

# Admissions to Primary Schools 2019



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## Foreword

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, they will be starting primary school in September 2019.

When your child is starting primary school, it is an important time in their school career and you are both probably looking forward to it with a mixture of excitement and worry.

We aim to help make the move a smooth and simple one. This booklet answers many of the questions and concerns you may have about school admissions and tells you about your rights. We have also included general information that you may find useful.

If you have any general enquiries regarding admissions and transfers you can phone 01642 526605, or email [school.admissions@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@stockton.gov.uk) If you prefer to write a letter, please send this to:

School Admissions and Transfers Team  
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council  
Municipal Buildings  
Church Road  
Stockton-on-Tees  
TS18 1 XE

I hope you find information useful and I wish your child every success in their school career.



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## What is the purpose of this prospectus?

This prospectus tells you about the procedure for applying for a place at a state funded primary school in Stockton-on-Tees.

Places at primary schools are allocated according to a set of admission criteria. Each admission authority sets its own admission policy and criteria. Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (LA) acts as the admission authority for a number of community maintained schools (listed on pages 6–9). So we set the admissions criteria for those schools. You can find the admissions policy on page 14.

Voluntary-aided (VA) church schools, academies and free schools act as their own admission authority and set their own admissions criteria. If you want your child to attend such a school, we would advise you to look at the individual school's criteria to see whether your child would be considered. You can ring the school directly (contact details listed on pages 9-13) to ask for a copy of them or you can view the policies online at [www.stockton.gov.uk/schoolpolicies](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/schoolpolicies)

Once you have looked at the admission criteria for the schools you would like to apply for, you can either apply online or ask us for a paper application form. You can apply for up to three schools in the online application and we would recommend that you make use of all three preferences. Applying for just one school does not improve your chances of gaining a place at that school and does not guarantee your child will be offered a place there. Likewise listing the same school three times also does not improve your chances of gaining a place at that school. Please remember to mention on your form if your child has a sibling at the school that you are applying for.

If you have any questions about applying for a school place, you can contact the School Admissions team on 01642 526605. If you have more specific questions about a particular school, please contact the school directly. Contact numbers and web sites for all primary schools are on pages 6–13 of this prospectus.

## Co-ordinated admission arrangements

The LA is responsible for the co-ordination of admissions to Primary Schools for September 2019 to comply with School Admissions Code (December 2014). A copy of the full scheme is available from the LA and is on the website at [www.stockton.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/schooladmissions). What this means for parents is that you apply for a place through your LA (the authority you pay your Council Tax to). This applies even if the school you prefer is outside of the LA.

All admission authorities within Stockton-on-Tees allocate primary places using the 'Equal Ranking System' which is explained on page 23.

The LA acts as a clearing house for the allocation of places by the relevant admission authorities in response to the preference submitted by parents on the Common Application Form (CAF).

The LA will only make a decision with respect to the offer or refusal of a place in response to any preference expressed on the CAF where:

- a) It is acting in its separate capacity as an admission authority; or
- b) An application is eligible for a place at more than one school, or
- c) An applicant is not eligible for a place at any school that the parent has nominated

The LA continues to co-ordinate all applications for the year of the admissions round.

## Step by step guide and key dates for applications

<b>Early November 2018</b>	You will receive a letter from us, which invites you to apply for a place.
<b>5 November 2018</b>	Applications open.
<b>3 December 2018</b>	Reminder letters sent, if you receive this letter please apply or if you have done so already get in touch with us.
<b>15 January 2019</b>	Application deadline.
<b>16 April 2019</b>	A letter will be sent to parents/carers on the 16 April 2019 informing them of the school they been offered for their child. Parents/carers who apply on-line and if they chose (ticked) the option to receive an email will be informed by email only on the 16 April 2019.
<b>20 May 2019</b>	Deadline for appeal form to be submitted.

Every year around 2,500 pupils living in the borough join a primary school, with some crossing borough boundaries to do so. Stockton and bordering councils, work together to ensure that each child receives a single offer of a primary school place on the same day (National Offer Day 16 April 2019). This prospectus gives important advice about primary schools in Stockton and how to apply. Please read this carefully.

Visiting schools is very important because it gives you a chance to talk to the head teachers, teachers and current students. You can also ask about special requirements and features. It is very important that you visit as many schools as possible in order to see for yourself the fantastic opportunities schools in Stockton offer.

## List of primary schools in Stockton-on-Tees

(Please note all figures quoted in the following tables were accurate at the point of print and are subject to change)

<b>LA maintained community schools</b> – schools that are controlled and run by the LA and determines their admission arrangements				
School name and address	<i>Reception Admission number September 2019</i>	<i>1st preferences received for September 2018 (and allocated places)</i>	<i>Supplementary form required?</i>	<i>Appeals heard (successful appeals)</i>
<b>Billingham &amp; Wolviston</b>				
Bewley Primary, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham, TS23 1BE <b>01642 371647</b> www.bewleyprimary.org.uk	60	61 (60)	No	-
Billingham South Primary, Belasis Avenue, Billingham, TS23 1BE <b>01642 894003</b> www.billinghamsouth.com	60	57 (59)	No	-
High Clarence Primary, High Clarence, Middlesbrough, TS2 1SY <b>01642 561237</b> www.highclarence-stockton.secure-dbprimary.com/stockton/primary/highclarence	15	10 (10)	No	-
Oakdene Primary, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham, TS23 2BS <b>01642 560768</b> www.oakdenepprimary.org.uk	45	37 (40)	No	-
Priors Mill CE Primary, Clifton Avenue, Billingham, TS22 5BX <b>01642 650426</b> www.priorsmillbillingham.co.uk	75	58 (64)	No	-
Roseberry Primary, Marsh House Avenue, Billingham, TS23 2HJ <b>01642 360520</b> www.roseberryprimary.org.uk	60	39 (42)	No	-
Wolviston Primary, The Green, Wolviston, Billingham, TS22 5LN <b>01740 644374</b> www.wolviston.org.uk	15	26 (15)	No	2 (0)

