





## 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 for Year 6 Intake and 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 for Year 5 Intake

Moving on to Middle school is an exciting step for you and your child, however the process can sometimes appear confusing. This leaflet aims to provide you with some basic information and advice, as well as how and when you need to apply for a Middle school place.

Even if you already have older siblings in a school, you live in the catchment area for a school, have been placed on an expression of interest register or think you have either already applied or put your child's name down at a school, [please apply for a place](#). This is very important, if you do not make an application on time [please apply for a place](#) Q U I D

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## Academies (A)

Academies are publicly funded independent schools. The governing body/academy trust have responsibility for managing the academy and have responsibility for deciding the arrangements for admitting pupils including their own admissions criteria. Academies don't have to follow the national curriculum and can set their own term times. They still have to follow the same rules on admissions, special educational needs and exclusions as other state schools.

## Community (C) and Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools

Worcestershire Local Authority (LA) is the admission authority i.e. it has responsibility for deciding the arrangements for admitting pupils to community (C) and voluntary controlled (VC) schools including the admissions criteria.

## Foundation (FD) and Voluntary Aided (VA) schools

The governing body is the admissions authority i.e. it has responsibility for deciding the arrangements for admitting pupils including their own admissions criteria.

## Free Schools (FR)

Free schools are funded by the government but aren't run by the local council. Free Schools are non-profit making, independent, state-funded schools. They're 'all-ability' schools, so can't use academic selection processes like a grammar school. The governing body have responsibility for managing the Free School and have responsibility for deciding the arrangements for admitting pupils including their own admissions criteria.

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

In Worcestershire the age range of entry to Middle school varies across the County. The table below indicates the year of entry to Middle Schools in each area.

Year 5	Year 6
Bromsgrove	Evesham
Droitwich	
Pershore	
Redditch	

When to Apply	
10.01.25 - 15.01.25	Year 5 to Year 6
16.01.25 - 21.01.25	Year 6 to Year 7
22.01.25 - 27.01.25	Year 7 to Year 8

**If you live in Worcestershire** and your child is due to transfer from a First school to a Middle school in September 2025, then you must apply to Worcestershire County Council for his or her school place – the opening and closing dates for applications are as above.

### How do I apply?

- Apply online at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)
- You will need an email address
- Once you have submitted your application you will receive an email to acknowledge receipt. If you do not receive this email, it could mean that you have not submitted the application correctly and should resubmit it.
- If you do not have access to the internet, you can get online at any Worcestershire 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 to all Worcestershire Library members.



Offers will be issued on ..... They will be issued direct to parents, by School Admissions, even if it is on behalf of the governing body of an Academy, Foundation, Free or Voluntary Aided School, or a school in a neighbouring LA.

In the few cases, where it may not be possible to offer a place at any of the preferences nominated on the application, a place will be offered at the nearest school with available places for pupils who live in Worcestershire.

The acceptance or decline of the offer must be made by the date specified.

For pupils not resident in Worcestershire, the offer or refusal will be sent direct to parents by the home LA, even if it is for a school in Worcestershire.

## 1. Visit Schools

Schools hold open events for interested parents and children. (Details are on page 7). You can tour the school, talk to staff and pupils and see demonstrations. These are good opportunities for you and your child to have a look at the school and get a feel for it. If you are unable to make the arranged date, most schools are usually happy for you to visit at a different arranged time. You should contact the school direct to organise this.

Visit as many schools as you can to compare. Make up your own mind rather than listening to random comments.

