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Secondary school admissions 2021

For children born between
1 September 2009 - 31 August 2010



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Apply online at www.solihull.gov.uk/pp
You must apply by 31 October 2020

How do I apply?

- Apply online at **www.solihull.gov.uk/pp** if you live in Solihull
- You will need an email address
- We will send you an email to acknowledge receipt of your application
- You will need to remember your login details on offer day
- If you live outside Solihull you must apply to your home council
- Phone School Admissions on 0121 704 6693 if you need help

What do I need to know about making an application?

You can apply for up to six 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 your child needs to sit a test to get into the school you are applying for, such as a grammar school.

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

There is no guarantee of a place at any secondary school.

Baptised Catholic children will have a high priority for Catholic schools. Find out if the school needs proof of baptism.

If you live in Solihull, we strongly recommend that you include your catchment-area school among your preferences, even if it is your lowest preference. If you don't and you do not qualify for any of your preferred schools you will be offered a place at the nearest school with a vacancy after all the offers are made. Your catchment school is likely to be full with applicants who did apply.

Applying late is likely to affect the offer you can expect to get. You will not get an outcome on offer day.

Most secondary schools do not give priority to children attending a particular primary school. Some schools do not give priority to younger siblings. You should check the school's oversubscription criteria.

Priority is given, at some Solihull schools, to children with exceptional social or medical reasons. 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 and information on our website as a guide to find out if you would have been offered a place last year.

Open days and open evenings have not yet been planned in view of coronavirus. Check the schools' or council's websites for more information in September.

More information about the process and the schools is available at **www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions**.

You can find out about catchment areas and measure the distance from your home to school at **www.solihull.gov.uk/onlinemaps**.

What do I do if I live outside Solihull?

You must apply to your home Council.

You can apply for Solihull schools by including them on your application. You will not qualify for a catchment-area place because you do not live in Solihull, but your application will be considered based on your distance from home to school.

This booklet and information on our website will show you how places have been offered in previous years. This will tell you if an application from your address would have been successful in the past although, this is no guarantee for the future. You should always include a preference for a school where you are very likely to get a place, even if it is your lowest preference.

You can check your distance from home to school on our website.

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, and/or attend a Catholic primary school.

This example uses the oversubscription criteria for Langley School.

If your child is looked after by the local authority, for example, in foster care, or is an adopted child who was previously looked after, or has exceptional social or medical reasons, 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 2021 your application would be given **priority 3**.

If you are a member of school staff your application would be given **priority 4**.

If your application is not priority 1, 2, 3 or 4 it will be given **priority 5** 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.

Distances are measured by our admissions system. This is the only measurement we will use (measurements taken from other websites, such as Google Maps, will not be valid.)

You can measure your approximate distance online, at **www.solihull.gov.uk/onlinemaps**.

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 Langley School	
Question: Is your child in foster care?	Answer: No
Question: Do you live in Solihull and in the Langley catchment area?	Answer: No
Question: Will an older brother or sister be attending next September?	Answer: No
Question: Are you a member of school staff?	Answer: No
Question: How far do you live from Langley School?	Answer: 1.6 miles
This means your application will be given priority 5 - distance 1.6 miles	

You should then find out the priority and distance of the last person offered a place in previous years. For September 2020 this was priority 5 - 0.848 miles. This means that your child would not have been offered a place in 2020 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 for out-of-catchment applicants will vary every year 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 0.848 miles for Langley School.

You can find out the priority and distance of the last child offered a place for the last three years online.

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. However, you should also apply for other schools where you have a better chance of getting a place.

How places were offered for children starting in September 2020

This information shows how places had been offered by 15 May 2020. Priorities and distances were different on 1 March 2020. Lots of places were offered from the waiting lists after the offer day and after 15 May.

The number of places available in 2021 is shown in brackets next to the school name.

Alderbrook School (250)

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 5 - 1.345 miles.**

Arden (300)

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 10 - 3.214 miles.**

Grace Academy (180)

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 3 sibling - 2.191 miles.**

Heart of England School (215)

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 5 - 7.537 miles.**

John Henry Newman Catholic College (240)

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 6 - 4.68 miles.**

Langley School (196)

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 5 - 0.848 miles.**

Light Hall School (250)

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 5 - 4.935 miles.**

Lode Heath School (240)

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 5 - 2.475 miles.**

Lyndon School (269)

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

Park Hall Academy (240)

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 10 - 1.026 miles.**

St Peter's Catholic School (205)

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 6 - 2.986 miles.**

Smith's Wood Academy (240)

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

Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst (250)

All of the children in priorities 1, 2 and 3 were offered a place plus 186 children in priority 4. 65 priority 4 children and all of those in priority 5 were not offered a place.

Tudor Grange Academy Solihull (280)

The application of the last person offered a place was **priority 5 - 0.895 miles.**

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

You will find out which school your child has been offered on 1 March 2021.

Your right of appeal

You can appeal if you are unhappy with your offer. You will receive more information with your outcome.

What happens if my application is late?

Applications received after the closing date are late and will not be processed until after offer day. Applying late will affect the offer you can expect to get.

Can I change my application?

If you want to change your application you can email us with the details. We will send you an email confirming your changes. You cannot make changes online after you have submitted your application. Any changes we make for you will not be seen online. Your online outcome, on offer day, will show your changes.

If you make changes to your application involving schools outside Solihull the details will be sent to the relevant council to be dealt with by their rules.

Waiting lists

If your application for a school has been refused, your child will be added to the waiting list. Waiting lists will be created during the two weeks after offer day. You will then be able to contact us to find out your waiting list position. Waiting list positions will go up and down as children join the list and places are offered from the list.

What happens if I move house?

If you are moving house you should apply on time to your home council. Apply for school(s) in the area you are moving to as well as your local school.

When you have moved into your new home and sent us documents to prove your move we will update your application.

We will use your new address if we can, but once the allocation has started in January it becomes more difficult as offer day approaches. If it is too close to offer day we will use your new address after the places have been offered.

If you move house after your child has been offered a place and there are children on the waiting list with a higher priority, or the same priority with a closer distance, 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 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.

How can I find out more?

Go to our website

www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions

Contact us

School Admissions, Solihull Council, Manor Square, Solihull B91 3QB

✉ admissions@solihull.gov.uk

☎ 0121 704 6693

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If you live in Solihull you can check catchment areas online. You can measure your distance from home to a Solihull school wherever you live at www.solihull.gov.uk/onlinemaps