school with places available, then Coventry City Council will allocate a place at the nearest school to the intended address which has places available.

Further Information available at: www.coventry.gov.uk/secondaryinyearadmissions

IMPORTANT REMINDER - Until a transfer has been arranged your child should continue to attend their present school and will remain on roll until the request has been agreed. Parents are responsible by law to ensure that their children attend school every day and are liable to prosecution if the child is absent without authorisation from the school.

Applying for University Technical Colleges

All parents of pupils in Coventry schools who are in Year 8 and Year 9 in September 2025 will receive a letter containing details of other pathways for education starting in Year 9 and Year 10 that are available in Coventry or neighbouring areas.

University Technical Colleges (UTCs) and Studio Schools which are listed below admit students into Year 10, and in September 2026 both WMG Academies will also be admitting into Year 9 as well. Application processes open in September with closing dates on 31 October or sometimes later. Specific details of what they offer and how to apply will be available via individual school websites. For more information on which UTCs are within the area please visit: www.utcolleges.org

WMG Academy for Young Engineers, Coventry (please also see details on WMG Academy in Section 2 and throughout this booklet). **Admit into Year 9 and Year 10.**
www.wmgacademy.org.uk

WMG Academy for Young Engineers, Solihull **Admit into Year 9 and Year 10**
www.wmgacademy.org.uk

Aston University Engineering Academy, Birmingham **Admit into Year 9**
AUEA | Aston University Engineering Academy

Birmingham Ormiston Academy **Admit into Year 10**
www.boa-academy.co.uk

Waverley Studio College, Birmingham **Admit into Year 10**
www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions
www.waverleystudiocollege.co.uk

All schools have a statutory duty to secure impartial careers guidance for all Year 8 to Year 13 students to inspire young people to fulfil their potential and to make them aware of all opportunities open to them. We strongly recommend that your child discusses their options with a careers adviser in their current school when considering applying to any of these schools.

Please note from September 2026 in year applications for any year group at WMG Academy must be made direct to the school

Section 7

Jargon Buster

Whilst we have tried to make everything as easy as possible to understand, the process can seem quite complicated. Here is a small guide to some of the words/phrases we have used.

Academies

State funded schools managed by independent sponsors. Their governing body sets the admission criteria

Admissions Authority

The group responsible for dealing with your child's application. This will either be a Local Authority or the Governing Body of the school

Admission/oversubscription criteria

A set of rules that are used to decide who is given places at each school

Allocation

Offering places to parents

Catchment Area

Local area served by school

“Clearing House”

The central point for all applications, which are then passed on to other admission authorities

Free Schools

Free schools are new academy schools. They are independent of the local authority and funded directly by the Department for Education. Any suitable group can make an application to establish a free school, including parents, teachers, charities, community groups and businesses. They are able to set their own curriculum and admission policy.

Independent schools

Fee-paying schools which you have to apply directly to for a place

Initial allocation

This is when you will be told at which school your child has been offered a place (2 March 2026)

Local Authority

Your Local Authority is the Council which you pay your council tax to

Oversubscription

When more people want a school than there are places available

Preferences

Where you would like your child to attend school – the more you like the school, the higher the preference

UTC

University Technical College

**If you need this information in another format or language
please contact:**

Telephone: 024 7697 8944

Email: SettlementTeam@coventry.gov.uk