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## Mythbusters

- Listing only one preference does not increase your chance of getting into that school.
- Applying for more than one school does not weaken your chances of getting a place at your preferred school.
- Naming schools that you are very unlikely to get as your second and third preferences will not increase your chances of getting your first preference school. The other schools you applied for are not considered when deciding who to offer places to.
- Applying for your catchment school does not mean you will be automatically offered a place there. If you can be offered a school which is higher on your list, you will be. If your catchment school is oversubscribed, you may not be offered a place. To check what your catchment school is you can go online at: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schoolsearch](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schoolsearch)
- All on-time applications to a school are considered at the same time. Priority is not given to those who put the school first. The order in which you list the schools is only used if you could be offered a place at more than one school. In this case, you would be offered whichever of those schools was highest on your application form.
- Having gained admission for one child at a school does not guarantee a younger child will be admitted. Should the school be oversubscribed at the time of application of a younger sibling, catchment area may have a higher priority on the oversubscription criteria.
- Having gained admission to a school of your preference, does not mean your child will have highest priority for transfer to the related middle or high school. If the related middle or high school is

Alvechurch CE Middle School  
Aston Fields Middle School  
Catshill Middle School  
Parkside Middle School  
St John's CE Middle Academy

Westacre Middle School  
Wit on Middle School

Blackminster Middle School  
Bredon Hill Academy  
The De Montfort School  
St Egwin's CE Middle School

Abbey Park Middle School  
St Barnabas CE First & Middle School  
St Nicholas' CE Middle School

Birchensale Middle School  
Church Hill Middle School  
Ipsley CE Middle School  
St Bede's Catholic Middle School  
Walkwood Church of England Middle School  
Woodfield Academy

All schools in the County are co-educational, and all high schools are comprehensive. However, there are different types of school and there are also differences across the County in the age groups that the E



The table below tells you what date each school will hold its open event. It is in alphabetical order within district. Full details of each open event including dates of any visits during the day can be found on the individual schools website.

Town	School Name and Website Address	Date and time of open event
Bromsgrove	Alvechurch CE Middle School <a href="http://www.alvechurchmiddle.co.uk">www.alvechurchmiddle.co.uk</a>	Tuesday 19 November 2024
	Aston Fields Middle School	Please refer to school website
	Catshill Middle School	Tuesday 12 November 2024 Tuesday 19 November 2024 9-10am and 11am-12pm
	Parkside Middle School	Please refer to school website
	St John's CE Academy Middle School	Please refer to school website
Droitwich	Westacre Middle School	Thursday 3 October 2024
	Witton Middle School	Thursday 26 September 2024 Open Evening
Evesham	Blackminster Middle School	Thursday 3 October 2024 6-8pm
	Bredon Hill Academy	Tuesday 22 October 2024 6-8pm
	The De Montfort School <a href="http://www.tdms.worcs.sch.uk">www.tdms.worcs.sch.uk</a>	Thursday 26 September 2024
	St Egwin's CE Middle School	Wednesday 23 October 2024
Pershore	Abbey Park Middle School	Friday 4 October 2024 9-11.30am
	St. Barnabas CE First & Middle School	Wednesday 6 November 2024 9-10am 2-3pm 6-7pm
	St. Nicholas' CE Middle School	Please refer to school website
Redditch	Birchensale Middle School	Thursday 3 October 2024 5.30-7.30pm
	Church Hill Middle School <a href="http://www.churchill.worcs.sch.uk">www.churchill.worcs.sch.uk</a>	Wednesday 23 October 2024
	Ipsley CE Middle School	Thursday 24 October 2024
	St. Bede's Catholic Middle School	Tuesday 22 October 2024

Visited the website [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and read the relevant '2025/26 Information for Parents' book.

Visited Schools and obtained a School Prospectus.

Applied online and retained the email receipt sent when submitted. Remembered to keep a reminder of own password used when applying for future use.

Date Applied:

Password:

Security Question Answer:

If there is anything about the admissions process which you do not understand please contact School Admissions:

01905 822700

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County Hall,  
Spetchley Road,  
Worcester,  
WR5 2NP

[schooladmissions@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@worcestershire.gov.uk)

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The SEND Information, Advice and Support Service Worcestershire offers independent and neutral information/advice on Special Educational Needs and information on elective home education.

Please contact:

01905 768153

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[www.hwsendiass.co.uk](http://www.hwsendiass.co.uk)

This leaflet has been prepared by Worcestershire County Council to inform parents about school admissions and transfers in good time for the school year 2025/26. To the best of our knowledge all information was correct at the time of printing: July 2024.