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<b>North Stockton</b>				
St John the Baptist CE Primary, St John's Way, Ragworth, Stockton, TS19 0FB <b>01642 607123</b> www.st-johnthebaptist.org.uk	45	21 (24)	No	-
The Glebe Primary, Pulford Road, Norton, Stockton, TS20 1QY <b>01642 360876</b> www.theglebeprimary.org.uk	55	48 (55)	No	-
Tilery Primary, St Anne's Terrace, Portrack, Stockton, TS18 2HU <b>01642 673761</b> www.tileryprimary.org.uk	45	34 (35)	No	-
Whitehouse Primary, Dunelm Road, Elm Tree, Stockton, TS19 0TS <b>01642 678212</b> www.whitehousepri.org.uk	55	50 (52)	No	-
<b>Central Stockton</b>				
Bowesfield Primary, Northcote Street, Stockton, TS18 3JB <b>01642 601890</b> www.bowesfieldprimary.org.uk	60	35 (38)	No	-
Fairfield Primary, Glenfield Road, Stockton, TS19 7PW <b>01642 581305</b> www.fairfieldprimary.org.uk	60	57 (59)	No	-
Hartburn Primary, Adelaide Grove, Hartburn, Stockton, TS18 5BS <b>01642 646001</b> www.hartburn.org.uk	75	80 (75)	No	1 (0)
Mill Lane Primary, Wellington Street, Stockton, TS18 1QX <b>01642 860055</b> www.milllane.org.uk	30	25 (26)	No	-

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School name and address	<i>Reception Admission number September 2019</i>	<i>1st preferences received for September 2018 (and allocated places)</i>	<i>Supplementary form required?</i>	<i>Appeals heard (successful appeals)</i>
Oxbridge Lane Primary, Oxbridge, Stockton, TS18 4DA <b>01642 607421</b> www.oxbridgelane.org.uk <b>Thornaby</b>	58	64 (58)	No	5 (1)
Harewood Primary, Eric Avenue, TS17 7JJ <b>01642 355425</b> www.harewoodprimary.org.uk	60	62 (60)	No	1 (1)
Mandale Mill Primary, Thorntree Road, Thornaby TS17 8AP <b>01642 647010</b> www.mandalemill.org.uk	60	40 (46)	No	-
Thornaby CE Primary, Baysdale Road, Thornaby, TS17 9DB <b>01642 763060</b> www.thornabyce.org.uk	60	49 (49)	No	-
The Village Primary, Windsor Road, Thornaby, TS17 8PW <b>01642 676768</b> www.thevillageprimary.org.uk	30	32 (30)	No	2 (0)
<b>Ingleby Barwick</b>				
Barley Fields Primary, Lamb Lane, Ingleby Barwick, Stockton, TS17 0QP <b>01642 767051</b> www.barleyfieldsprimaryschool.org.uk	90	69 (90)	No	-
Ingleby Mill Primary, Windmill Way, Ingleby Barwick, Stockton, TS17 0LW <b>01642 761985</b> www.inglebymill.org.uk	90	63 (68)	No	-
Myton Park Primary, Blair Avenue, Ingleby Barwick, Stockton, TS17 5BL <b>01642 754658</b> www.mytonpark.org.uk	30	45 (30)	No	2 (1)

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School name and address	<i>Reception Admission number September 2019</i>	<i>1st preferences received for September 2018 (and allocated places)</i>	<i>Supplementary form required?</i>	<i>Appeals heard (successful appeals)</i>
<b>Eaglescliffe &amp; Yarm</b>				
Durham Lane Primary, Amberley Way, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0NG <b>01642 780742</b> www.durhamlane.org.uk	30	20 (20)	No	-
Levendale Primary, Mount Leven Road, Yarm, TS15 9RJ <b>01642 783684</b> www.levendaleprimary.org.uk	30	30 (30)	No	-
Preston Primary, Laurel Road, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0BE <b>01642 784735</b> www.prestonprimary.co.uk	29	30 (29)	No	-

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The next list of schools are all their own admission authorities and therefore all set their admissions arrangements each year however the LA still co-ordinates the applications on their behalf.

<b>Voluntary-aided schools, academies and free schools</b> – schools that determine their own admission arrangements				
School name and address	<i>Reception Admission number September 2019</i>	<i>1st preferences received for September 2018 (and allocated places)</i>	<i>Supplementary form required?</i>	<i>Appeals heard (successful appeals)</i>
<b>Billingham &amp; Wolviston</b>				
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary RC Primary, Rievaulx Avenue, Billingham, TS23 2BS <b>01642 552274</b> www.mostholyroary.org.uk	30	21 (23)	Yes	-
Pentland Primary Academy, Pentland Avenue, Billingham, TS23 2RG <b>01642 559609</b> www.pentlandprimary.co.uk	45	34 (34)	No	-

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School name and address	<i>Reception Admission number September 2019</i>	<i>1st preferences received for September 2018 (and allocated places)</i>	<i>Supplementary form required?</i>	<i>Appeals heard (successful appeals)</i>
St John the Evangelist RC Primary, Cowpen Lane, Billingham, TS23 1LJ <b>01642 643400</b> www.stjohntheevangelist.stockton.sch.uk	30	30 (30)	Yes	-
St Joseph's RC Primary, Low Grange, Billingham, TS23 3NN <b>01642 560056</b> www.stjosephsbillingham.org.uk	30	22 (22)	Yes	-
St Paul's RC Primary, Wolviston Mill Lane, Billingham, TS22 5LU <b>01642 360022</b> www.stpaulsrc.org.uk	30	32 (30)	Yes	-
Wynyard CE Primary, Wynyard Village, Wynyard, Stockton <b>01740 555005</b> www.wynyardprimary.org.uk	60	46 (49)	No	-
<b>North Stockton</b>				
Crooksbar Primary, Petrel Crescent, Norton, Stockton, TS20 1SN <b>01642 531750</b> www.crooksbarprimary.org.uk	40	49 (40)	No	4 (4)
Frederick Nattrass Primary Academy, Darligton Lane, Norton, Stockton, TS20 1BZ <b>01642 360528</b> www.fredericknattrassacademy.org	30	20 (25)	No	-
Hardwick Green Primary Academy, Tithebarn Road, Hardwick, Stockton, TS19 8WF <b>01642 677968</b> www.hardwickgreenacademy.co.uk/website	60	30 (36)	No	-
Harrow Gate Primary Academy, Piper Knowle Road, Stockton, TS19 8DE <b>01642 673984</b> www.harrowgateacademy.org	60	59 (60)	No	-

