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(Arabic)

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(Bengali)

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(Chinese)

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(Gaelic)

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(Hindi)

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(Polish)

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(Punjabi)

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(Somali)

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(Urdu)

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September 2017

Dear Parent

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Wirral schools.
We aim to support all parents in finding the appropriate school for their child. This booklet provides information about primary education in Wirral and, in particular, about the admission arrangements to primary school. It is available to all parents whose children will join the Foundation 2 class of our primary and infant schools to explain how you can give a preference for a school and how we go about offering places.

We are very proud of Wirral schools. Standards of achievement are very high, and the local education authority is committed to helping schools maintain these high standards and improve upon them. Ofsted grades show that our primary schools show a very high level of good and very good schools.

I hope that you will find this booklet helpful. If you would like more information or advice, please contact the head teacher of the school you are interested in or the Mainstream Admissions team (phone 0151 606 2020). I know that your greatest wish will be for your son or daughter to be happy at school.

I share that wish, for only when they are settled and secure can children fulfil their potential. My staff and I will work with you to try to make sure that school days really are the best days.

Yours faithfully



Deborah Gornik
Acting Director of Children's Services

Primary schools in Wirral cater for children aged between 5 and 11, but in some areas there are separate infant and junior schools and children transfer at the age of 7. Some primary schools also have nursery classes and can take children from the age of 3 (that is, the term after a child's third birthday). All primary schools in Wirral are listed in the back of this booklet.



Pre-school education

Nursery schools and classes
Wirral has three Early Years Centres – **Somerville Nursery School, Ganneys Meadow Early Years** and **Leasowe Early Years**. Ganneys Meadow and Leasowe Early Years are also Children's Centres. There are also 46 nursery classes attached to primary schools. Details of the Early Years Centres is given in the schools list at the back of this booklet. Primary schools with a nursery class are marked with an asterisk (*).

If you want your child to go to an Early Years Centre or nursery class, please contact the headteacher. Your child will normally be offered five part-time sessions. He or she will start in the term after your child's third birthday. Some centres offer extended sessions, which you must pay for.

Important – If your child has a place in a nursery class in a school, this does not mean that they will automatically get a place in the Foundation 2 class. Nursery classes take pupils from a wider area than the school zone or the parish area for voluntary-aided schools.

Our admissions policy for Early Years Centres and nursery classes in community and voluntary-controlled schools is as follows:

- If there are enough places available, your child will be offered a place in the centre or class of your choice.
- If there are not enough places available in a school for all the children who have applied, the school's governing body will decide which children to accept in line with the following guidelines:

Four-year-olds

- The school's governing body will give priority to children who will become four during the coming academic year 2018/2019.
- If there are more of those children than there are places available, they will then give priority to children with a particular medical reason for going to their school. This is important if the school has special facilities, for example if the school has special equipment for a child with a physical or sensory disability.
- If there are still too many children eligible for the school, the governing body will reject the applications from parents who live in the catchment area of another school with a nursery class.
- If there are then enough places for the remaining children, they will offer all the children places. But if not, they will offer places first to the children who live nearest to the school (the distance from home to school is measured by the shortest available walking route).
- Finally, if there are any places left, the governing body will offer them to children living in the catchment area of another school who live nearest to the school. Some schools may have a different policy. Please contact the school you are interested in.

Three-year-olds
If there are places left after all the four-year-olds have been offered a place, the governing body will offer a place to children who become three during the academic year 2018/2019 based on the following priorities.

- Children with special educational needs which have been identified through a statutory assessment.
- Children whose parents receive Income Support, Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance or Working Tax Credit.
- Children whose birthday falls between 1 September and 31 December.
- Children whose birthday falls between 1 January and 31 March.
- Children whose birthday falls between 1 April and 31 August.

If the priorities have to be decided within any category, the governing body will always give priority to the children who live nearest measured by the shortest available walking route.

Nursery classes in voluntary-aided classes
You should contact the headteacher for details of the governing body's admission policy.

Independent schools
Some independent primary schools also offer places to pre-school children.

Playgroups and private day nurseries
Most playgroups and private day nurseries are registered by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) Early Years Directorate. All three and four year olds and some two year olds are entitled to 15 hours early education per week funded by the Department for Education.

For further information, contact your nearest pre-school playgroup or day nursery or the Wirral Families Information Service on 0800 0858 743. The Families Information Service offers impartial information on the availability of childcare to match a child with childcare vacancies. These include registered childminders, preschool playgroups, day nurseries and out of school schemes.

Childcare funding

Two-year-olds

Some 2 year olds who live in Wirral may be eligible to receive 15 hours per week FREE (570 hours per year) childcare from the term after their second birthday. Research shows that alongside parenting, high quality part time Early Years Education helps give children of this age a great start and a solid foundation for the future.

The funding can be used in certain approved day nurseries and preschools or with a Network childminder. Two year old children may be eligible for a part-time free childcare place if the household:

- Has an income of no more than £16,190 and claiming working tax credits or child tax credits
- Claims Income Support, income based Job Seekers Allowance or income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Receives State Pension (Guarantee Credit)
- Receives support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act (1999)

Or if the child:

- has a Statement of Special Educational Needs or has an Education, Health and Care Plan
- receives Disability Living Allowance (DLA) (in their own right)
- is a looked after child or has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order.

How to apply

Two months before the child's second birthday, either the parent/carer or a professional working with the family can submit an online application by going to **http://bit.ly/2rrgTKD**

You will need to know your National Insurance number in order to apply. If the application is successful, as part of the Early Years Provision for 2 Year Olds the family will receive a home visit from the Childrens Centre Team.

Three and Four-year-olds

Will I qualify for 30 hours free childcare?

From September 2017 the government will be providing 30 hours free childcare for working parents of three and four year olds. The additional 15 hours free entitlement on top of the existing universal provision of 15 hours is to support working families or families entering work who meet a government set criteria.

Parents of three and four year olds will need to meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for 30 hours free childcare:

- They earn or expect to earn the equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum or Living Wage over the coming three months.
- This equates to £120 a week (or c.£6,000 a year) for each parent over 25 years old or £112.80 a week (or c.£5,800 a year) for each parent between 21 and 24 years old and £56 a week for apprentices in their first year.
- This applies whether you are in paid employment, self-employed or on zero hours contract.
- The parent (and their partner where applicable) should be seeking the free childcare to enable them to work.
- Where one or both parents are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave, or if they are on statutory sick leave.
- Where one parent meets the income criteria and the other is unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities or have been assessed as having limited capability to work.
- Where a parent is in a 'start-up period' (i.e. they are newly self-employed) they do not need to demonstrate that they meet the income criteria for 12 months.
- If one or both parents is a non-EEA national, the parent applying must have recourse to public funds.

A parent will not meet the criteria when

- Either parent has an income of more than £100,000.
- If one or both parents is a non-EEA national and the parent applying does not have recourse to public funds.

What happens if a parent loses eligibility?

- They will receive a 'grace period' – this means they will be able to keep their childcare for a short period.
- Once the 'grace period' has lapsed, the parent should be entitled to the universal 15-hour entitlement.

How to apply

Parents must apply for an eligibility code through the following website: **https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk**

If a parent has any difficulties the help line number is **0300 123 4097.**

Primary schools classification

There are several different types of primary school.

Community schools
Community schools are 'non-denominational' – in other words, they are not linked to a particular religion. The school's governors are responsible for running the school but the Local Authority deal with the school's admissions.

Voluntary-controlled schools and voluntary-aided schools
Voluntary schools are funded by the Local Authority but are linked to a particular religion (for example, Church of England or Catholic).

In Wirral there are 2 different types of voluntary school.

- **Voluntary-controlled** schools have passed control of the school to the Local Authority but they have kept a connection with the Church of England. The school's governors are responsible for running the school, but admission arrangements are the Local Authority's responsibility.
- The governors of Catholic and Church of England **voluntary-aided** schools are responsible both for running the school and for their own admission arrangements.

You can get more information about voluntary schools from:

Diocesan Director of Education, Chester Diocese (Church of England schools)
Phone: 01928 718 834
Email: jeff.turnbull@chester.anglican.org
www.chester.anglican.org

or:

Director of Education, Shrewsbury Diocese (Catholic schools)
Phone: 0151 652 9855
Email: education@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Academy schools
The governors of Academy schools are responsible both for running the school and for their own admission arrangements. For more information, contact the school. The Local Authority co-ordinates preferences for places in Foundation 2 on behalf of the Academy schools.

Applications for places in the nursery class should be made directly to the Academy.

The Local Authority co-ordinates preferences on behalf of all schools.

Catchment Area Finder

The catchment area finder is available on the Admissions Portal website: **www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions**

Enter your street name and the Catchment Area Finder will tell you which are your zoned schools (community and voluntary aided or controlled). It has links to the school's website (if available) and the Ofsted website where you can read the school's inspection report. If you don't have access to the internet, the Council's call centre will be able to help you (0151 606 2020).

Admission arrangements for Foundation 2 classes

The Local Authority co-ordinates the admission arrangements for all schools (except independent schools). It is essential that you read this booklet very carefully and in particular note the deadline date for applications. If you have any questions, you can talk to the headteacher of your local school.

You can only apply for school places from 1 September before your child starts Foundation 2 in September of the next academic year. This means that for admission to September 2018, you can apply from 1 September 2017 but not before.

Wirral residents must apply either online on the Wirral admissions website, or by sending the paper common application form to Wirral Local Authority. You can give up to three preferences. It is always advisable to put more than one preference, including your zone school.

