



STRATFORD GIRLS'
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON



August 2020

Selective Schools in Warwickshire

Variation to Admissions Arrangements - September 2021

Given the extraordinary circumstances due to the coronavirus outbreak, it is unlikely that children will be ready to perform at their best in the 11+ Examination which is due to take place in September 2020. We are therefore writing to inform you of our intention to make an in-year variation to our Admissions Arrangements for September 2021 by moving the main test dates from Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September 2020 to Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November 2020 and the supplementary test dates from w/c 14th September 2020 to w/c 16th November 2020. This will enable as many children as possible to get back into the routine of education before being tested and therefore minimise the disadvantage caused by the lengthy period many children have had to spend away from school. This disadvantage is likely to be especially acute for children eligible for the pupil premium, and for children who face particular barriers to their education.

Please note that later testing will mean that parents need to make choices about secondary schools for their children without knowing whether their children will necessarily meet the academic standards required for each selective school. Warwickshire Admissions will therefore offer all parents applying for a secondary place at least one additional preference. Parents are advised to use their final preference(s) for a local non-selective school(s). This will improve the chances of a child being allocated a preferred school if he or she does not demonstrate sufficiently high academic ability in the assessment process for a grammar school.

In line with paragraph 3.6 of the Admissions Code, admission arrangements can only be varied if such changes are necessary in view of a major change in circumstances since they were determined. We are therefore seeking an in-year variation from the Regional Schools Commissioner (who makes this decision on behalf of the Secretary of State). If the variation is approved, the changes will be published as revisions to each school's Admission Arrangements and these will be displayed on each school's website as well as that of the Local Authority.

Alcester Grammar School
Ashlawn School
King Edward VI School
Lawrence Sheriff School
Rugby High School
Stratford-upon-Avon Girls' Grammar School