



**STOUR VALE**

# PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS (NORMAL AGE OF ENTRY – SEPTEMBER 2026)

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in the care of a local authority, or  
being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their  
social services functions.

Previously looked after children: children who were looked after, but ceased to be so  
because they:

were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 or the Adoption and Children Act  
2002, or  
became subject to a child arrangements order (an order settling the  
arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under  
section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by section 14 of the Children and  
Families Act 2014), or  
became subject to a special guardianship order (an order appointing one or  
more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians)).

This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and  
have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as  
having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were  
accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of  
care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

Compulsory school age: a child reaches compulsory school age on the prescribed day  
following his or her fifth birthday (or on his or her fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed  
day). The prescribed days are 31 December, 31 March and 31 August.

## 5. How to apply

For applications in the normal admissions round you should use the application form  
provided by your home local authority (regardless of which local authority the schools  
are in). You can use this form to express your preference for a minimum of three state-  
funded schools, in rank order.

Supplementary application forms are not required for admission to member schools  
within Stour Vale Academy Trust.

You will receive an offer for a school place directly from your local authority.

Please note that pupils already attending a nursery at a member school will not  
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Children below compulsory school age  
Requests for admission outside the normal age group  
Late applications  
Waiting lists  
Repeat applications  
Changing or adding a child's name  
Twins and multiple births

## 7. Challenging behaviour

We will not refuse to admit to any member school within Stour Vale a child on behavioural grounds in the normal admissions round or at any point in the normal year of entry. We may refuse admission in certain cases where the specific criteria listed in the School Admissions Code (paragraph 3.8) apply, i.e. where section 87 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 is engaged.

We may refuse admission for an in-year applicant for a year group that is not the normal point of entry, only in such a case that we have good reasons for doing so.

Worcestershire Local Authority: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/worcestershire-education-and-early-years-services/support-services/improving-schools-and-settings/school-admissions>

## 10. Appeals

If your child's application for a place at the school is unsuccessful, you will be informed why admission was refused and given information about how to appeal against the decision and about the process for hearing appeals.

The appeals timetable for each member school within Stour Vale will be published on their website by 28 February 2026.

## 11. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed and approved by the Trust Board every year.

Whenever changes to admission arrangements are proposed (except where the change is an increase to the agreed admission number or to comply with mandatory requirements), the Trust Board will publicly consult on these changes. If nothing changes, it will publicly consult on admission arrangements for each member school within Stour Vale at least once every seven years.

## 12. Detailed admission arrangements f led admi2miase to the agreedr541iy year.



## 8. Distance

In each criteria, children will be ranked in accordance with Straight Line Distance.

NB. Children with an Education





## Twins and multiple births

In the event that one or more but not all children from that multiple birth can be allocated a place(s), all of the children from that multiple birth will be admitted even if this takes the school over PAN. In circumstances where no children from a multiple birth can be offered a place and parents appeal against the decision, parents are advised to note that all appeals are dealt with on their own merits and independent appeal panels are not obliged to allow all children from a multiple birth to be admitted, if one appeal is successful.

## Definitions used in admissions administration

### 1. Catchment area

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#### 4. Straight line distance

The measurement will be taken using the GeoCode Points for each property and the GeoCode