

Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for Secondary Schools in Worcestershire for 2026/27
Academic Year

Initial Allocation Process

By 11 November 2025, Worcestershire LA will send all neighbouring LAs details of applicants for their schools, who will then apply their admissions criteria.

By 21 November 2025, Worcestershire LA will send details to all its Academies, Foundation, Free and Voluntary Aided Schools, for initial consideration. This information may need to be updated if information regarding further applications is subsequently received by other Local Authorities. Late applications will be forwarded upon receipt.

By 12 December 2025, Worcestershire LA will receive a ranked list from each of its Academies, Foundation, Free and Voluntary Aided Schools of all applicants. These lists will be compared to identify any pupils, who may have been offered more than one place. As **only the highest ranking school** will be offered, it may be necessary for Worcestershire LA to inform the Academies, Foundation, Free and Voluntary Aided school(s) that the place is not required, this will be notified to the school, as required.

This process will be ongoing (see section about late applications), along with exchange of information to neighbouring LAs – see timetable for dates.

Finalising the Allocation Process

By 3 February 2026, a final data exchange between Local Authorities neighbouring authorities, will take place, and any amendments to the listings for Academies, Foundation, Free and Voluntary Aided Schools will be notified as soon as possible.

On 2 March 2026, an offer of a school place will be made by Worcestershire LA, on behalf of the relevant admission authority, in the case of Worcestershire residents (even if the placement is for an Academy, Foundation, Free and Voluntary Aided School or a school in a neighbouring LA). **For families residing outside Worcestershire, who have applied for a place in a**

The **single** offer will normally be the highest ranked school on the application form, at which a potential offer could be made.

In the few cases, where it may be not be possible to offer a place at any of the three preferences stated on the application, and the parent is a Worcestershire resident, a place will be offered at the catchment area school (if places are available), or the nearest available school

have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely in order to reach a decision as to whether or not it is appropriate for the individual child to delay or accelerate their entry into school and be taught permanently behind or ahead of their chronological age group. The reasons for the decision must be clearly set out.

Even if delayed or accelerated entry is agreed, the normal admission arrangements apply and there is no guarantee of a place.