



Warwickshire County Council Admission Arrangements 2025/26 for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

Warwickshire County Council is the Admissions Authority for all community and voluntary controlled schools within Warwickshire.

These admission arrangements should be read in conjunction with the Warwickshire coordinated scheme for admission to school in 2025.

A separate application must be made for any transfer from nursery to primary school, and from infant to junior school.

Offers for the 2025 entry year will be made up to each school's Published Admission Number (PAN) as outlined in this document.

If the number of applications for any school is less than the published admission number, then all applicants will be offered a place.

The Admissions Service may request additional evidence to determine a child's eligibility within the oversubscription criteria.

Warwickshire County Council's relevant area for consultation is contained within the administrative area of Warwickshire County Council.

When a Warwickshire Community or Voluntary Controlled School is over-subscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order.

Primary Schools (reception entry):

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children who receive the Early Years Pupil Premium for their early years provider at the time of the making of the application, with no more than 14% of the places available to be allocated under this category.
3. Children who are currently, or have been at any point since birth, subject to a Child in Need Plan or a Child Protection Plan, with no more than 9% of the places available to be allocated under this category.
4. Children living in the Priority Area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the same school in Years 1 to 6 at the time of admission in September 2025.
5. Other children living in the Priority Area for the school.
6. Children living outside the Priority Area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the same school in Years 1 to 6 at the time of admission in September 2025.
7. Other children living outside the Priority Area for the school.

Infant Schools (reception entry):

- 1.** Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because of being adopted.
- 2.** Children who receive the Early Years Pupil Premium for their early years provider at the time of the making of the application, with no more than 14% of the places available to be allocated under this category.
- 3.** Children who are currently, or have been at any point since birth, subject to a Child in Need Plan or a Child Protection Plan, with no more than 9% of the places available to be allocated under this category.
- 4a.** Children living in the Priority Area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the same school in Year 1 or 2 at the time of admission in September 2025.
- 4b.** Children living in the Priority Area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the Partner Junior School in Years 3 - 6 at the time of admission in September 2025*.
- 5.** Other children living in the priority area for the school.
- 6a.** Children living outside the Priority Area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the same school in Year 1 or 2 at the time of admission in September 2025.
- 6b.** Children living outside the Priority Area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the Partner Junior School in Years 3 - 6 at the time of admission in September 2025*.
- 7.** Other children living outside the priority area for the school.

* If you are also applying for a Year 3 place at the Partner Junior School for another child, for entry in September 2025, please be aware that they will not be considered as a sibling link for the infant school applicant until after that child has been offered a place at the junior school and you have confirmed your acceptance of the Year 3 place.

Junior Schools (Year 3 entry):

- 1.** Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because of being adopted.
- 2.** Children who receive the Pupil Premium, or Service Premium, through their current school, with no more than 14% of the places available to be allocated under this category.
- 3.** Children who are currently, or have been at any point since birth, subject to a Child in Need Plan or a Child Protection Plan, with no more than 9% of the places available to be allocated under this category.
- 4.** Children who currently attend the Partner Infant School and who intend to remain at that school until the end of the 2024/2025 academic year in July 2025.
- 5a.** Children living in the Priority Area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the same school in Years 4, 5 or 6 at the time of admission in September 2025.
- 5b.** Children living in the Priority Area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the Partner Infant School at the time of admission in September 2025*.
- 6.** Other children living in the Priority Area for the school.
- 7a.** Children living outside the Priority Area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the same school in Years 4, 5 or 6 at the time of admission in September 2025.
- 7b.** Children living outside the priority area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the Partner Infant School at the time of admission in September 2025*.
- 8.** Other children living outside the Priority Area for the school.

* If you are also applying for a Reception place at the partner infant school for another child, for entry in September 2025, please be aware that they will not be considered as a sibling link for the junior school applicant until after that child has been offered a place at the infant school and you have confirmed your acceptance of the Reception place.

Definition of looked after and previously looked after children

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order). All references to previously looked after children mean such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because of being adopted.

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 (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society. This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see Section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see Section 46 adoption orders).

Child arrangements orders are defined in Section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by Section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians)

A copy of any relevant documents may be requested as evidence at any time during the admissions process.

Clarification on places available for those in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium, Pupil Premium and Service Premium

Where stated, priority is available for children who are in receipt of the Early Years Pupil Premium through their early years' provider, or, for junior applications, Pupil Premium or Service Premium through their current school with no more than 14%* of the places available to be allocated under this category. The child must be in receipt of the premium at the time the application is made.

Check your eligibility at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

**14% represents the national figure (13.7%) of children in receipt of Free School Meals, as stated within the Department for Education's Statistical Publication entitled, 'Schools, Pupils and their Characteristics', issued in June 2018.*

If the number of places from the percentage results in a decimal number, then this will be rounded down to a whole number if .4 or below and rounded up to a whole number if .5 or above.

E.g.: 14% of 30 = 4.2. In this case, the number of places available to allocate within this category would be a rounded down to a whole number of 4.

Clarification on places available to those subject to a Child in Need Plan or a Child Protection Plan.

Where stated, priority is available for children who are subject to a Child in Need Plan or a Child Protection Plan at the time of making the application, or who have been at any point since 1 September 2015, with no more than 9%** of the places available to be allocated under this category.

Further checks will be undertaken by Warwickshire County Council to confirm circumstances for children who are considered under this category. Relevant documents may also be requested from applicants at any time during the admissions process.