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School name and address	<i>Reception Admission number September 2019</i>	<i>1st preferences received for September 2018 (and allocated places)</i>	<i>Supplementary form required?</i>	<i>Appeals heard (successful appeals)</i>
Norton Primary Academy, Berkshire Road, Norton, Stockton, TS20 2RD <b>01642 356091</b> www.nortonacademy.org	60	43 (46)	No	-
Rosebrook Primary, Rudyard Avenue, Roseworth, Stockton, TS19 9LF <b>01642 677985</b> www.rosebrookprimary.org.uk	60	50 (54)	No	-
St Gregory's Catholic Academy, Ragpath Lane, Roseworth, Stockton, TS19 9AD <b>01642 672262</b> www.stgregorysacademy.org.uk	30	27 (30)	Yes	7 (0)
St Joseph's RC Primary, Ragworth Road, Norton, Stockton, TS20 1HR <b>01642 360401</b> www.sjnorton.org.uk	40	38 (40)	Yes	1 (0)
St Mark's Elm Tree CE Primary Academy, St Mark's Close, , Fairfield, Stockton, TS19 7HA <b>01642 580774</b> www.stmarks-elmtree.org.uk	60	48 (48)	Yes	-
William Cassidi CE Primary, Stillington, Stockton, TS21 1JD <b>01740 630270</b> williamcassidi.eschools.co.uk/website	29	13 (14)	Yes	-
<b>Central Stockton</b>				
Holy Trinity Rosehill CE Primary, Upsall Grove, Fairfield, Stockton, TS19 7QU <b>01642 581239</b> www.holytrinityrosehill.org.uk	60	37 (38)	Yes	-
St Bede's RC Primary, Green Lane, Newtown, Stockton, TS19 0DW <b>01642 678071</b> www.stbedesacademy.org.uk	27	21 (22)	Yes	-

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School name and address	<i>Reception Admission number September 2019</i>	<i>1st preferences received for September 2018 (and allocated places)</i>	<i>Supplementary form required?</i>	<i>Appeals heard (successful appeals)</i>
St Cuthbert's RC Primary, Parkfield, Stockton, TS18 2SY <b>01642 601567</b> www.stcuthbertspri.org.uk	30	25 (26)	Yes	-
St Patrick's RC Primary, Lingfield Road, Fairfield, Stockton, TS19 7PL <b>01642 580850</b> www.stpatricksfairfield.org.uk	30	25 (27)	Yes	-
The Oak Tree Primary Academy, Newham Grange Avenue, Stockton, TS19 7 HA <b>01642 602029</b> www.theoaktreeacademy.org	60	28 (32)	No	-
<b>Thornaby</b>				
Bader Primary, Kintyre Drive, Thornaby, TS17 0BY <b>01642 762856</b> www.bader.org.uk	60	34 (34)	No	-
Christ the King RC, Tedder Avenue, Thornaby, TS17 9JP <b>01642 765639</b> www.christthekingprimary.org.uk	60	46 (46)	Yes	-
St Patrick's RC Primary, Westbury Street, Thornaby, TS17 6NE <b>01642 676724</b> www.stpatricksthornaby.org.uk	50	57 (57)	Yes	-
<b>Ingleby Barwick</b>				
St Francis of Assisi CE Primary, Lowfields Avenue, Ingleby Barwick TS17 5GA <b>01642 769942</b> www.stfrancispri.org.uk	60	78 (60)	Yes	4 (1)
St Therese of Lisieux RC Primary, Lamb Lane, Ingleby Barwick, TS17 0QP <b>01642 763623</b> www.stthereseprimary.org.uk	30	40 (30)	Yes	2 (0)

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Whinstone Primary, Lowfields Avenue, Ingleby Barwick, Stockton, TS17 0RJ <b>01642 750318</b> www.whinstone.org.uk	90	49 (66)	No	-
<b>Eaglescliffe &amp; Yarm</b>				
Egglescliffe CE Primary, Butts Lane, Eaglescliffe, TS16 9BT <b>01642 787945</b> www.egglescliffprimary.eschools.co.uk	30	23 (24)	No	-
Kirklevington Primary, Forest Lane, Kirklevington, Yarm, TS15 9TF <b>01642 781261</b> www.kirklevington.org.uk	20	18 (18)	No	-
Layfield Primary, Everingham Road, Yarm, TS15 9TF <b>01642 786153</b> www.layfieldprimary.org.uk	27	29 (29)	No	-
Junction Farm Primary, Butterfield Drive, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0EU <b>01642 781586</b> www.junctionfarm.org.uk	60	49 (49)	No	-
St Mary's CE Primary, The Green, Long Newton, TS21 1DL <b>01642 581716</b> www.stmarys-pri.org.uk	15	11 (13)	Yes	-
The Links Primary, Carnoustie Drive, Eaglescliffe TS16 9ES <b>01642 785950</b> www.thelinksprimary.org.uk	30	18 (19)	No	-
Yarm Primary Academy, Spitalfields, Yarm, TS15 9HF <b>01642 782731</b> https://yarmprimaryschool.net	60	37 (37)	No	-

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If you wish to apply for any school in another Borough (i.e. outside Stockton) the school must be included in the Stockton Common Application Form.

**You can apply online at [www.stockton.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

## Admission Policy for September 2019 for Primary Community and Voluntary Controlled (VC) Schools in Stockton-on-Tees

All governing bodies are required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of SEN or an EHC Plan has been issued.

Since September 2000, we do not guarantee to meet parents preferences for a school place for pupils who live within the admission zone, if the school is full.

**Where there are more applications for a school (listed on pages 6 - 9) than there are places available, places will be allocated in order using the over-subscription criteria below:**

CRITERIA (In priority order)	EXPLANATORY NOTES
1. Pupils who are in the care of the local authority, or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order.	A "Looked After Child" is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to school. The Local Authority may request a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order and a letter from the Local Authority that last looked after the child confirming that he or she was looked after immediately prior to the order being made.
2. Children who were previously in care outside of England.	The Local Authority may request a copy of any adoption paperwork from the respective agency involved that last looked after the child confirming that he or she was looked after immediately prior to the order being made.
3. Pupils with a Special Education Need who are going through a statutory assessment and who have been identified as needing a 'named' mainstream school.	This criteria applies to those children who have a Special Education Need, who are going through a statutory assessment and have been identified as in need of a 'named' mainstream school that can offer the enhanced support and resources they require to meet their specific SEN.
4. Pupils who have a brother or sister permanently living at the same address, who are still at the school when the pupil begins. Please note – this criteria only applies to siblings who are of compulsory school age, not younger siblings who attend a nursery setting attached to a school (Primary applications only)	We define brother or sister as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, adopted brother or sister, or children of partners who are permanently living at the same address as a family unit. In all cases, the parent who receives the Child Benefit for those children must permanently live at that address with the children.</li> <li>• We will consider brothers or sisters who live in separate households because the parents are separated and have shared responsibility for the children under conditions covering exceptional social or medical reasons. This does not include separate families living together in the same property.</li> <li>• If there are other family situations where there are different carers, e.g. aunts, uncles or grandparents, each case will be considered individually.</li> </ul>