The online catchment area finder will help if you are not sure which is your zone school – **www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions** or contact the Council's call centre on **0151 606 2020** for assistance.

Making an application

Applying online

Wirral's online admission system can be accessed from **www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions**

Applying online is quick and simple to do. You will receive an automatic email so that you know your application has been received by us. In April 2018, online applicants will receive an email with their child's allocated place. The deadline for online applications to be submitted is **15 January 2018**.

You can put up to three schools in the order of your preference. It is always recommended to put more than one school in your preferences, and include your zone school as one of your preferences.

If you want to give a preference for a school outside Wirral, you will need to include this as one of your preferences. The Mainstream Admissions team will tell other local authorities about parents' preferences for schools in their area.

Applying on paper

If you cannot apply online, you can complete a paper application form. In April 2018 you will receive an allocation letter by post to your home address. The Mainstream Admissions team cannot send an allocation email to you unless you apply online.

You can get application forms from:

- Any Wirral primary school
- The Admissions portal website: **www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions**
- Wirral Council's One Stop Shops
- The Council's call centre: ring **0151 606 2020** during office hours

If you have applied on a paper form, the Mainstream Admissions team will acknowledge receipt of your application within 15 working days. If you have not received an acknowledgement after this time, please ring **0151 666 4600**.

Note that the Mainstream Admissions team will not acknowledge paper form applications received after the deadline for paper applications which is 15 January 2018.

Whatever you do, apply on time!

Whether you apply online or use a paper form, you must return your application to the Children's and Young People's Department by **15 January 2018** at the latest to make sure that your child is offered a school place on allocation day.

Important – If your child has a place in a nursery class in a school, this does not mean that they will automatically get a place in the Foundation 2 class and you must complete an application. Nursery classes take pupils from a wider area than the school zone or the parish area for voluntary-aided schools.

Offers of places to parents who applied by 15 January 2018 will be posted out on 16 April 2018. Online applicants will receive an email on that day. Late applications received after 15 January 2018 are only dealt with AFTER places have been offered to parents who have applied on time.

Applications must be received by 15 January 2018.



Community schools

Each community school has its own catchment area or zone. If your child lives in a school's zone and you want them to go to that school, it is likely that a place will be offered there as long as you submit your application before **15 January 2018** and name your zoned school as one of your preferences. Parents are advised to always include their zoned school as one of their preferences in case they are unsuccessful with their application for an out of zone school.

However, a place in your catchment school cannot be absolutely guaranteed. For example a school with an admission number for Foundation 2 of 30 may have more than 30 applications from parents living within the catchment area. Places would only be able to be offered up to the admission number and not beyond.

Applications submitted by **15 January 2018** will be considered first and places allocated up to the admission number of the school and in accordance with the following criteria:

- Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
- Parents of the children who live 'in zone' and already have older brothers or sisters (including half or step siblings living in the same household) at the school when they are due to start school. If there are more children with older brothers or sisters at the school than there are places available, we will give priority to children with the youngest brothers or sisters at the school. We will also treat a brother or sister at a corresponding junior school as a sibling. Where there is more than one applicant with a sibling in the same year group, priority will be given to those children who live nearest to the school.
- Parents of pupils who live 'in zone' and have a valid medical reason. You must provide details on the online or paper preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.

If children live outside the school's catchment area and if places are still available, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria:

- To children who already have older brothers or sisters (including half or step siblings living in the same household) at the school when they are due to start school. If there are more children with older brothers or sisters at the school than there are places available, we will give priority to children with the youngest brothers or sisters at the school. We will also treat a brother or sister at a corresponding junior school as a sibling. Where there is more than one applicant with a sibling in the same year group, priority will be given to those children who live nearest to the school.
- To children who have valid medical reasons for going to the school. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health service. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence. You need to make it clear why this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- To pupils who live nearest to the school.

The Authority measures distances from the child's home to the nearest school pedestrian gate using a computerised mapping system using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which the Authority considers to be a safe walking route. As a general guide we will treat routes with no pavements and no street lighting as unsafe for children.

Important – If your child has a place in a nursery class in a community school, this does not mean that they will automatically get a place in the Foundation 2 class.

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 (under section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). A previously Looked After child is one who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.

Making an application continued

Voluntary-controlled schools
There are four voluntary controlled schools – Bidston Village CE, Holy Trinity CE (Hoylake), Millfields CE (Eastham) and St Bridget's CE (West Kirby) which have their own catchment areas. The admissions criteria are the same as those for community schools.

Important – If your child has a place in a nursery class in a Controlled school, this does not mean that they will automatically get a place in the Foundation 2 class.

Voluntary-aided and Academy schools
Parents who want to apply for places at voluntary aided or academy schools should do so online or on the paper application form and return it to Wirral Local Authority before **15 January 2018**. The governing body of the school may need more information so you must also fill in the school's supplementary form, available from the school.

Each voluntary aided and academy school's governing body is responsible for its own admissions based on the school's published admissions policy. The Mainstream Admissions team will pass your details to the governing body of each school you have put down as a preference. The governing body will rank every application using their own criteria. This does not include what order you have put that school in your application, because schools are not allowed to use the order of parents preference in their admission criteria. They will not know whether you have put their school first, second or third.

Important – If your child has a place in a nursery class in an Aided or Academy school, this does not mean that they will automatically get a place in the Foundation 2 class.

Birkenhead High School Academy for Girls
If the number of applications exceeds the places available, Birkenhead High School Academy will rank applications using its own set of priorities. In brief, these are:

- Looked After Children or previously Looked After Children

Then:

- Girls who attend the Academy's nursery
- Girls with older sisters attending the school on 1 September of the year they start Foundation 2
- Girls whose parent/s are currently Teaching, Administrative, Support Staff at the Academy and have been employed for over two years

If more applicants meet the last three criteria than there are places, Foundation 2 places are then assigned in a random order. The Academy does not rank applications based on nearest distance to the school, or on order of preference. Full details are available from the school's website and are detailed in the supplementary booklet available online or on request.

Phone: 0151 652 5777
Email: bhsa@birkhs.gdst.net
www.birkenheadhigh.gdst.net/admissions



Important information about preferences

Most school places are allocated on the basis of the home address of each child. This must be the child's permanent home address, where he or she lives with a person of parental responsibility as the main carer (as defined by the Children Act 1989). You must not give the address of a business, relative, childminder, friend, a temporary address or an address to which you hope to move.

The home address must not be where parents have taken out a short term let on a property solely to use its address on the application form without any intention of taking up permanent residence there. We will require evidence that the previous property has been sold.

We can only process one application for each child; therefore it is important that both parties in shared custody arrangements are in agreement over the preferred school(s) named. Where a child spends equal time with both parents, the child's main residence should be submitted as their home address. Failure to provide a definitive application could jeopardise your child's priority for a school place.

We regularly check addresses and any deliberate misrepresentation will result in a place being withdrawn by the Authority. The LA acts on behalf of all Wirral admission authorities and reserves the right to request independent confirmation of the child's place of residence, as felt appropriate.

We may have to share the information you have provided on your parental preference form with other departments of the Council in order to verify the authenticity of pupils' addresses.

Wirral Council has the right to withdraw any place offered on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application.

Wirral Council processes personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The information you provide on your preference form will be used by Wirral Local Authority and the governing bodies of schools as Admission Authorities. They will apply the information to their admissions policies in order to allocate school places. Where there is a need to co-ordinate admission arrangements with neighbouring local authorities,
pupil data may also be shared to ensure the efficient allocation of school places. Information about your child may also be shared with Members of Parliament or Councillors if you ask them to act on your behalf.

How Foundation 2 places are allocated

Every child is given a rank for every school preference – by the Authority for community and controlled schools, and by the governing bodies of Aided and Academy schools. The Local Authority co-ordinates the admissions process to all these schools.

If your child is eligible to be given a Foundation 2 place at more than one school, you will be offered a place at the school you have named as the highest preference.

Example 1:

Preference 1	**School A**	**30 places**	**Child's rank 25**
Preference 2	School B	60 places	Child's rank 34
Preference 3	School C	30 places	Child's rank 12

Allocated School A

This child is eligible for all three schools. In this case, this child would be offered School A, because it is the highest of the three preferences, even though they are ranked higher for School C.

Example 2:

Preference 1	School A	30 places	Child's rank 56
Preference 2	**School B**	**60 places**	**Child's rank 34**
Preference 3	School C	30 places	Child's rank 12

Allocated School B

This child is not eligible for School A (their first preference) as they are ranked outside the number of places available. They are eligible for both School B and School C, but would be allocated School B because it is a higher preference, even though they are ranked higher for School C.

It can happen that all the schools marked as a preference by a parent are oversubscribed (in other words, there are more applications than places available) and it is not possible to offer a child a place at any of them. If this happens, you will be given a place at the nearest appropriate school with a place available.

If you move house

If you have changed address after submitting your preferences, it is important to remember to tell us your new address by 28 February, otherwise you may not receive your allocation letter. Verified changes of address received by **28 February 2018** will be used in allocating places. Address changes received after that date will not be used in allocating places, but will be used to send your allocation letter. The Authority may ask you to provide proof of residence. Addresses are regularly checked and any deliberate misrepresentation will result in a place being withdrawn by the Authority. The Authority reserves the right to request independent confirmation of the child's place of residence.

If you have applied online and have since changed your email address, you should update your online account with the new email address before 28 February 2018, otherwise you may not receive your allocation email.

