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ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Parents/Carers of Pupils in Year 6,

Back in May you will have received information on the process of your child transferring to Secondary School next September. We have uploaded all the information from Wirral Admissions Team on our school website and will send an Essential Information leaflet for you today with your child.

We would like to invite you join us for an information session on **Wednesday 15th September at 2.30pm** to explain the process and offer support for those who need it. Also for those who cannot attend the meeting, all information and PowerPoint Presentation will be on our school website along with all the relevant links. If you cannot attend the meeting due to work commitments etc, call the school office and make an appointment and I will happily support you at a time that best suits you.

You can now apply online for your child's place on-line at www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The on-line system closes on **31st October 2021**. If you need any support with your application or use of a computer/ iPad to complete the process, please speak to us and this can easily be arranged.

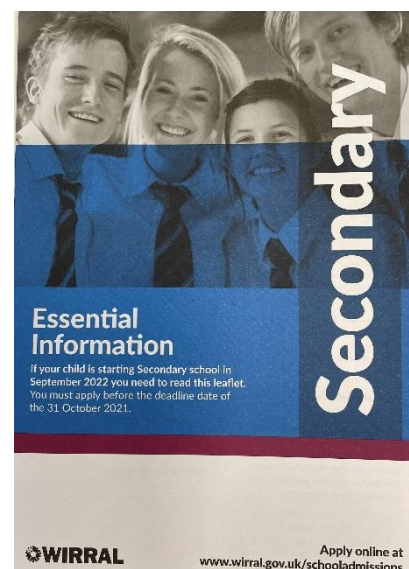
If you would prefer to complete a paper copy for, you can collect from any One Stop Shop or contact the Council's Information and Advice line on 0151 606 2020.

The deadline date for the return of all parental preference forms is **31st October 2021**.

I strongly recommend that you visit secondary schools to find out more about the options available to you in our local area. This is such an important and often worrying time for you and your child, so we will support you as best we can. Any questions at all, please let us know.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Morris



Questions about transfer to Secondary school

Q. Where can I look to help me decide?

A. You can attend the schools open day/evenings and obtain a copy of the schools prospectus. You can also visit the Ofsted website (www.ofsted.gov.uk) for school inspection reports.

Q. Do secondary schools on Wirral have zones or catchment areas?

A. No. There are no catchment areas for secondary schools but if they are oversubscribed then the distance between home and school is one of the factors we use to decide which children are eligible for places.

Q. How do I find out which is my nearest secondary school?

A. You can write to or email Mainstream Admissions team at secondaryplaces@wirral.gov.uk giving your child's name and address and the schools in which you are interested. They will write back giving you the distance to each school.

Q. If I state a preference for an Aided, Academy, Foundation or Trust school, is that counted as one of my preferences?

A. Yes. Although these schools manage their own admissions we co-ordinate preferences for these schools.

Q. If I state a preference for a school in another Authority, is that counted as one of my preferences?

A. Yes. Although these schools are managed by another Authority we co-ordinate preferences for their schools and you should include them on this form.

Q. Can I be guaranteed a place in a particular school?

A. No. About 4000 applications are received every year. The pattern of preference changes from year to year and no one can know which schools will be under-subscribed or over-subscribed.

Q. Will I get my first preference of secondary school?

A. Most children are offered one of their preferred schools. However, if more children want to go to a particular school than there are places available, some will have to be offered places at other schools.

Q. What happens if my child is not allocated any of the schools I have named on the preference form?

A. We will allocate a place at the nearest appropriate school where there is a place available.

Q. How do you decide which children will be offered places at community schools where there are more preferences for them than there are places available?

A. The criteria in priority order are set out in the booklet Secondary Education in Wirral 2022 – 2023. Academy, Foundation, Trust and Voluntary Aided Schools have their own criteria.

Q. Can I see my child's 11+ test papers?

A. No. Test papers are confidential to the Authority. Under the Data Protection Act, Schedule 2, Part 4 parents do not have the right to see the test papers. The Freedom of Information Act does not override the Data Protection Act in this instance.

Q. My child has not reached the standard for grammar school and I want to appeal.

A. If your child has not reached the standard, preferences for the grammar schools will be disregarded. After 1 March 2022 you can appeal for a grammar school place. Details of how to appeal will be on your offer letter/email.

Q. I have moved house since the application was sent in. Do I need to tell you?

A. Yes. If you have changed address and tell us before 31 December 2021 we can take this into account when allocating school places. If you move house after 31 December 2021 we cannot take it into account for allocating places, but it is still important to tell us.