CRITERIA (In priority order)	EXPLANATORY NOTES
<p>5. Pupils permanently resident i.e. the address at which the child is registered for child benefit, who expresses a preference for that school (proof of address may be required) within the admission zone who have returned a Common Application Form by the closing date 15th January 2019.</p>	<p>When a school is oversubscribed with in-zone applications i.e. there are more applications from children living in the admission zone of the school than there are places available, we will allocate places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• firstly to children permanently living in the admission zone (Criterion 5) with exceptional social or medical reasons for attending the school (Criterion 6);</li> <li>• then to children permanently living in the admission zone (Criterion 5) according to their distance from the school measured in a straight line “as the crow flies” (Criterion 7).</li> </ul>
<p>6. Pupils with exceptional social and / or medical reasons for attending the school. A letter from the child’s GP or other relevant professional such as a social worker must be submitted by you with the application stating why your child’s needs can only be met by attending the preferred school.</p>	<p>It is up to you to provide any evidence. The admissions team will not seek information about your child or telephone people on your behalf, the decision will be based solely on the information you send in. When you apply online, tell us that there is supporting evidence in the space provided, and send it to the School Admissions &amp; Transfers team or email to <a href="mailto:school.admissions@stockton.gov.uk">school.admissions@stockton.gov.uk</a> or by post. If we do not receive this information by the closing date, we will not be able to consider your child under this priority, unless it relates to a change of circumstances (such as a new diagnosis) which has occurred since the closing date.</p> <p>All correspondence will be treated as private and confidential. If the evidence you supply is not considered compelling enough to be included in this priority, your application will be considered under the other priorities as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Medical reasons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if there are medical reasons that make it essential for your child to attend a particular school, you must provide supporting information from a doctor together with any other relevant information by the deadline;</li> <li>• this must make a compelling case as to why your child’s needs can only be met at the preferred school, a medical condition in itself will not automatically result in a place at your preferred school;</li> <li>• the evidence should explain exactly what the child’s needs are, and what specialist support and/or facilities your child requires;</li> <li>• the evidence should explain why other schools could not provide the appropriate support for your child.</li> </ul> <p><b>Social reasons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if there are social reasons that make it essential for your child to attend a particular school, you must provide independent evidence from a professional who is supporting your family;</li> <li>• the supporting evidence needs to set out the particular reasons why the school in question is the most suitable and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school;</li> <li>• the evidence should explain exactly what the child’s needs are, and what specialist support and/or facilities your child requires;</li> <li>• the evidence should explain why other schools could not provide the appropriate support for your child.</li> </ul> <p>Social reasons do not include domestic arrangements such as parents working commitments or childcare arrangements.</p> <p>Please note that submitting this information does not guarantee that your child will be included in this category.</p>

CRITERIA (In priority order)	EXPLANATORY NOTES
7. Pupils who live closest to a particular school measured in a straight line “as the crow flies”.	The LA uses a Geographic Information System, known as GIS, to identify and measure the distance from the home to the school. The distance is measured electronically from a point of the school (the same point for all applications) to a point of the home (including flats). The GIS undertakes all measures in exactly the same way for every applicant, to ensure consistency and fairness.

N.B. please note for primary schools, attendance at a school nursery does not guarantee a place in the reception class of that school.

## Applying for a school

If you are a resident of the Borough you will need to apply for a school place through Stockton Borough Council, even if your preferred school is in another Borough.

We are responsible for coordinating the processing of **all** applications for school places in community, Voluntary-Aided (VA), academies and free schools.

Places are allocated according to a strict set of admission criteria and each admission authority sets its own criteria. The LA is the admission authority for some schools that it still controls and is still responsible for – usually defined as community schools.

All Voluntary-Aided (VA) schools (Roman Catholic and Church of England), academies and free schools have their own admission policy, which you can view on our web pages [www.stockton.gov.uk/schoolpolicies](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/schoolpolicies) or on the school's own website. When deciding which schools to apply for, you should look carefully at the admission policies to see the category that your child will be considered under.

After the closing date, we will send applications to each VA school, academy or free school. They will then consider the applications against their admission policy and will send us a list of all applicants, ranked in order of their oversubscription criteria. We will do the same with applications for community and voluntary-controlled schools.

It is also important to note that Stockton-On-Tees adopts an '**admission zone**' policy where each school has its own defined area. This means that your registered home address (i.e. the one you pay Council Tax for and have your Child's Benefit listed for) generally identifies that you are '**in-zone**' for at least two schools. Therefore your child (in terms of allocating places, if you choose them as your preferred schools) is '**in-zone**' for at least one community and one faith school.

**There is no automatic transfer from nursery to primary school so you must apply for a place for your child, even if they attend a school nursery.** Please be aware that attendance at a particular school nursery (in most cases – unless stated in the schools oversubscription policy) **does not guarantee** that your child will be offered a place at that school.

However since September 2000, **we do not guarantee** to meet parents' preferences for a school place for pupils who live within the admission zone, if the school is full.

**Please note** - all voluntary-aided schools (Roman Catholic and Church of England), academies & free schools have separate admission policies relating to their individual school. **We advise you to** look at the individual school websites or contact the schools directly to look at their policies.

## Infant Class Size

The School Admissions Code 2014 states that Infant classes (those where the majority of children will reach the age of 5, 6 or 7 during the school year) must not contain more than 30 pupils with a single school teacher. Additional children may be admitted under limited exceptional circumstances. These children will remain an 'excepted pupil' for the time they are in an infant class or until the class numbers fall back to the current infant class size limit. The excepted children are:

- a) children admitted outside the normal admissions round with statements of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plans specifying a school;
- b) looked after children and previously looked after children admitted outside the normal admissions round;
- c) children admitted, after initial allocation of places, because of a procedural error made by the admission authority or local authority in the original application process;

- d) children admitted after an independent appeals panel upholds an appeal;
- e) children who move into the area outside the normal admissions round for whom there is no other available school within reasonable distance;
- f) children of UK service personnel admitted outside the normal admissions round;
- g) children whose twin or sibling from a multiple birth is admitted otherwise than as an excepted pupil;
- h) children with special educational needs who are normally taught in a special educational needs unit attached to the school, or registered at a special school, who attend some infant classes within the mainstream school.

