

Assessment for Grammar School Education

Parents of children in Year 5 who wish their child to be assessed for grammar school education are asked to inform the Children's Services Department by **31st May 2021** by registering online at www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

If you cannot register online, a paper form is available by calling 0151 606 2000 during office hours.

You do not complete this form if you intend to give preferences only for all ability schools and/or only for the following schools:

- Birkenhead High School Academy
- St Anselm's College
- Upton Hall School (FCJ)

These three schools conduct their own assessments as described in their prospectus.

Arrangements for assessment

The Children's Services co-ordinates the admissions arrangements for all the grammar schools in Wirral. It conducts the assessment arrangements for the following schools:

- Calday Grange Grammar School
- West Kirby Grammar School
- Wirral Grammar School for Boys
- Wirral Grammar School for Girls

The assessment is based on the results of two tests. The tests are standardised to take account of each child's age in years and completed months. The two test scores are then added together to provide a final score.

Tests are expected to be held on 20th and 21st September. All parents will be informed which venue/date their child will be attending by the end of August.

Schools have a detailed knowledge of your child. If you have additional information about your child's ability to access the selection tests, you must contact your child's headteacher.

Meeting the grammar standard does not necessarily mean that they will go to a grammar school. If a grammar school is oversubscribed, the governors have to use other criteria to decide which children should be given places. Individual school admissions policies provide this information and can be found on the school's website or by contacting the school.

Results to parents

We are expecting to send the outcome of the grammar school assessments to parents by 21st October 2021 or within 6 weeks of the assessment date. We will write to the address provided by you on this form. If you have provided an email address on the request for assessment form, we will send your child's results by email.

Free Familiarisation Materials

The assessments are provided by GL Assessment and include Verbal Reasoning, Maths and Non-Verbal Reasoning components. Free materials are available on their website www.gl-assessment.co.uk/information/1plus-practice-papers

Late applications and tests

No arrangements will be made to assess children if request forms are received after 31st May 2021 unless they have moved to Wirral from another part of the country.

Children who were unable to sit a test due to illness or absence will be tested later in the Autumn term. Parents should still submit a preference form before the 31st October naming at least one grammar school. If their child does not meet the grammar standard, any grammar preferences will be withdrawn.

Completion of forms for assessment

Parents of children in Wirral primary schools should return the form to their child's primary school no later than 31st May 2021. Parents of children in independent schools or schools outside Wirral should return the form to the address at the bottom of the form by 31st May 2021.

Applying for places

This is not a preference form.

You must complete an online or paper preference form for your child by 31st October 2021. Residents in English counties outside Wirral must apply through their home authority, naming a Wirral school if they wish to do so.

Parents resident outside England can apply using the Wirral preference form.

All parents must complete a preference form by 31st October.

Low income criteria

All of the Wirral non-Catholic grammar schools have a priority criterion to allocate a number of places to children who are on Free School Meals at the time of application in Autumn 2021. Children still need to reach the standard for admission.

Please see the individual school's admission policy for further details.

If you think your child may be considered under this criterion we will require information from you in order to validate eligibility at that time.

If your circumstances change prior to 31st October 2021 please contact the Wirral Schools Admissions Team immediately.

Further information on the arrangements for expressing preferences is contained in the information booklet "Secondary Education in Wirral" which will be available online from September 2021 onwards.

If you have any questions or queries we will be glad to help. You can email secondaryplaces@wirral.gov.uk, or speak to your child's headteacher.

COVID-19

Assessment venues will have appropriate COVID-19 safe arrangements in place. The arrangements for selective assessments may need to be delayed, re-arranged or amended at short notice due to COVID-19 guidance in place at the time. If the situation changes, we will update parents via email.

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Transfer to Secondary School September 2022

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Register online at wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Closing date for Registration
31st May 2021

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