Finding out more

You can find full details of all primary school admissions policies in the additional booklet 'Admissions Policies – For all Primary schools 2018–2019' available online **www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions**, in libraries, one stop shops or in any Wirral primary school.

Applying for an out of zone school within Wirral

If you want to send your child to a school outside your catchment area (or parish for Aided schools) you will need to include it as a preference on your online or paper application and return it by **15 January 2018**.

This kind of application cannot always be agreed. For example, if a school is already full, the Local Authority cannot allow the school to become overcrowded. The admission authority must also make sure that there are not more than 30 children in Foundation and Infant classes. **You are advised to always include your zoned school as one of your other preferences in case a place cannot be allocated at the out of zone school.**

Sometimes there will be room in an out of zone school for some but not all of the children whose parents have asked for places.

Applying for a school outside Wirral

If you want your child to go to a school outside Wirral, you must include that school on your online application. If you complete a paper common application form, it must be sent to Wirral Local Authority as your home authority.

The Department will then pass your details to the other local Authority on your behalf and co-ordinate an offer of a place.

There are no arrangements for children to go to an independent school unless they have a statement of special educational needs which shows that they should go to that kind of school. The 'Special Education' section provides more information on this. If you want a place at an independent school you should approach the school directly.

Children who live outside Wirral

If you live in an English authority outside Wirral you can ask for a place for your child in a Wirral primary school by including the school as a preference on your application which must go directly to the Authority in which you live using their admissions procedures.

Your home Authority then will pass your details to Wirral Local Authority. Wirral Local Authority will offer places on the same basis as for out-of zone admissions, and will inform your Local Authority whether or not an offer can be made of a Foundation 2 place for your child. They will then contact you with the offer of a place according to their local arrangements.

If you live outside England (including Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) you can apply using the **Wirral online admission system** at **www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions** or ring **0151 606 2020** for a form.

Late applications

If you apply for a place in the Foundation 2 year group after **15 January 2018**, your application will be treated as "late". Your child will be offered a place at the school of your choice as long as:

- All applicants who applied on-time before **15 January 2018** have been offered places or have accepted places at other schools.
- The school has not already filled its places.
- Your child's admission would not bring the number in their class to above 30 (see Infant Class Sizes overleaf).

Late applications are considered after all applicants who applied **before 15 January 2018** have been offered places or have accepted places at other schools. Late applications are considered on the day they are received and the same criteria are applied as when places were originally offered.

Wherever possible a place will not be offered at a school more than two miles from your home unless you ask for this, or there is no school within two miles of your home with places available.

Details of any pupils who have named a voluntary aided school or an academy school as a preference will be sent to the governing body, and if there is a place available the governors will decide who should be offered places and inform Wirral Local Authority.

All offers of places will come in writing as soon as possible from Wirral Local Authority. Schools cannot make offers of places direct to parents.

Infant class sizes

Class sizes are limited to 30 for Foundation 2 (Reception) and Key Stage 1 (Infant) classes. Foundation 2 and Key Stage 1 classes must not have more than 30 children unless there are special circumstances. Classes which include children aged 5, 6 and 7 may go over 30 only in the following circumstances.

- A child is Looked After or previously Looked After.
- If a child receives a statement of special educational needs or EHCP (a document which described a child's special educational needs following a formal assessment) during the academic year which names the school, or a child with a statement or EHCP naming that school moves into the area.
- If a child moves into the area during the academic year and there is no other suitable school within 2 miles of their home.
- If a child with a statement of special educational needs or EHCP in a special needs unit joins the mainstream class for limited periods as part of the Individual Education Plan.
- If an admissions authority has made a mistake when offering a child a school place. The admissions authority will not withdraw that place unless the parent has provided incorrect information on their application.
- A child is admitted by an Independent Appeal Panel.
- A child of UK Service personnel moves into the area.
- Children from multiple births where their sibling was the last child offered a place.

Deferred entry and part-time places

Parents should note that if a summer born child delays entry to the September after their fifth birthday, the child will ordinarily be expected to enter Year 1, not Foundation 2.

Child's age 5 Birthday between	**First term of compulsory education**
1 January & 31 March	Summer term (April)
1 April & 31 August	Autumn term (September)
1 September & 31 December	Spring term (January)

Parents of children born between 1 April and 31 August who wish to delay their child's entry to September, but are intending to request their child enters Foundation 2 rather than Year 1 are advised to apply as usual and to contact Wirral Council prior to 15 January to discuss options. These requests will be considered on the circumstances of each individual case and will require agreement from the allocated school.

Appeals against admission decisions

If you are not satisfied with the school offered to your child, you can appeal. Appeals are heard by an independent appeal panel. The appeal panel's decision is final and cannot be changed by the Director of CYPD, in the case of an aided or academy school, by the governors.

You can get more details of the appeals procedure from the Admissions Portal on our website
www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions
or from
The Clerk to the Independent Appeals Panel
Phone: 0151 606 2020
Email: schoolappeals@wirral.gov.uk

Waiting lists

Once all the appeals for Foundation 2 places have been heard during the summer term the Mainstream Admissions team will write to parents who have not been successful at appeal and invite them to join the waiting list for their preferred school.

If places become available at schools between then and the end of the Summer Term, they will be allocated to children whose parents have either appealed or who have expressed a continuing interest in a place at the school concerned. They will be offered to children following the same criteria as when places were originally offered. The Department will take into account any significant change of circumstances put forward by you since the original preference form was completed. If places become available during the Autumn Term they will be allocated by the Local Authority from the waiting list with priority given in accordance with the criteria used for the initial allocation. The waiting list will be kept until the end of the autumn term, December 2018.

Timetable for admission to school in September 2018

September 2017
Literature and application forms will be available from the CYPD, from schools and other outlets. The online application system goes live.

15 January 2018
This is the last day that applications will be accepted by the CYPD and not treated as late.

16 February 2018
Information about preferences will be sent to voluntary aided and academy schools for consideration.

28 February 2018
Voluntary aided and academy schools will provide the CYPD with their ranked applications.

March 2018
Neighbouring authorities will share information and their offers.

16 April 2018
Offer letters and emails (online applicants only) for all schools' Foundation 2 places will be sent by the CYPD.

May 2018
Late applications will then be considered.

May – July 2018
Appeals to be heard and decided.

September 2018
Children begin school in Foundation 2.



Preparing for school

Children settle most quickly into school if they have been prepared well beforehand. Starting school is an exciting time for parents, children and teachers. In Wirral, schools welcome new children in a planned way, with visits before term starts, booklets about the school and introduction evenings. You should take advantage of these opportunities to talk with teachers and headteachers and ask questions.

During the first term in school there are also many opportunities for you to talk to teachers about your child's progress. Most children will have attended an early years setting, including pre-schools and playgroups, before going to "big school". If your child has not already attended an early years setting, you may want to consider taking up some or all of your child's free 15 hours a week nursery entitlement during Summer 2018. This will give your child an opportunity to learn and play with other children their own age before starting school in September.

Some schools may stage admissions over the first two weeks of the term to provide a gentle introduction to school, however the school must provide a full-time place from the first day if this is what you want.

Ofsted have produced a report on good practice for school readiness, which is available online at **www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/are-you-ready-good-practiceschool-readiness**

Starting at a school in Year 1 and above, and transfers between schools

If you want to apply for a school place in Year 1 or above, you should fill in a common application form (a transfer request form) and return it to Wirral Local Authority. The address is on the back of this booklet. You can get common application forms from:

- Any Wirral primary school
- Wirral Council's One Stop Shops
- The Council's call centre: 0151 606 2020 during office hours

We arrange for children in Year 1 and above to start at a primary school in the same way as Foundation 2 children.

If you are transferring between Wirral schools, it is always advisable to speak to the headteacher of your child's school before making an application to transfer. It will disrupt your child's education less if you arrange to transfer them to another school in the summer at the end of the school year.

For community and controlled schools

We will offer your child a place in your zoned school if that is what you want, as long as this will not bring the class size to more than 30 for Key Stage 1 children (Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2). There is no limit to the size of classes in Key Stage 2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6).

We will agree a place in an out of zone school as long as:

- there is room in your child's year group; and
- for Year 1 and Year 2 children, there are not already 30 children in the class.

If your child goes to an out-of-zone infant school, they will be able to transfer to the relevant junior school at the age of 7.

Where a school which is below its admission number has organised its Key Stage 1 into classes of 30, and the only way to admit another child would be for us to take qualifying measures (that is, provide more resources in terms of staff and accommodation at the school), we may refuse an application.

For voluntary aided schools and Academy Schools

Your application will be passed to the school for their decision whether to offer a place to your child. The governing body will operate their own admission criteria taking into account to the availability of places in the year group, and the Key Stage 1 class size limit (for years F2, 1 and 2).

The governor's decision whether or not to offer a place at an Aided or Academy school will be sent to you in writing by Wirral Local Authority, not by the school.

What if I don't get offered the school I wanted?

If your application for a place is refused, in the refusal letter other nearby schools may be suggested at which places are currently available in your child's year group.

You can also appeal against the decision not to offer a place at your preferred school. See page 16 for information about the appeals process.

Travel to school

Under Section 508 (B) of the Education Act 1996 the Council must provide free transport to and from school for a child if they are aged 5 to 16 between home and their nearest suitable school under certain conditions.

A 'suitable' school for transport purposes is the nearest school to the child's home.

There is no general legislative requirement for the Council to transport pupils to the nearest school of a particular type e.g. faith school, ability (grammar or non-grammar), single sex or Mixed, academy or free school.