## Nursery children admission into a primary school

When allocating places within a school the local authority offers places in the following order:

1. Looked after children
2. Looked after children outside of England
3. Pupil's with SEN undergoing assessment
4. Pupil's with siblings already attending the school
5. Pupil's resident with the admission zone

When a school is oversubscribed with 'in-zone' applications (point 5), i.e. there are more applications from children living in the admission zone of the school than there are places available, the local authority will use the criteria below:

- Pupils with exceptional social or medical reasons for attending the school
- Pupil's within the admission zone according to the distance from their home address to the school

6. Pupil's with exceptional social or medical reasons for attending the school
7. Pupil's who live the closest

The local authority uses a Geographic Information System, known as GIS, to identify and electronically measure the distance from the home to the school. The following case studies illustrate the process.

The parents/carers of all four of the following children have applied for a place at the same primary school that has an admission limit of 30 pupils into its reception class:

**Case 1** – Adam attends a private day nursery in Middlesbrough and lives in the admission zone of the school and is 0.4 of a mile away.

**Case 2** – Zoe attends a private day nursery which is located within the admission zone of the school and lives 0.5 of a mile from the school.

**Case 3** – Lucy attends the school nursery her parents are applying for and lives 1.0 mile away, but their address is not in the admission zone of the same school.

**Case 4** – Daniel also attends the same school nursery as Lucy and lives 0.8 of a mile from the school and also does not live in the admission zone.

These four children listed the school as their first preference and where 'equally ranked' against the oversubscription policy. Adam and Zoe were considered under '5. Pupil's resident within the admission zone'.

The last remaining place was considered under '7. Pupils who live the closest' and offered to Daniel as he lived the closest to the school.

None of these children's application was considered with regards to which nursery they attended.

Below was the outcome:

1. Adam – as he lives the closest to the school was offered a place under 5
2. Zoe – the next closest was also offered a place under 5
3. Daniel – next closest – offered the last place under 7
4. Lucy – who was not offered a place as the cut off was 0.8 of a mile and was therefore added to the waiting list

The process would stop at the point at which the school is full and there are no further places available.

**Please note:** If your preferred school is a 'Faith School' or an Academy you will need to check directly with the school in relation to their admissions criteria.

## Summer born children

A child reaches compulsory school age on the prescribed day following his fifth birthday (or on his fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 December, 31 March and 31 August. The term 'summer born' is used to refer to children born from 1 April to 31 August. These children are not required to start school until a full school year after the point at which they could first have been admitted.

School admission authorities are required to provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday, but flexibilities exist for children whose parents do not feel they are ready to begin school before they reach compulsory school age.

Where a parent requests their child is admitted out of their normal age group, the school admission authority is responsible for making the decision on which year group a child should be admitted to. They are required to make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned.

There is no statutory barrier to children being admitted outside their normal age group, but parents do not have the right to insist that their child is admitted to a particular age group.

Where a parent chooses to defer or delay their child's entry to school, the child remains entitled to a funded early education place of 15 hours or 30 hours if eligible a week for 38 weeks of the year until they are admitted to school.

Parents may also accept a place for September 2019 but defer the date their child is admitted to school until later in the academic year, providing this does not go beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age, or beyond the **start of the final term of that year**.

Stockton currently has a policy in place that is in the process of being updated in light of DfE guidance issued in December 2014.

The Policy currently states, "parents/carers have the right to accept a Reception place but to defer admission up to the beginning of the summer term of the academic year in which the place has been offered."

**Please note:** If parents/carers of summer born children (born April – August 2015) are interested in deferring their child's start date for admission in September 2019 then they must make this known and clear on their application form so that the LA can deal with the request.

## How does the LA decide which admission zone your child lives in?

We use parents' or legal carers' permanent addresses when processing applications. If you have two addresses, we will use the address at which you actually live to determine the admission zone school. We will also ask you for proof that this is your main residence and in addition, what arrangements will be made for your second property e.g. rental agreement, mortgage papers or solicitor's letter. The LA will not consider temporary addresses for the purpose of processing an application. This means that if, for example, you live temporarily with other family members or you move to temporary accommodation for any reason, the address used to process the application will be the address at which you were living before the temporary move took place.

If you are separated from your partner but your child lives for periods of time with both parents, the address we will use will be that of the parent who receives Child Benefit for the child.

Do not use the address of a childminder or other family member on your application. If we find out that you have done so and a place has been offered because you have given us an incorrect address, we can withdraw the offer of the school place.

If you are moving house and you want to apply for a place in the admission zone school for your new address, we will accept your application however, we will not consider the school to be your admission zone school until you are actually living in the property and it is your permanent main residence. If you are moving into the admission zone of a school that is usually (or likely to be) oversubscribed, we will ask you for proof that you are living in the new property. We will not treat your application as 'in zone' until we are satisfied with the proof you have provided. If your new admission zone school is likely to be oversubscribed, it may not be possible for us to allocate a place for your child at that school, even though your new property is within the school's admission zone.

## Do I need proof of my address?

If we need to confirm you are living in the property and it is your main residence, we would ask for:

- The current Council Tax Bill, in your name, for the address you have given us;
- A Child Benefit letter, Child tax Credit letter, or medical card or a letter from your GP confirming the child's name at the address you have given us; and
- A gas or electricity bill, in your name, showing usage at the address you have given us, within the last 3 months.

If we need proof from you, we will ask for this in writing or by email if you have applied online. You should provide us with the original documents. If you do not qualify for Child Benefit then the child's medical card or a letter from your GP should be provided. If you do not receive paper energy bills, then you should generate a bill through your online account and provide us with a printed copy.

If you have a rented property in the area we may ask to see your tenancy agreement. We may also ask for written documents regarding what has happened to your previous property.

## Can I ask for a school that is not my admission zone school?

Every parent has the right to express a preference for a place in any school, regardless of whether or not it is their admission zone school however if your child is allocated a place at that school, it would be your responsibility to ensure your child attends school regularly, even if the preferred school is some distance from your home.

