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# Secondary school admissions 2012

For children living in Solihull and born between  
1 September 2000 - 31 August 2001



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## How do I apply?

- Apply online at [www.solihull.gov.uk/enrol](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/enrol)
- You will need an email address
- You will need your Council Tax reference number
- We will send you an email to acknowledge receipt of your application
- Phone School Admissions on 0121 704 6693 if you need help

### **You can get online at any Solihull library**

**Join the library and use your library card to get one hour internet access free each day**

**Training on "How to get Online" is available free at all Solihull libraries. This will help you to set up and use an email account**

## What do I need to know about making an application?

You can apply for up to five schools that you would like your child to go to.

You must rank the schools in order of preference. The school you name first should be the one you would most like your child to go to.

You can apply for any school. It may be in Solihull, a church school, an academy or a school in another council area such as a grammar school.

Find out if the school you are applying for needs any supplementary information, such as a baptismal certificate.

Find out if your child needs to sit a test to get into the school you are applying for, such as a grammar school or CTC Kingshurst Academy.

We strongly recommend that you include your catchment-area school among your preferences, even if it is your lowest preference.

Priority is given, at some Solihull schools, to children with exceptional social or medical reasons. If you think your child has exceptional circumstances you should look online for more information or phone School Admissions.

Is your application realistic? Are you likely to be offered a place? You can use this booklet as a guide to find out if you would have been offered a place last year.

Visit the school open days or open evenings. You can find out the dates and times online.

You can find information about the process, the schools, catchment areas and measure your distance from your home to a school online at [www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions)

**You should apply by 17 October 2011**

**Remember!**

There is no guarantee of a place in any secondary school

We do not have a 'feeder system' from primary schools

## How do I know if my application for a school is realistic?

This section will help you to find out if your application would have been successful last year. This does not mean that you will definitely be offered a place, but it will give you a good indication.

If a school has more applications than places available then all of the applications are put in priority order, according to the oversubscription criteria.

Find out the oversubscription criteria for the school you want to apply for and then find out what priority would be given to your application. Oversubscription criteria for all schools and academies can be found online.

If the school you want to apply for is a catholic school it is likely that they will give priority to children who are baptised catholic and/or those who live within the parish.

If you want to apply for a Solihull community school or an academy which uses the Solihull oversubscription criteria this is how to find out your priority:

If your child is "looked after" by the local authority, for example, in foster care, or has exceptional circumstances, your application would be given **priority 1**.

If you live in the school or academy's catchment area your application would be given **priority 2**.

If you live outside the catchment area, but have an older child who will still be attending the school in September 2012 your application would be given **priority 3**.

If your application is not priority 1, priority 2 or priority 3 it will be given **priority 4** as you live outside the catchment area. These applications will be put in order of distance from home to school, measured in a straight line.

Check your distance online at [www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions). This is the only measurement we will use. Measurements taken from other websites such as Google maps will not be valid.

Once you have worked out your priority you can compare it with the priority and distance of the last person offered a place last year. 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 much further away your chance of being offered a place is not good.

Use this example to help:

You want to apply for Alderbrook School	
Question: Is your child in foster care?	Answer: No
Question: Do you live in Solihull and in Alderbrook's catchment area?	Answer: No
Question: Will an older brother or sister be attending next September?	Answer: No
Question: How far do you live from Alderbrook School	Answer: 2.636 miles
This means your application will be given <b>priority 4 - distance 2.636 miles</b>	

You should then find out the priority and distance of the last person offered a place. For September 2011 this was **priority 4 - 2.427** miles. This means that your child would not have been offered a place in 2011 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 4 will vary depending on how many applications are made and how many children live in the catchment area. This means that the distance of the last person offered a place will also vary, for example, it will not always be 2.427 miles for Alderbrook School.

You can still express a preference for this school but you should include other schools on your application where you have a better chance of being offered a place.

## How places were offered for children starting in September 2011

This information shows how places had been offered by the end of May 2011. Priorities and distances were different on 1 March 2011. Lots of places are offered from the waiting lists after the offer day.

### Alderbrook School

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 4 - 2.427 miles.**

### Arden

Everyone who applied on time was offered a place regardless of where they lived.

### CTC Kingshurst Academy

The CTC use different criteria. You must register for your child to sit a test. All the children with an older brother or sister at the school were offered places and some children from the catchment area were chosen by random allocation (lottery).

### Grace Academy

Everyone who applied on time was offered a place regardless of where they lived.

### Heart of England School

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 4 - 3.803 miles.**

### John Henry Newman Catholic College

Check the oversubscription criteria online and find out what you need to send. Everyone who applied on time was offered a place regardless of where they lived.

### Langley School

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 4 - 0.958 miles.**

### Light Hall School

Everyone who applied on time was offered a place regardless of where they lived.

### Lode Heath School

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 4 - 2.014 miles.**

### Lyndon School Humanities College

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 4 - 1.492 miles.**

### Park Hall Academy

Everyone who applied on time was offered a place regardless of where they lived.

### St Peter's Catholic School

Check the oversubscription criteria online and find out what you need to send. The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 6d.**

### Smith's Wood Sports College

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 4 - 2.637 miles.**

### Tudor Grange Academy

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 4 - 0.762 miles.**

Some schools are converting to academies. This will not affect admission arrangements for 2012.

## What happens if I move house?

If you move house and we have received proof of your move by 1 January 2012 we will use your new address when we allocate places. If you move house after 1 January 2012 we may not be able to use your new address until after the offer date.

If you move house after your child has been offered a place and there are children on the waiting list with a higher priority, your child's offer of a place will be withdrawn.

If your child moves into the home of a friend or relative, or you change address temporarily to improve your priority for a school place, we will not use that address.

### What happens if my application is late?

Applications received after the closing date are late. They will be put on the waiting list behind on-time applications of the same priority.

### Can I change my application?

Yes, up to 1 January 2012, you can change your application and you should phone School Admissions for advice. After this changes will be treated as late and may not be processed until after the offer date.

#### Remember!

Moving house may lead to your child's offer of a place being withdrawn.

Applying late will almost certainly affect the offer you can expect to get.

## What happens if the information I give is not correct?

The law says that a school place can be withdrawn after a child has started at the school if the place was gained by fraud.

It is important that the information you provide is accurate and honest. If we find that any information in your application is false and you are not entitled to the place you have been offered it will be withdrawn.

If you know anyone who is using an incorrect address you should phone us and we will investigate.

#### Remember!

You are responsible for proving the information you provide is correct.

Providing false information may lead to your child's offer of a place being withdrawn.

## When will I find out what school my child has been offered?

Places will be offered on 1 March 2012.

### Your right of appeal

You can appeal if you are unhappy with your offer. You will receive more information after 1 March 2012.