Assistance with public transport costs will be provided for Wirral resident pupils who qualify under the following circumstances:

1 Pupils are between age 5 and 16 and go to their nearest suitable school and live at least:
- 2 miles from the school if they're under 8
- 3 miles from the school if they're 8 or older

2 Pupils are registered at their nearest suitable school and are unable to walk to school due to a route which the Council has assessed as hazardous.

3 Pupils are from a low income family who are entitled to free school meals or maximum Working Tax Credit or Child Tax Credit with an income below £16,190, if they are:
- aged 8 to 11 and the school is at least 2 miles away
- aged 11 to 16 and the school is 2 to 6 miles away – as long as there aren't 3 or more suitable schools nearer to home
- aged 11 to 16 and the school is 2 to 15 miles away – if it's their nearest school preferred on the grounds of religion or belief

4 Children with special educational needs and/ or disabilities (SEND) are entitled to free transport however far they live from the school if:
- they have a statement of SEN or EHCP that says the local council will pay transport costs
- they can't walk because of their SEN, a disability or mobility problem

The distance from home and the school gate nearest to home by the shortest available walking route will be measured using a computerised mapping system.

As a general guide, we will treat routes without pavements and street lighting as unsafe for children and young people. When assessing the safety of routes, the Authority will assume that the child is accompanied, as necessary, by a parent or other responsible person. Initial assessment of route safety is made by the team responsible for assessing eligibility for home to school transport. Where the safety of a route is questioned by an applicant, the Council's Road Safety team will carry out an assessment.

If parents believe their child is entitled to receive a free travel pass based on the criteria above then they can contact: The Council Call Centre Information and Advice Team **0151 606 2020** or email: **hotdesk@wirral.gov.uk**

If your child has SEND, they may be able to access Independent Travel Training (ITT). Go to **bit.ly/2aQXScZ telephone 0151 666 4212** or email **CYPD_ transport4children@wirral.gov.uk** for further information.

Walking to school

Before you decide on your school preferences, it is worth considering how your child will get to school.

In recent years the number of children who are driven to school has steadily increased. Almost 20% of traffic on the roads during the morning rush hour is cars driving children to school. This contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution. Less walking and cycling to school is affecting children's health and independence. Wirral Council is committed to encouraging more children to walk or cycle to school, or catch the bus for longer distances.

When deciding how your child travels to school, the following points are important to consider.

— Research has shown that children who walk to school are fitter, have better developed social skills, are more familiar with their surroundings, have better road sense and arrive at school more relaxed and ready to learn.

— Walking, cycling or using the bus reduces congestion on the road. In the school holidays, when the roads tend to be much quieter, it is clear how much rush hour traffic is school-run related.

— On average, the school run costs families over £300 a year in petrol costs and general wear and tear.

Talk to your child and plan their new route to school. The right choices can increase their self confidence and independence whilst also helping to maintain a healthy and sustainable lifestyle. If you are interested in walking, cycling or bus use, go to **bit.ly/2aPIQ6U** or speak to your child's school to find out if they have a travel plan or other initiatives in place.



School clothes

Children are expected to dress neatly for school. Primary-age children do not need to wear a school uniform, but many schools ask children to wear a type or colour of clothing that is associated with the school. However, as the Local Authority does not ask for this, the Council does not provide a grant towards buying school clothing.

School meals and milk

Edsential Catering Services provides over 20,000 meals daily to most primary and all special schools in Wirral and is dedicated to maintaining high quality, balanced, healthy, nutritious foods to pupils complying with all legislative requirements. There is a choice of main courses every day, including a vegetarian option. A 'help yourself' salad bar is provided alongside all main courses.

You can get more information on School Meals from Edsential Catering Services Helpdesk on 0151 666 5624 who will be pleased to advise you and provide sample menus.

Why eat school meals?

Your child will receive:

- A healthy, high quality nutritionally balanced meal daily
- Traditionally cooked and freshly prepared by fully trained staff
- Children are encouraged to try a variety of different foods
- School meals are great value for money and save you time in the morning!
- Eating together makes lunchtime fun and enjoyable and improves children's social skills.

Free School Meals – Infant children

All infant pupils (Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2) in state funded schools in England are eligible for a free school meal; this is not compulsory. The aim is to improve academic attainment and save families money – over the course of a year the average family spends £437 on school lunches per child.

In areas where free school meals have been provided, the Department for Education says that:

- pupils were found to be on average 2 months ahead of their peers elsewhere
- around 2% more children reached target levels in Maths and English at Key Stage 1
- academic improvements were most marked among children from less affluent families
- there was a 23% increase in the number of children eating vegetables at lunch and an 18% drop in those eating crisps.

For more information about this national scheme, visit **www.schoolfoodplan.com**

Free School Meals – low income families

Free school meals are also available to children if their parent or guardian is in receipt of Income Support OR Universal Credit OR Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance OR Employment and Support Allowance Income Related OR Guaranteed Pension Credit OR Child Tax Credit with a total annual income of LESS than £16,190 but NOT receiving Working Tax Credit.

Schools provide third pint cartons of semi-skimmed/ fluoride milk for pupils, which are provided free to pupils who receive a free school meal, or can be bought by other parents.

You can get more details and application forms for income based free school meals from any Wirral One Stop Shop or telephone **0151 666 4235**.

Healthy eating for life

Eating well is always important for children to perform at their best, whether it's for lessons, doing homework, sport or hobbies.

- Have a healthy breakfast – This gives children the energy they need to be alert and more able to concentrate. Wholegrain bread or cereals keep children going for longer as they release energy more slowly. Fresh fruit juice provides vitamins. Ask your school if they have a breakfast club!
- Drink more water – Water keeps children alert and active and is better than soft drinks, which tend to be full of sugar.
- Have a school lunch – A healthy lunch helps children concentrate in the afternoons.
- Fish – Oily fish is good for everyone's heart, and it's a good source of protein. Try and eat fish at least twice a week.
- Don't skip meals – Children will be tired and find it harder to concentrate
- Healthy snacks – Children may love sweets, crisps and biscuits, but fresh and dried fruit and unsalted nuts will keep them fuller for longer.

If your child will take packed lunches to school, the Children's Food Trust have produced some tips and suggestions for a healthy packed lunch. Children's Food Trust **www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk**



Special educational needs

Most children with special needs are educated in mainstream schools with support provided by the school the child/young person attends. Details of each schools provision can be found on the schools information report published on the Wirral Local Offer website **http://localofferwirral.org**

Where a child or young person has SEN but does not have an EHC plan, they must be educated in a Mainstream setting (except in specific circumstances).

The local authority considers applications from parents of children who have SEN but do not have an EHC plan on the basis of the schools published admissions criteria as part of normal admissions procedures.

Under the admission policy, schools cannot refuse to admit a child with SEN purely on the basis that the child does not have an EHC plan.

Some children have special educational needs for whom the Council has to make special arrangements. Schools, the Special Education Support Service, health services and other organisations work closely to recognise and provide for children's special needs. A national policy is followed to get parents involved at all stages in assessing their child's special educational needs.

In a small number of cases, we will agree to a child receiving home tuition. This is normally following a medical recommendation. This service is only considered as a final option and only if a child cannot physically get to school. We believe that, wherever possible, a child should be educated in a school environment.

Some pupils may need to go to a special school which is not maintained by Wirral. This may be a residential school. The Local Authority does not have any residential schools, but does use several suitable local authority and independent schools mainly in nearby counties. A child's progress in this kind of school is reviewed regularly.

If you think that your child may have special educational needs, you can get advice and more information from the headteacher of your child's present school.

Special Education team
Phone: 0151 606 2020
Email: children@wirral.gov.uk
Local Offer Website: localofferwirral.org

Special Education Support Service

This service is made up of teams of the following:

- Educational psychologists.
- Medical/physical needs team.
- Social and communication and interaction difficulties team.
- Sensory Inclusion Service.
- Portage and Early Years Intervention Team

The service offers assessment, advice and support for pupils who have or may have special educational needs to enable schools to maintain placement of a child who has SEN but does not have an EHC plan.

Members of the service offer advice about a pupil's educational needs to headteachers, class teachers, parents and other professional colleagues who may be involved.

You can get further information from the heads of the above teams by contacting:
Phone: 0151 666 4377
Email: sess@wirral.gov.uk

Wirral SEND Partnership

The SEND Partnership Service is delivered by WIRED, a charitable organisation which is independent of the Local Authority and which gives neutral independent advice and support to parents whose children have special educational needs and/or disabilities. The service is flexible and aims to work in a flexible manner, parents can self refer. They may be able to help you if:

- You think your child needs extra help at school.
- Your child is at risk of exclusion due to his/her behaviour.
- She/he has a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- You would like your child's needs to be formally assessed.
- You are attending a school meeting.
- You need help with understanding or completing paperwork.

For further information contact:
Wirral SEND Partnership
Phone: 0151 522 7990
Email: contact@wired.me.uk
Website: wired.me.uk

Transport to special schools and classes

Consideration for transport support is provided to children and young people who are resident on Wirral who have complex special educational needs, a disability or mobility problem as identified through the Special Educational Needs (SEN) assessment process.

Not all children with a statement of Special Educational Needs or EHCP require free transport provision. Where a young person is able to access and use the public transport network safely they will be expected to do so. Where they are unable to walk because of their SEN, a disability or mobility problem they are entitled to free transport.

The assessment for eligibility for free transport is carried out as part of the Statementing or EHCP process. The decision will be based on information from health practitioners, educational psychologists, school headteachers, children's social care and the input of the students.