If there are enough places for all the children who want to go to a particular school, then all those children will be allocated places. If there are more pupils wanting to go to a school than places available, we will apply the oversubscription criteria to determine who can be offered a place.

## How are places allocated?

If you have listed three schools in preference order and all three schools are in a position to offer a place, then the computerised system will automatically seek the highest preference, i.e. your first preference, and make you an offer at this school. All your lower preferences are withdrawn as these are no longer required.

If however we cannot give you your first or second preference but offer you your third preference then your child will automatically be placed on the waiting list. These waiting lists will be open until the 31 December 2019. After this date your child's name will be removed unless you request them to remain on it.

Any further offers will continue to be made in accordance with the schools' published admissions criteria of your highest two preferences.

Below are 2 examples explaining how the above works:

### Child A

Parent/carer applies for 3 preferences on time.

1. Hartburn
2. Fairfield
3. Holy Trinity Rosehill CE

After all the preferences are processed and entered into the computer, the system allocates a place according to the admission policy for those schools listed.

The 1st preference is oversubscribed, therefore the school is full and there is no offer made so the child's name is added to the waiting list.

The 2nd preference – Fairfield, has spaces therefore an offer of a place is made therefore removing the need to offer to the 3rd preference – freeing up that selection.

### Child B

Parent/carer applies for 2 preferences on time.

1. Barley Fields
2. Myton Park

After all the preferences are processed and entered into the computer, the system allocates a place according to the admission policy for those schools listed.

The 1st preference although oversubscribed, can offer place therefore removing the need to offer to the 2nd preference – freeing up that selection.

If **you only list one** school and after applying the school's admission policy you are not high enough on the list and the system is unable to 'offer' a place then the application will be processed manually. This means where possible and if there are spaces available we will allocate your child their zone school, if this is also not possible an alternative school nearest to your home address (less than 2 miles) will be allocated instead.

In summary, as described in the example on the previous page, if you only put down one preference and that school is full then the LA will allocate a place at the closest school with places available. Therefore, the more preferences you put down the better chance you have of being allocated a preferred school.

The table below shows how we allocate those places.

<b>You</b>	<b>Our Admissions Team</b>	<b>Schools &amp; Other LA's</b>
Your application form is submitted	The home LA (Council in whose area you live) will manage the coordination process to ensure that you receive no more than one offer.	
If you have applied for a place at either a free, foundation or VA school or academy in Stockton	Only pupil details from the application form for a free school, foundation, voluntary aided or academies within the area of the home LA will be passed to the schools concerned.	Schools receive details of applications from the LA. Schools will have no knowledge of where they are ranked in your list of preferences.
If you have applied to a school in another LA i.e. outside Stockton	Pupil details and school preferences on the application form for schools in other boroughs will be sent to the LA's which maintain those schools (maintaining LA). These LA's will ensure that the application details reach the admission authorities for the schools in their areas, making no reference to the rank position the school is listed on your application form.	Decisions on whether places can be offered will be taken by the admission authorities for each of the schools on your list. How they decide which pupils will be offered places at their school is explained in their admissions criteria.
Obtaining your highest possible preference	Stockton Council will then determine the preference offer to be made to its resident pupils from all the schools applied to. Lower preference offers will be released for allocation to other pupils who are next on the school's lists.	This process of the home LA allocating the highest preference offer and releasing preference offers for reallocation by the maintaining LA will continue between LA's until there are no further changes and all places have been allocated.
All places are allocated	Stockton Council identifies which children are potentially in a position to be offered a place at more than one of its school. In such cases, we will only hold the offer of a place at the school the parent ranked highest on their form. Other lower ranked offers will be released, allowing further offers to be made to children who are next of the school's lists.	

## Will I have a better chance of getting my first preference than someone who lists it as a second or third preference?

No. All preferences are considered equally against the schools' admission criteria. The preference order will only be used when it is possible for more than one school to offer you a place. This is called the **'Equal Ranking System'**.

During this process the LA will either manage the application list for its schools or provide all other schools (those who are their own admission authority) with a list of applications for their school in no particular order of preference. Each application is then equally ranked against the relevant oversubscription criteria and when finalised are then returned and entered into the computer system.

The LA will always try to match your highest preference, but many schools are oversubscribed and receive more applications than they have places available. To give you the best chance of getting into a local school, it is very important that you use all 3 preferences and include other schools in your area.

Failing to list other preferences on your form can result in disappointment, as we can only consider the preferences you have listed on your application form.

If you only apply for one school and a place is not available, you can only be offered a school with places left once all other parental preferences have been considered. The school offered could be some distance from your home.

## How much information from my application will be passed onto my preferred schools?

Each school will be given only the information it needs to consider your application. They may send you a supplementary form to complete if you want to apply for a church place.

Schools are not told where you named them in your preference list. Local authorities are forbidden by the school admissions code from passing on this information.

## Shared custody

It is expected that where there is shared parental responsibility for a child, parents will agree which parent has the main responsibility before completing their application form. Where parents are separated and share custody, the parent with whom the child spends most of the school week (which will be the address where child benefit is payable) should make the application. An application can only be made from a single address and only one application can be made for each child.

If the parent making the application lives at a different address, a letter of explanation should be given and signed by both parents. Custody issues cannot be resolved by the local authority. If parents are going through a separation or a divorce and do not live together but share parental responsibility over a child, the local authority will disclose details of a child's application upon request from one parent who shares the parental responsibility.

## Late applications

If we receive your form after the closing date (15 January 2019), it will be classed as late and we will only consider it after all the forms we received on time. If we receive your application form late, your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools will be greatly reduced. We do not reserve any places for late applications.

If we have not received any application from you up to two weeks before the closing date, a letter will be sent to you to remind you that you need to apply. If you receive the reminder letter and you are sure that you have already applied, please contact the School Admissions team immediately.

If your application is late but you believe there are exceptional circumstances that prevented you from applying before the closing date, then you must provide us with clear evidence as to why you were unable to apply on time. Please be aware that if we do this, it does not guarantee your child a place at your preferred school – it simply means that we will consider your application along with the applications we received on time.

If you move into the Stockton area or move to a different area within the Borough after the closing date and we have not already allocated places, your application will be classed as being received on time. However, for your application to be processed using your new address, you will need to provide proof that you are living in the property and it is your main residence. Until we are satisfied that you are living at the new address, your previous address will be used for processing your application.