Following the assessment process parents will be notified of the decision regarding transport provision. Eligibility to provision will be assessed annually.

The decision to provide transport is based on the student's needs. This means that Wirral Council is not able to take the following into account when considering home to school transport entitlement:

- Parents' work or other commitments.
- Attendance by siblings at other schools.
- If a parent chooses to send their child to a provider that is not the nearest appropriate provider to the home address.
- A journey from one educational establishment to another.
- Ad hoc visits to other schools, colleges or other establishments.
- Out of hours clubs (breakfast club, after school activities).
- To/ from dental, clinical, medical or hospital appointments
- At a different time due to detention or exclusion.

In these instances, transport arrangements will be the sole responsibility of the student's parent or carer.

If young people are assessed as eligible for free transport the type of transport provided will be based on individual assessment of young people's needs and with regard to the best use of the Council's resources. This may be in the form of a free pass for use on public transport or transport in a contracted vehicle.

For students travelling in contracted vehicles there is no specific duty on the Council to provide passenger assistants. However, a passenger assistant may be provided to accompany a young person with significant needs arising from a medical condition or a disability and where there is an exceptional need for care or supervision.

The decision on whether to provide a passenger assistant will be made as part of the eligibility assessment taking a number of factors into account. Such factors may include information relating, but not limited, to:

- Medical issues.
- Health and safety related issues, including risk to self or others.
- The young person's mobility.
- Any challenging behaviour arising from the young person's SEN.
- Where a passenger has severe learning or physical difficulties, the need for continual care and supervision.
- Age and capability.
- Length of journey.
- The vehicle type and size.

Transport is allocated on an annual basis and parents and carers will be involved in a discussion regarding the ongoing suitability of the existing transport arrangements during the review of the young person's statement of educational needs.

In cases of students with high risk medical needs (who require additional funding from a number of organisations) decisions regarding transport will be informed by health, education and social care practitioners. If a child is eligible for transport, health professionals will provide recommendations based on the child's specific needs during transport to ensure safety. This will be reviewed appropriately in order to provide a responsive service.

If your child has SEND, they may be able to access Independent Travel Training (ITT). Go to **bit.ly/2aQXScZ** telephone **0151 666 4212** or email **CYPD_ transport4children@wirral.gov.uk** for further information.

Educational Social Welfare Service

Wirral Educational Social Welfare Service offers support to parents in fulfilling their legal responsibility to ensure that their children receive an appropriate education at school or otherwise.

They do this through a number of interventions which involve working with schools, families and other agencies. Strategies include one-to-one support and group work with children and parents tackling the sometimes complicated issues behind children not going to school. Education social workers are concerned that every child receives full-time education, and try to provide support so that children canbenefit from the education facilities provided for them.

As well as it's responsibilities in relation to school attendance, the Service also has responsibilities in relation to Children Educated at Home, Traveller Children, Children Missing from Education, Child Employment and children involved in performances and entertainment. The Service also supports the safeguarding of children.

You can get further information from:
Educational Social Welfare Service
Phone: 0151 666 3433
Email: mikeclarke@wirral.gov.uk

The curriculum

Children aged under five
Schools and all registered early years providers have to follow a structure of learning, development and care for children from birth to five years old. This is called the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and it enables your child to learn through a range of activities.

The key aims are that children learn through play and that the early years provider works closely with parents, keeping them up to date on their child's progress, and ensuring the welfare, learning and all-round development of all children, including those with special educational needs and disabilities.

The EYFS is organised into:
The **prime** areas of learning:
- **communication and language**
- **physical development**
- **personal, social and emotional development**

The **specific** areas of learning:
- **literacy**
- **mathematics**
- **understanding the world**
- **expressive arts and design**

Characteristics of effective learning:
- **playing and exploring**
- **active learning**
- **creating and thinking critically**

A completed EYFS Profile consists of 20 items of information: the attainment of each child assessed in relation to 17 early learning goals, together with a short narrative describing the child's learning characteristics. Assessments will be based primarily on observation of daily activities and events.

Children aged 5 to 11
Pupils aged 5 to 11 study the National Curriculum as part of the school's own curriculum. Your child's school may cover these subjects under different names, and may teach more than one subject together under the same name. This is left up to individual schools, as long as they are covering the National Curriculum.

The National Curriculum covers the following subjects for pupils aged up to 11.
- English
- Maths
- Science
- History
- Music
- Geography
- Physical Education
- Art and Design
- Design Technology
- Religious Education
- Information and Communication Technology

Schools are also advised to teach at least one modern foreign language, personal, social and health education (PSHE) and citizenship.

Pupils are assessed by teachers at the ages of 5 (Foundation Stage Profile) and 7 (Key Stage 1). At age 11 (Key Stage 2), pupils are assessed by teachers and by national tests. You can see progress reports for each subject after these assessments.

You can get further details about the National Curriculum from **www.gov.uk/national-curriculum**

Religious education

Religious education is taught in community and voluntary controlled schools in line with the agreed Wirral syllabus for religious education. The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education reviews this syllabus. You can get copies from schools or from the Local Authority. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from religious education and collective worship.

Religious education at voluntary aided schools is the responsibility of the governing body and is taught in line with the school's trust deed. The trust deed is the document which sets out the basic values and beliefs of the school.

All schools provide daily group worship for all pupils.

Sex and relationship education

In primary schools, governing bodies decide whether sex and relationship education should be taught. If it is taught, it must encourage pupils to consider the moral side of sex and the value of family life. The detailed content of sex education is for schools to decide. Parents may request a copy of the sex and relationship policy from the school and may choose to withdraw their children from all or part of sex education.

Music

There are opportunities within schools for children to learn musical instruments or have voice lessons. Wirral Schools' Music Service provides tuition in some secondary schools and through music centres.

The Music Service centres for young musicians run on Saturday mornings and provide string, orchestral, wind and brass groups as well as theory and aural tuition for children of all abilities. Pupils can audition to become members of Music Service ensembles, including intermediate and senior orchestras, brass band, big band, concert band and choir. These groups regularly go on concert tours abroad and are involved with regional and national festivals of music.

Charges are made for lessons and other activities. Financial support for Music Service lessons and activities are offered to children who are eligible for Free School Meals and families who qualify for free prescriptions. Schools will have their own remissions policies. You can get further details about tuition, music centres and ensembles from: Wirral Schools' Music Service.

Musical Routes
Phone: 0151 346 6699
Email: wsms@wirral.gov.uk
www.musicalroutes.org.uk

Physical Education

There is a varied Physical Education programme for all pupils in Foundation 1 and 2 and Key Stages 1 and 2. Swimming is taught mainly in primary schools, and games, gymnastics, dance and athletics are the main activities in Key Stages 1 and 2.

Many schools also offer outdoor education involving other subjects as well as Physical Education. Pupils also have the chance to try Health-Related Exercise programmes, which encourage a more personal attitude to Physical Education. Wirral co-ordinates a PE and Sport Partnership programme. This involves a secondary PE teacher supporting a group of family primary schools with their PE and Sport provision. This enables specialist teachers of Physical Education to provide a variety of sporting opportunities for all children.

School sport in Wirral continues to maintain a high reputation. By working closely with the Sports Development Unit all pupils are encouraged (whatever their age, gender or standard) to make the best of their talents and interests by extending their experiences through after-school clubs.

Transferring to secondary school

Children in Wirral transfer to secondary school at the age of 11.

A separate booklet is produced with information about secondary education in Wirral. This is available to all parents of children in their last year of primary school.

The booklet is available online on the Admissions portal **www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions** or by post from the Council's call centre **(0151 606 2020)**.

Equal opportunities

We believe that all people are equal, whatever their race, sex, sexual orientation, pregnant or new parent, disability, religion or belief, transgender status, marital status or age. We do our best to make sure that the services we provide, and how we employ people, do not discriminate against anyone. We encourage positive action to overcome the effects of past discrimination and remove barriers to equal access.

However, we do respect the right of governing bodies of voluntary aided schools to recruit staff of a particular religion in line with the school's beliefs, and to give priority in admissions to children from that religion.

Glossary of terms used in the booklet

Academy
An Academy is a publicly funded independent school. Staff are employed by the Academy Trust, and the Trust or governing body are responsible for the admission arrangements.

Admissions Authority
The body that decides the order that children should be considered for places at the school. In the case of community and voluntary controlled schools it is the LA; in the case of academies and voluntary aided schools, it is the governing body.

Admission Number
This is the maximum number of pupils that a school is required to admit into each year group. The number is agreed as part of a school's admission arrangements and is determined with regard to a Net Capacity Assessment (calculated on a Department of Education formula) based on the space available and use of resources. All schools must offer places up to the admission number if there is sufficient demand.

Admissions criteria
When a school has more applications than places, applications are matched against a list of criteria and ranked accordingly. These criteria are agreed by the LA for community and church controlled schools and by the governing body for church aided schools and academies.

Community School
A school which the LA maintains from public funds. It is managed locally by the headteacher and governors in collaboration with the LA.

Department for Education (DfE)
The government department with responsibility for children's services, families, schools and 14–19 education.

Denominational
Relating to a particular religion.

Qualifying Measures
Qualifying measures means that in order to ensure that infant class sizes do not rise above 30, the school would have to provide additional teaching space and/or an additional teacher. The admissions policy for community and voluntary controlled schools, for which the Local Authority is the admissions authority, is designed to enable schools to organise in such a way as to ensure that no Foundation 2 or Key Stage 1 pupil is in a class of over 30.

Useful websites and phone numbers

ACE (Advisory Centre for Education)
Phone: 0300 0115 142
www.ace-ed.org.uk

Catchment Area Finder
www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Ofsted
www.ofsted.gov.uk

Wirral SEND Partnership
www.wired.me.uk

Wirral Website
www.wirral.gov.uk

Admissions Portal
www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Getting ready for school: is your child immunised?

Starting school is an exciting time for children but some may start school not fully immunised. If your child is not fully immunised they are at risk of catching diseases such as measles, which can spread quickly in nurseries and schools. If your child missed any of their immunisations as a baby or toddler, this is a good time to ask your GP practice about catch-up doses. It is never too late to have your child immunised.

Further information on pre-school vaccinations: www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-school-vaccinations-a-guide-to-vaccinations-from-2-to-5-years

Public Health England

Mainstream schools

*Indicates school has a nursery class

Barnston Primary School
Sandham Grove, Barnston,
Wirral CH60 1XW
Tel: 0151 342 5229
Fax: 0151 342 9598
Email: schooloffice@barnston.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **45**

Bedford Drive Primary School*
Bedford Drive, Rock Ferry,
Wirral CH42 6RT
Tel: 0151 645 1561
Fax: 0151 644 1466
Email: schooloffice@bedforddrive.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Bidston Avenue Primary School
Tollemache Road, Bidston,
Wirral CH41 0DQ
Tel: 0151 652 1594
Fax: 0151 653 2064
Email: schooloffice@
bidstonavenue.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Bidston Village CE Primary School*
Ballantyne Drive, Bidston, Wirral CH43 7XG
Tel: 0151 652 0673 (VC)
Fax: 0151 653 2405
Email: schooloffice@
bidstonvillage.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **50**

Birkenhead High School Academy for Girls*
86 Devonshire Place, Prenton
Wirral CH43 1TY
Tel: 0151 652 5777
Email: bhsa@birkhs.gdst.net

Admission no: **56**

Black Horse Hill Infant School*
Saughall Massie Road, West Kirby
Wirral CH48 6DR
Tel: 0151 625 5238
Fax: 0151 625 9041
Email: schooloffice@
blackhorserhill-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Black Horse Hill Junior School
Saughall Massie Road, West Kirby
Wirral CH48 6DR
Tel: 0151 625 8446
Fax: 0151 625 2999
Email: schooloffice@
blackhorsehill-junior.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Brackenwood Infant School
Pulford Road, Bebington, Wirral CH63 2HN
Tel: 0151 608 9117
Fax: 0151 609 0953
Email: schooloffice@
brackenwood-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Brackenwood Junior School
Norbury Avenue, Bebington, Wirral CH63 2HH
Tel: 0151 608 3001
Fax: 0151 609 0179
Email: schooloffice@
brackenwood-junior.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Somerville Nursery School
Brentwood Street, Wallasey,
Wirral CH44 4BB
Tel: 0151 638 1567
Fax: 0151 638 1567
Email: schooloffice@somerville.wirral.sch.uk

Full time equivalent

Brookdale Primary School
Escolme Drive, Greasby,
Wirral CH49 1SE
Tel: 0151 677 5170
Fax: 0151 678 2158
Email: schooloffice@brookdale.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Brookhurst Primary School
Brookhurst Road, Bromborough
Wirral CH63 0EH
Tel: 0151 334 4348
Fax: 0151 334 8295
Email: schooloffice@brookhurst.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Castleway Primary School
Castleway North, Moreton,
Wirral CH46 1RN
Tel: 0151 677 2953
Fax: 0151 677 6953
Email: schooloffice@castleway.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Cathcart Street Primary School*
Dover Close, Birkenhead,
Wirral CH41 3JY
Tel: 0151 647 7349
Fax: 0151 647 2325
Email: schooloffice@
cathcartstreet.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Christ Church CE Primary School
Upton Road, Moreton, Wirral CH46 0PB
Tel: 0151 677 5152 (VA)
Fax: 0151 678 8165
Email: schooloffice@
christchurch-moreton.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **56**

Christ the King Catholic Primary School
Allport Road, Bromborough
Wirral CH62 6AE
Tel: 0151 334 4345 (VA)
Fax: 0151 334 9658
Email: schooloffice@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Christchurch CE Primary School*
Mount Grove, Birkenhead,
Wirral CH41 2UJ
Tel: 0151 652 1278 (VC)
Fax: 0151 653 7681
Email: schooloffice@
christchurchbirkenhead.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **37**

Church Drive Primary School*
Church Drive, Port Sunlight,
Wirral CH62 5EF
Tel: 0151 645 5527
Fax: 0151 645 4917
Email: schooloffice@churchdrive.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **44**

Dawpool CE Primary School
School Lane, Thurstaston,
Wirral CH61 0HH
Tel: 0151 648 3412 (VA)
Fax: 0151 648 5614
Email: schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Devonshire Park Primary School*
Temple Road, Birkenhead,
Wirral CH42 9JX
Tel: 0151 608 9243
Fax: 0151 608 7964
Email: schooloffice@
devonshirepark.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Eastway Primary School*
Eastway, Moreton,
Wirral CH46 8SS
Tel: 0151 677 1235
Fax: 0151 606 1619
Email: schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Egremont Primary School*
Church Street, Wallasey, Wirral CH44 8AF
Tel: 0151 638 5406
Fax: 0151 639 0122
Email: schooloffice@egremont.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **57**

Fender Primary School
New Hey Road, Woodchurch,
Wirral CH49 8HB
Tel: 0151 677 0425
Fax: 0151 677 0426
Email: schooloffice@fender.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **42**

Ganneys Meadow Early Years Centre
New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Wirral CH49 8HB
Tel: 0151 677 9255
Fax: 0151 522 0134
Email: schooloffice@
ganneysmeadow.wirral.sch.uk

Full time equivalent

Gayton Primary School
Gayton Road, Heswall,
Wirral CH60 8PZ
Tel: 0151 342 3772
Fax: 0151 342 8124
Email: schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Greasby Infant School
Barker Lane, Greasby, Wirral CH49 3NX
Tel: 0151 677 2830
Fax: 0151 641 0098
Email: schooloffice@
greasby-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Greasby Junior School
Mill Lane, Greasby, Wirral CH49 3AR
Tel: 0151 677 1837
Fax: 0151 677 1748
Email: schooloffice@
greasby-junior.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Great Meols Primary School
Elwyn Road, Meols,
Wirral CH47 7AP
Tel: 0151 632 4606
Fax: 0151 632 3619
Email: schooloffice@greatmeols.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Greenleas Primary School
Green Lane, Wallasey,
Wirral CH45 8LZ
Tel: 0151 639 1225
Fax: 0151 639 4349
Email: schooloffice@greenleas.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **45**

Grove Street Primary School*
Grove Street, New Ferry, Wirral CH62 5BA
Tel: 0151 645 2170
Fax: 0151 644 1992
Email: schooloffice@grovestreet.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Heswall Primary School
Whitfield Lane, Heswall, Wirral CH60 7SD
Tel: 0151 342 7491
Fax: 0151 342 7492
Email: schooloffice@
heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Heygarth Primary School*
Heygarth Road, Eastham,
Wirral CH62 8AG
Tel: 0151 327 1570
Fax: 0151 327 8916
Email: schooloffice@heygarth.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **45**

Higher Bebington Junior School
Mill Road, Higher Bebington, Wirral CH63 8QE
Tel: 0151 608 1011
Fax: 0151 608 1011
Email: schooloffice@
higherbebington.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **85**

Hillside Primary School*
Ridgeview Road, Prenton,
Wirral CH43 9HG
Tel: 0151 677 9218
Fax: 0151 677 9960
Email: schooloffice@hillside.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School*
Gautby Road, Birkenhead,
Wirral CH41 7DU
Tel: 0151 652 8454 (VA)
Fax: 0151 652 7715
Email: schooloffice@holycross.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Holy Spirit Catholic and Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School*
Gardenside, Moreton, Wirral CH46 2RP
Tel: 0151 638 5180 (VA)
Fax: 0151 638 8700
Email: schooloffice@holyspirit.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Hoylake Holy Trinity CE Primary School
Market Street, Hoylake, Wirral CH47 3BH
Tel: 0151 632 4153 (VC)
Fax: 0151 632 0886
Email: schooloffice@
hoylakeholytrinity.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **45**

Irby Primary School
Coombe Road, Irby, Wirral CH61 4UR
Tel: 0151 648 2944
Fax: 0151 648 4742
Email: schooloffice@irby.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Kingsway Primary School*
Ashville Road, Wallasey,
Wirral CH44 9EF
Tel: 0151 638 5195
Fax: 0151 638 9820 E
mail: schooloffice@kingsway.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **25**

Ladymount Catholic Primary School
Portal Road, Pensby,
Wirral CH61 5YD
Tel: 0151 648 4326 (VA)
Fax: 0151 648 9098
Email: schooloffice@ladymount.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **45**

Leasowe Early Years & Adult Learning
Twickenham Drive, Moreton, Wirral CH46 2QF
Tel: 0151 639 8923
Fax: 0151 639 2503
Email: schooloffice@
leasowe-nursery.wirral.sch.uk

Full time equivalent

Leasowe Primary School
Oxley Avenue, Leasowe,
Wirral CH46 1RU
Tel: 0151 638 1126
Fax: 0151 346 9307
Email: schooloffice@leasowe.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Lingham Primary School*
Town Meadow Lane, Moreton
Wirral CH46 7UQ
Tel: 0151 677 5381
Fax: 0151 677 9347
Email: schooloffice@lingham.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **57**