## What if I want to change my preference?

If you want to change your preference before the closing date and you have applied online, you can edit your application online and resubmit it. If you want to change your preference and you sent us a paper application, you will need to write or email the School Admissions team to request a change in preference, and explain why you are requesting the change. If you are simply requesting a re-ordering of your preferences (but no new ones added) we wouldn't class as 'late' as we would change the order and process as 'on time'. After the closing date however, unless your circumstances have changed (for example, you have moved house), we may not agree to change your preference.

## Waiting lists

The School Admissions Code (December 2014) requires each admission authority to maintain a clear, fair and objective waiting list for at least the first term of the academic year of admission. If we cannot offer your child a place at a Community or Voluntary-Controlled school, we will place your child's name on a waiting list for that school. The waiting list will be ranked according to our oversubscription criteria.

VA Schools, academies & free schools are responsible for their own waiting lists. You should contact these schools directly after the National Offer Day to confirm your child's position on their waiting list as the School Admissions Team will not be able to provide this information. The waiting list will be ranked according to their oversubscription criteria.

Children will remain on the waiting list(s) until the end of the autumn term once the child starts primary. These waiting lists will therefore be open until the 31 December 2019. After this date your child's name will be removed unless you request them to remain on it.

## Case studies

These case studies are provided to help parents understand the implications of the choices they might make in using all three preferences available. While every effort has been made to ensure that the case studies provide guidance, it is impossible to predict all the circumstances in which it may be used.

The local authority cannot be held liable for any actual or alleged loss caused by the information contained in, or omitted from, the case studies.

### Case study 1

Mr & Mrs C's only daughter attended a school nursery that she began in the previous autumn term. They chose this nursery as it close to Mrs C's parent's home for childcare reasons. When they applied online they only put one preference for her and named the school that she attends nursery because they assumed that this was ok. Unfortunately as the school was oversubscribed and the last place offered was to a child who lived in the schools admission zone, Mrs C's application was unsuccessful. This was because they lived well outside of the admission zone for this school.

If they had read the admissions policy and done their homework they would have realised that attending a school nursery does not always guarantee your child a place in that school.

### Case study 2

Mrs K listed three different preferred schools in Stockton on her application form for her son. Unfortunately she was not successful for any of her preferred schools. As Stockton has an obligation to ensure that all its pupils receive an offer of a school place at the nearest school where a vacancy exists, Mrs K's son was offered a place at a local school which had a vacancy. This offer was turned down by the family. A few weeks later Mrs K changed her mind and contacted the admission team and asked if she could have the place previously on offer. But the place had been offered to another child so Mrs K had to settle for a school which was even further away from her home address.

Mrs K would have had a school much closer to her home address had she accepted the initial offer, even though it was not one of her preferences.

### Case Study 3

Mr L lived reasonably close to some community and faith schools. However he wanted his child to attend a faith school. Mr L mistakenly listed the community schools higher on his application form than the faith school that he wanted his child to attend. He was offered one of the community schools which he had listed. Mr L appealed for the faith school but was unsuccessful.

Had he listed his choice of schools in the correct preference order, his child would probably have been offered a place at the faith school.

### Case Study 4

Mrs Q has two children who attend the same school - one in Y3 and the younger one in the nursery class. Initially Mrs Q did not make an application, thinking that the nursery age child would have an automatic transfer to the primary school. Unfortunately, this is not the case. When Mrs Q realised her error and made her application after the admission round had closed, the preferred school was already full. Mrs Q appealed for her preferred school, but the appeal was unsuccessful because she had failed to apply at the proper time.

If Mrs Q had applied on time, then her younger child would have secured a place under the sibling link criterion.

**You can apply online at [www.stockton.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

## Apply for your child's school place online

The online facility opens on 5 November 2018 and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11.59pm on 15 January 2019. You will receive an email informing you of your allocation on the 16 April 2019.

There are many benefits to applying online via The Citizen Portal.

- It is quick and easy – and you can complete your application form over several sessions as long as you save each time.
- You don't have to post the completed application form – the only things you may have to post are any Supplementary forms that Voluntary Aided Schools may send you and any documentary evidence you want to provide for your application.
- You can make changes to your application once you have submitted it, prior to the closing date. You must resubmit your application after viewing it or making any changes.
- You have up until 11.59pm on the 15 January 2019 to submit your application.

If, however you still would prefer to submit a paper application, please ring **01642 526605** to request a form.

Applying online for a school place is quick and easy. Each screen will explain what you need to do.

### Getting started

- Before you start your online application, you will need do some research.
- See your local authority's website for details about how applications are processed.
- Visit schools.
- Check schools' websites.
- Read the admissions criteria for the schools you are interested in.
- Check how places were offered in previous years.
- You should check transport policies for local authorities (outside Stockton).

### Important information

If you have ticked any of the categories on your online form and do not provide evidence to support this, your local authority is unlikely to take account of this when making allocations.

### What happens next?

A letter will be sent to parents/carers on or around 16 April 2019 informing them of the school they been offered for their child.

Parents/carers who apply on-line and if they chose (ticked) the option to receive an email will be informed by email only on the 16 April 2019.

## In-year admission to primary schools

Applications for a primary school place outside the normal admissions round are treated as 'in-year' admissions.

Requests are regularly received from parents to transfer their child to an alternative school and it can be for a variety of reasons. In certain cases it does not always benefit the child or the school and so the Local Authority has laid out procedures which are followed upon receipt of such a request.

### Apply for an in-year school transfer

If you pay your Council Tax to Stockton Borough Council and you want to change your child's school you will need to complete an 'In-Year Application for change of school' form for each child who you want to transfer.

If you are moving away from Stockton to another Local Authority you still need to complete a Stockton transfer form and we will liaise with the other authority. Once they have considered your application we will contact you with the decision.

If you are moving into the Stockton area you will need to contact your Local Authority for their application form or if you are moving from abroad please contact the School Admissions team for more advice and support.

**Please note:** The current 2014 School Admissions Code (that applies to all maintained schools in England only) states that there is no requirement for Local Authorities (LA) to co-ordinate in-year applications. Therefore if your current LA informs you that they no longer administer transfer requests on behalf of schools then you need to complete a Stockton application only and apply directly to Stockton School Admissions.