Liscard Primary School*
Withens Lane, Wallasey,
Wirral CH45 7NQ
Tel: 0151 638 3910
Fax: 0151 638 8757
Email: schooloffice@liscard.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **90**

Manor Primary School*
Beechwood Drive, Greenfields,
Birkenhead, Wirral CH43 7ZU
Tel: 0151 677 3152
Fax: 0151 678 3297
Email: schooloffice@manor.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Mendell Primary School*
Allport Lane, Bromborough,
Wirral CH62 7HN
Tel: 0151 334 1432
Fax: 0151 334 1432
Email: schooloffice@mendell.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Mersey Park Primary School*
Elm Road, Birkenhead,
Wirral CH42 0PH
Tel: 0151 647 8197
Fax: 0151 650 1021
Email: schooloffice@merseypark.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Millfields CE Primary School*
Willington Avenue, Eastham, Wirral CH62 9EB
Tel: 0151 327 1722
Fax: 0151 327 6547
Email: schooloffice@millfields.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Mount Primary School
Mount Pleasant Road, Wallasey
Wirral CH45 5HU
Tel: 0151 630 3329
Fax: 0151 630 1462
Email: schooloffice@mount.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **48**

New Brighton Primary School*
Vaughan Road, Wallasey, Wirral CH45 1LH
Tel: 0151 639 3869
Fax: 0151 638 9102
Email: schooloffice@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **90**

Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School
Price Street, Birkenhead, Wirral CH41 8DU
Tel: 0151 652 3366 (VA)
Fax: 0151 653 7248
Email: schooloffice@
ourlady-saintedwards. wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Our Lady of Pity Catholic Primary School
Rigby Drive, Greasby,
Wirral CH49 1RE
Tel: 0151 677 6262 (A)
Fax: 0151 677 5609
Email: schooloffice@ourladyofpity.org

Admission no: **60**

Overchurch Infant School*
Moreton Road, Upton, Wirral CH49 4NS
Tel: 0151 677 3335
Fax: 0151 678 7301
Email: schooloffice@
overchurch-infant. wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **90**

Overchurch Junior School
Moreton Road, Upton, Wirral CH49 4NS
Tel: 0151 677 4150
Fax: 0151 522 0518
Email: schooloffice@
overchurch-junior. wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **103**

Oxton St Saviour's CE Primary School
Holm Lane, Oxton, Wirral CH43 2HT
Tel: 0151 652 4909 (VA)
Fax: 0151 652 4909
Email: schooloffice@
oxtonstsaviours.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **35**

Park Primary School*
Love Lane, Wallasey, Wirral CH44 5RN
Tel: 0151 638 6008
Fax: 0151 639 9571
Email: schooloffice@park.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Pensby Primary School*
Greenbank Drive, Pensby, Wirral CH61 5UE
Tel: 0151 348 4145
Fax: 0151 648 1583
Email: schooloffice@
pensby-primary.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Portland Primary School*
Laird Street, Claughton, Wirral CH41 0AB
Tel: 0151 652 5124
Fax: 0151 653 3271
Email: schooloffice@portland.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Poulton Lancelyn Primary School*
Venables Drive, Bebington,
Wirral CH63 9LY
Tel: 0151 334 5021
Fax: 0151 334 5881
Email: schooloffice@
poultonlancelyn.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Prenton Primary School
Bramwell Avenue, Prenton, Wirral CH43 0RQ
Tel: 0151 608 2958
Fax: 0151 609 0993
Email: schooloffice@
prentonprimary.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Raeburn Primary School
Morland Avenue, Bromborough
Wirral CH62 6BD
Tel: 0151 327 2215
Fax: 0151 327 5674
Email: schooloffice@raeburn.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Riverside Primary School*
Brighton Street, Wallasey,
Wirral CH44 6QW
Tel: 0151 639 9787
Fax: 0151 639 8517
Email: schooloffice@riverside.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **43**

Rock Ferry Primary School*
Ionic Street Rock Ferry,
Wirral CH42 2BL
Tel: 0151 645 1017
Fax: 0151 645 7511
Email: schooloffice@rockferry.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

St Alban's Catholic Primary School
Ashburton Road, Wallasey, Wirral CH44 5XB
Tel: 0151 638 6373 (VA)
Fax: 0151 638 2870
Email: schooloffice@stalbans.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **56**

St Andrew's CE Primary School
Townfield Lane, Bebington,
Wirral CH63 7NL
Tel: 0151 645 7782 (VA)
Fax: 0151 643 8625
Email: schooloffice@standrews.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

St Anne's Catholic Primary School*
Highfield South, Rock Ferry, Wirral CH42 4NE
Tel: 0151 645 3682 (VA)
Fax: 0151 643 0137
Email: schooloffice@stannes.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

St Bridget's CE Primary School
St Bridget's Lane,
West Kirby,
Wirral CH48 3JT
Tel: 0151 625 7652 (VC)
Fax: 0151 625 3160
Email: schooloffice@stbridgets.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

St George's Primary School*
St George's Road, Wallasey,
Wirral CH45 3NF
Tel: 0151 638 6014
Fax: 0151 638 8025
Email: schooloffice@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **110**

St John's Catholic Infant School
Old Chester Rd, Bebington, Wirral CH63 7LH
Tel: 0151 645 5291 (VA)
Fax: 0151 645 6803
Email: schooloffice@
stjohns-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

St John's Catholic Junior School
Old Chester Road, Bebington
Wirral CH63 7LH
Tel: 0151 645 9615 (VA)
Fax: 0151 645 6673
Email: schooloffice@
stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Moreton Road, Upton, Wirral CH49 6LL
Tel: 0151 677 3970 (VA)
Fax: 0151 522 0266
Email: schooloffice@
stjosephs-upton.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **45**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School*
Wheatland Lane, Wallasey,
Wirral CH44 7ED
Tel: 0151 638 3919 (VA)
Fax: 0151 638 6104
Email: schooloffice@
stjosephs-wallasey. wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **45**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School*
Woodchurch Road, Oxton,
Birkenhead Wirral CH43 5UT
Tel: 0151 652 6781 (VA)
Fax: 0151 670 1843
Email: schooloffice@
stjosephsbirkenhead.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

St Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School*
New Hey Road, Woodchurch
Wirral CH49 5LE
Tel: 0151 677 4088 (VA)
Fax: 0151 677 0885
Email: schooloffice@
stmichael-allangels. wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

St Paul's Catholic Primary School*
Farmfield Drive, Prenton,
Wirral CH43 7TE
Tel: 0151 652 7828 (VA)
Fax: 0151 653 9052
Email: schooloffice@
stpauls.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **23**

St Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School
Atherton Street, Wallasey,
Wirral CH45 9LT
Tel: 0151 639 2991 (VA)
Fax: 0151 638 5232
Email: schooloffice@
stpeter-stpauls. wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **45**

St Peter's Catholic Primary School*
St Peter's Way, Noctorum,
Wirral CH43 9QR
Tel: 0151 677 8438 (VA)
Fax: 0151 677 8438
Email: schooloffice@
stpeters-noctorum. wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

St Peter's CE Heswall Primary School
Thurstaston Road, Heswall, Wirral CH60 4SA
Tel: 0151 342 2556 (VA)
Fax: 0151 342 7940
Email: schooloffice@
stpeters-heswall.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **45**

St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School*
Park Grove, Birkenhead,
Wirral CH41 2TD
Tel: 0151 647 8404 (VA)
Fax: 0151 647 7348
Email: schooloffice@
stwerburghs.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School*
Danger Lane, Moreton,
Wirral CH46 8UG
Tel: 0151 677 1091 (VA)
Fax: 0151 605 0100
Email: schooloffice@
sacredheart.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Sandbrook Primary School*
Stavordale Road, Moreton,
Wirral CH46 9PS
Tel: 0151 677 3231
Fax: 0151 678 5478
Email: schooloffice@
sandbrook.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Somerville Primary School
Northbrook Road, Wallasey,
Wirral CH44 9AR
Tel: 0151 638 5074
Fax: 0151 639 1019
Email: schooloffice@
somerville.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **75**

Stanton Road Primary School
Stanton Road, Bebington,
Wirral CH63 3HW
Tel: 0151 334 1398
Fax: 0151 334 3261
Email: schooloffice@
stantonroad.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **45**

The Priory Parish CE Primary School
Aberdeen Street, Birkenhead
Wirral CH41 4HS
Tel: 0151 647 7188 (VA)
Fax: 0151 650 2185
Email: schooloffice@
thepriory.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Thingwall Primary School
Pensby Road, Thingwall, Wirral CH61 7UG
Tel: 0151 648 4885
Fax: 0151 648 2507
Email: schooloffice@
thingwall.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **30**

Thornton Hough Primary School
St George's Way, Thornton Hough
Wirral CH63 1JJ
Tel: 0151 336 3427
Fax: 0151 336 3947
Email: schooloffice@
thorntonhough.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **25**

Town Lane Infant School*
Town Lane, Bebington,
Wirral CH63 8LD
Tel: 0151 608 1918
Fax: 0151 609 1130
Email: schooloffice@
townlane-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **90**

Townfield Primary School
Townfield Lane, Oxton,
Wirral CH43 2LH
Tel: 0151 652 8498
Fax: 0151 653 4854
Email: schooloffice@
townfield.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **60**

Well Lane Primary School*
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Admission no: **30**

West Kirby Primary School*
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Wirral CH48 5EQ
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Admission no: **37**

Woodchurch CE Aided Primary School
Church Lane, Woodchurch,
Wirral CH49 7LS
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Admission no: **30**

Woodchurch Road Primary School
Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead, Wirral CH42 9LJ
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Admission no: **71**

Woodlands Primary School*
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Wirral CH41 2SY
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Admission no: **44**

Woodslee Primary School*
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Wirral CH62 2BP
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Fax: 0151 334 7919
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woodslee.wirral.sch.uk

Admission no: **46**

Special schools and classes

Hayfield
(including communication disorder unit)
Head teacher: Mr L Comber
120 places
Age range: 4 to 11

Stanley
Complex learning difficulty
Head teacher: Mr A Roberts
Number of places: 120
Age range: 2 to 11

Elleray Park
Complex learning difficulty
Head teacher: Mr C Hughes
Number of places: 110
Age range: 2 to 11

Orrets Meadow
Specific learning difficulty
Head teacher: Mrs C Duncan
Number of places: 70
Age range: 7 to 11

Gilbrook
Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties
Head teacher: Ms K Brown
Number of places: 55
Age range: 5 to 11

Wirral Hospitals School Physical and mental health
Head teacher: Mr D Kitchin
Number of places: 100
Age range: 2 to 19

Hearing disability
Townfield Primary
Head teacher: Mrs K Lee
Number of places: 10
Age range: 4 to 11

New Brighton Primary Language difficulties
Head teacher: Mrs C Hibbard
Number of places: 10
Age range: 4 to 7

The Priory CE Primary Language difficulties
Head teacher: Mr G Edwards
Number of places: 10
Age range: 4 to 8

Devonshire Park Primary Language difficulties
Head teacher: Mrs J Billinge
Number of places: 10
Age range: 4 to 7

New Brighton Primary Education Inclusion Base
Head teacher: Mrs C Hibbard
Number of places: 12
Age range: 7 to 11

Bidston Village CE Primary Education Inclusion Base
Head teacher: Mrs L Hazeldine
Number of places: 24
Age range: 5 to 11

Woodslee Primary
Social and communication difficulties
Head teacher: Mrs S McShane
Number of places: 8
Age range: 7 to 11

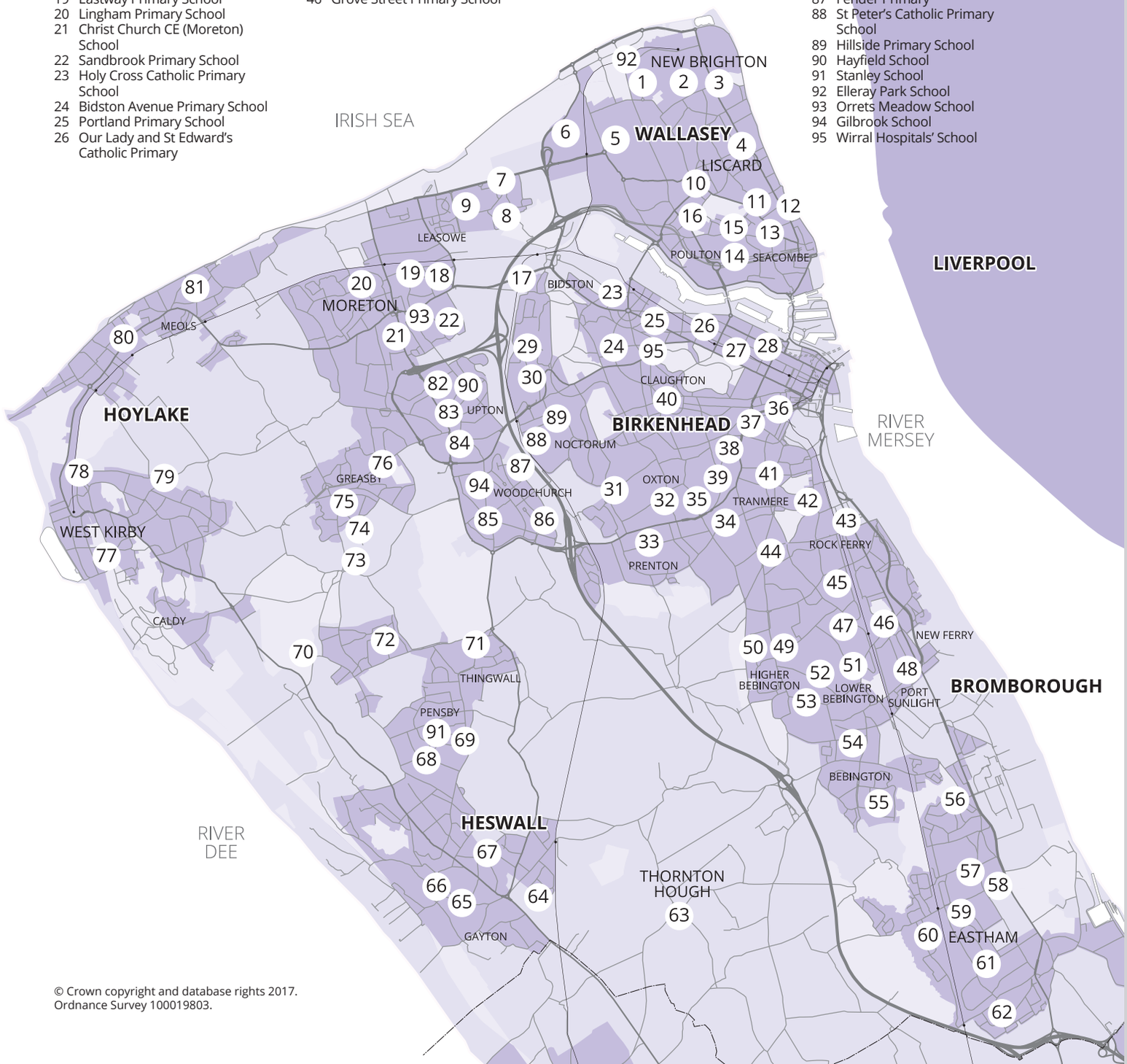
Fender Primary
Social and communication difficulties classes (2)
Head teacher: Ms L Seargeant
Number of places: 16
Age range: 4 to 11

Eastway Primary
Social and communication difficulties classes (2)
Head teacher: Mrs E Morris
Number of places: 16
Age range: 4 to 11

Devonshire Park Primary
Social and communication difficulties classes (2)
Head teacher: Mrs J Billinge
Number of places: 16
Age range: 4 to 11

Map of Wirral Primary Schools

1 Mount Primary School
2 St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary
3 New Brighton Primary
4 Liscard Primary School
5 St George's Primary School
6 Greenleas Primary School
7 Holy Spirit Catholic and Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School
8 Leasowe Primary School
9 Castleway Primary School
10 St Alban's Catholic Primary School
11 Egremont Primary School
12 Riverside Primary School
13 St Joseph's Catholic (Wallasey) Primary School
14 Kingsway Primary School
15 Somerville Primary School
16 Park Primary School
17 Bidston Village CE Primary School
18 Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
19 Eastway Primary School
20 Lingham Primary School
21 Christ Church CE (Moreton) School
22 Sandbrook Primary School
23 Holy Cross Catholic Primary School
24 Bidston Avenue Primary School
25 Portland Primary School
26 Our Lady and St Edward's Catholic Primary
27 The Priory CE Primary School
28 Cathcart Street Primary School
29 St Paul's Catholic Primary School
30 Manor Primary School
31 Townfield Primary School
32 Oxton St Saviour's CE Primary School
33 Prenton Primary School
34 Devonshire Park Primary School
35 St Joseph's Catholic (Birkenhead) Primary
36 Woodlands Primary School
37 St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School
38 Christchurch CE (Birkenhead) School
39 Woodchurch Road Primary School
40 Birkenhead High School Academy
41 Mersey Park Primary School
42 Well Lane Primary School
43 Rock Ferry Primary School
44 Bedford Drive Primary School
45 St Anne's Catholic Primary School
46 Grove Street Primary School
47 St John's Catholic Infant School and St John's Catholic Junior School
48 Church Drive Primary School
49 Town Lane Infant School
50 Higher Bebington Junior School
51 St Andrew's CE Primary School
52 Brackenwood Infant School
53 Brackenwood Junior School
54 Stanton Road Primary School
55 Poulton Lancelyn Primary School
56 Woodslee Primary School
57 Mendell Primary School
58 Christ The King Catholic Primary School
59 Raeburn Primary School
60 Brookhurst Primary School
61 Heygarth Primary School
62 Millfields CE Primary School
63 Thornton Hough Primary School
64 Barnston Primary School
65 Gayton Primary School
66 St Peter's CE Primary School
67 Heswall Primary School
68 Ladymount Catholic Primary School
69 Pensby Primary School
70 Dawpool CE Primary School
71 Thingwall Primary School
72 Irby Primary School
73 Greasby Junior School
74 Our Lady of Pity Catholic Primary School
75 Greasby Infant School
76 Brookdale Primary School
77 St Bridget's CE Primary School
78 West Kirby Primary School
79 Black Horse Hill Infant and Junior School
80 Hoylake Holy Trinity CE Primary School
81 Great Meols Primary School
82 Overchurch Infant School
83 Overchurch Junior School
84 St Joseph's Catholic (Upton) Primary
85 Woodchurch CE Primary School
86 St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary School
87 Fender Primary
88 St Peter's Catholic Primary School
89 Hillside Primary School
90 Hayfield School
91 Stanley School
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93 Orrets Meadow School
94 Gilbrook School
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Parents' questionnaire

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