Contact the School Admissions team for additional information:

Email: [school.admissions@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@stockton.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01642 526605

### School transfer procedure

School transfers can take between 5-10 school days (where possible) to complete; if there are any issues with the request this can make the process longer.

We will send your transfer form and any other information that you send us to both your current school and your preferred school.

If we receive more than one application on the same day for the same school and year group we will apply our own over-subscription criteria.

It may be if you have not discussed any concerns with your current school that the Head Teacher requests you attend a meeting before we can process your application any further, as it is not always in your child's best interest to change schools. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child attends their current school until a new school place has been agreed.

### Transferring to a voluntary aided school or academy

If you are applying for a voluntary aided school or an academy then their governing body or academy admissions panel will consider your application and let us know the decision. They may apply their own Admissions Policy to any applications that they have received. We will contact you on their behalf.

## Pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

All mainstream schools provide resources for children with special educational needs (SEN) and every school will have a special educational needs co-ordinator who has specific responsibility for pupils with SEN. The majority of children who have special educational needs have their needs met within local mainstream schools and receive additional resources via SEN Support.

A small number of children have an Education, Health & Care Plans (EHCP). If your child has an EHCP you will receive a letter from the SEN and Engagement team advising you of the admissions process. If your child has an EHCP you should not complete the Common Application Form. If you are not sure if your child has an EHCP you should contact your child's Nursery provider to clarify this before informing the LA of your school preferences.

### Pupils with an Education, Health & Care Plan

If your child has an EHCP you will have already completed the school's preference form sent to you by the SEN and Engagement Team. If your child's EHC Plan states specialist provision and you express a preference for this type of school, then your child will be given priority for a specialist school place. In all cases, the SEN and Engagement Team will need to consult with your preferred schools to make sure the schools would be able to meet your child's needs. If you have not returned this form you must do so immediately.

### Appeals process

If your child has an EHCP and you are not satisfied with the school place that the local authority has determined for your child you will be able to appeal to the special educational needs and disability tribunal. You will be given details about the appeal procedure when your child is issued with an amended statement identifying the allocated primary school.

### Advice

You can seek independent advice from SEND Information advice and guidance service on **01642 527158**. If your child has an EHCP you can contact Stockton's SEN and Engagement Team on **01642 527145**.

## Home to School transport information for parents & carers

**Please note: That the Council has revised its home to school transport policy and this may affect your child.**

**Stockton Council is required to provide home to school transport, under certain conditions. Our Community Transport Service is responsible for the management of Home to School transport for children who qualify for free transport from mainstream and special education needs from primary school age up to 19 years old.**

Transport may be provided either by the community transport fleet or by bus or taxi businesses that have been contracted by Stockton Council.

“Under the policy, the Council will no longer provide free transport to children whose parents have chosen to send them to a school which is not their nearest suitable school, including cases where parents have chosen a faith school or academy.”

“But in line with our commitment to protect those most in need, there will be extended rights for pupils entitled to free school meals or whose parents are in receipt of the maximum Working Tax Credit.”

**The statutory guidelines state that children will be eligible for home to school transport if:**

- They are under eight years of age and the nearest suitable school is more than two miles away
- They are between eight and 16 years of age and the nearest suitable school is more than three miles away
- They cannot be reasonably expected to walk to school because of a mobility problem or health and safety issues related to special educational needs or a disability
- The route to the nearest suitable school is unsafe

There are also extended rights for children entitled to free school meals on the basis of income and those of parents in receipt of the maximum Working Tax Credit. This information can be viewed on the Home to School Transport Policy at [www.stockton.gov.uk/school-transport](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/school-transport)

The policy can be found on our website at [www.stockton.gov.uk/school-transport](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/school-transport) and we urge you to read it fully, so you are clear how (if relevant) the changes to the policy may affect your decision making with regards to school preferences you are considering for your child.

**How will the changes affect me?**

Please note if you are planning to choose a faith school as one of your preferences for your child and are successful in a place being allocated for them, then the Local Authority (LA) **will no longer** provide Home to School Transport.

## Appeal procedure

**What are my rights of appeal?**

If it is not possible for us to offer a place at your preferred school, you may choose to take up your right to appeal. Your appeal will be heard by a panel that is independent of the LA and of the school, and the decision the panel makes will be binding on all parties.

If you choose to appeal, you will need to request an appeal form from the Customer Services Centre at Stockton Library.

Alternatively you can download a form from [www.stockton.gov.uk/schoolappeals](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/schoolappeals). Fill in the form with the details of your case then send it to the address on the back of the form, by the date given. The Law & Democracy section will then notify you of the date of your appeal, at least ten school days before the appeal will take place, unless you have waived this right.

**You can apply online at [www.stockton.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

The Advisory Centre for Education (ACE) provides free, independent advice on the admissions and appeals process as well as on a range of other education issues including bullying, exclusion, SEN & attendance.

For advice visit [www.ace-ed.org.uk](http://www.ace-ed.org.uk)

If you choose to appeal, we would strongly recommend that you attend the appeal hearing, so that you are able to present your case to the panel, and to answer any questions they may have. If you are unable to attend, or you choose not to attend, the panel will consider the information you write on your appeal form.

A representative from the LA will also attend, to explain to the panel why it was not possible to offer your child a place at that particular school and why additional children cannot be admitted to that school.

If your appeal concerns a VA School, Academy or Free School, the LA will not attend the hearing. Instead, a representative from the school will attend as these schools act as their own admission authority.

You can appeal for your child to be admitted to a particular school only once in an academic year, even if your appeal is unsuccessful. However if you move house, or there is some other significant or material change in your circumstances, we may allow you a second appeal hearing.

Visit the Government website for further information on School Admission Appeals  
[www.gov.uk/schools-admissions/appealing-a-schools-decision](http://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions/appealing-a-schools-decision)

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## Other information

### Free School Meals

Your child will be eligible for free school meals if you receive the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State 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)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals. An application form is available at [www.stockton.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/schoolmeals)

For more information about free school meals please contact 01642 526606 or email [freeschoolmeals@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@stockton.gov.uk)

### Fair access protocol

Each LA is required to have a Fair Access Protocol. This ensures that outside of the main primary and secondary admission rounds, children without a school place, especially the most vulnerable children, are placed in a suitable school as quickly as possible. All schools, academies and free schools agree to participate in the protocol, which means that they may, at times, be required to admit more children than their published admission limit, even if they are already considered to be full.

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