***9% represents an average figure (8.7%) within the local authority of children either in need or on a child protection plan (where the conference stage commenced), when compared with cohort sizes of children aged 4 – 16, resident in Warwickshire within the 2017/18 academic year. Data obtained from the Department for Education's statistical publication entitled, 'Characteristics of Children in Need', which contains analysis of data obtained in March 2017.*

If the number of places from the percentage results in a decimal number, then this will be rounded down to a whole number if .4 or below and round up to a whole number if .5 or above.

E.g.: 9% of 30 = 2.7. In this case, the number of places available to allocate within this category would be a rounded up to a whole number of 3.

If there are more applicants who comply with either category 2 or 3 than the number of places available under that category, places will be allocated based on the distance between home and school, in line with the rules set out in these criteria for 'Priority within each over-subscription criterion'.

Definition of Priority Areas

Each community and voluntary controlled school has an area identified as its Priority Area (this is sometimes referred to as a 'catchment area').

Full details of Priority Areas are available on the Warwickshire County Council website and can be viewed using interactive maps.

Infant and Primary School Priority Area Maps can be viewed at:

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mapinfantprimaryschools>

Junior and Primary School Priority Area Maps can be viewed at:

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mapjuniorprimaryschools>

Priority within each oversubscription criteria

Where applicants are allocated the same oversubscription criteria, priority is given in order of distance between the child's home address and the school applied for, with the shortest distance being given highest priority.

Distance will be calculated by using a straight-line measurement from the address point location of the applicant's home address (as set by Ordnance Survey) to the pre-determined point ('centroid') of the school in question. All distances are subject to changes which may occur with updates of mapping data.

Tie Break

Where the distance from home to school is identical for two or more applicants within the same oversubscription criteria individual priority will be determined by random allocation using a random number generator. The allocation will be carried out by two officers of the Admissions Service in the presence of a local authority solicitor. The result of the draw will be recorded and countersigned at the time by all parties involved. Applicants will be notified of the outcome in writing.

Definition of Sibling

Sibling is defined as a brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a step brother or sister, an adopted brother or sister, a child living at the same address who is being Looked After by a local authority, or the child of a parents' partner, where the child for whom the school place is being sought is living in the same family unit and at the same address as that sibling.

Waiting lists

Children will automatically be added to the waiting list of any community and voluntary aided schools listed as a higher preference than the school allocated.

Waiting lists are ranked according to the relevant oversubscription criteria above and will not consider the date individual applications were received or the length of time a child has been on the list.

Waiting lists are held until at least 31 December of each school year of admission and any new child added will require the list to be ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria.

Admission of children below compulsory school age and deferred entry to school

Admission authorities are required to provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday.

Children offered a place in Reception are entitled to a full-time place in the September following their fourth birthday. However, parents can defer the date their child is admitted to the school until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age (the term after their fifth birthday) and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which it was made.

Where parents wish, children may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

In both cases, an application for a school place must be made in line with the coordinated admissions process for the relevant year of entry. Once a school place is offered parents or carers can request that entry is deferred or for their child to attend part-time. This request is made directly to the school where the child has been offered a place.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health.

In addition, parents of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to reception rather than year 1.

To apply for a child to be educated outside of their normal age group an Educated out of Year Group form must be completed and submitted to the local authority at the same time that parents apply for their child to start in Reception in their chronological year group. This will ensure that the application can still be processed if the request to delay is not supported.

Where a child is already attending school and is looking to move to a new voluntary controlled or community school, in year, an application cannot be made on the parent portal. Instead, parents are required to complete the Admissions Team Education out of Year Group form and provide supporting evidence for the request. If the required school is its own admission authority, the school will follow its own process which should be set out in its admission arrangements.

Please see the coordinated arrangements for information regarding transfer to secondary schools

Each request will be looked at individually, with all available information considered. Any decision taken will be on the basis of what is in the child's best interests. Decisions as to whether, or not, a child is educated out of year group will be taken by the admission authority.

Parents/carers will be notified once a decision is reached, along with the reasons for the decision. Parents will also be notified of the potential risks of a child being taught out of year group and it will be made clear that, when the child moves schools, the admission authority of the new school will be responsible for deciding in which year group the child will be placed. This could result in a child being required to skip or repeat a year.

Being granted a Delayed Entry place does not guarantee a place at any school. The normal admission criteria still apply.

Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school, but it is not in their preferred age group.

For further information or to download the relevant Educated out of Year Group form please visit the Warwickshire School Admissions

Warwickshire Partner Infant and Partner Junior schools for oversubscription criteria

Area	Infant schools	Partner with	Junior schools
Nuneaton & Bedworth	Abbey C of E Infant School	<i>Partner with</i>	Queen's C of E Academy
	Arden Forest Infant School (Bulkington)	<i>Partner with</i>	St James C of E Academy (Bulkington)
	Chilvers Coton Community Infant School and Nursery	<i>Partner with</i>	Queen's C of E Academy
			Middlemarch Junior School
	Exhall Cedars Infant School, Exhall	<i>Partner with</i>	Exhall Junior School, Bedworth
	Galley Common Infant School	<i>Partner with</i>	Michael Drayton Junior School (Hartshill)
	Nathaniel Newton Infant School		
	Glendale Infant School	<i>Partner with</i>	Croft Junior School
			Middlemarch Junior School
Race Leys Infant School (Bedworth)	<i>Partner with</i>	Race Leys Junior School (Bedworth)	
Whitestone Infant School	<i>Partner with</i>	Chetwynd Junior School	
Rugby	Abbots Farm Infant School	<i>Partner with</i>	Abbots Farm Junior School
	Bawnmore Community Infant School	<i>Partner with</i>	Bilton C of E Junior School
	Bilton Infant School		
	Boughton Leigh Infant School	<i>Partner with</i>	Boughton Leigh Junior School
	Brownsover Community Infant School		
	Dunchurch (Foundation) Infant School	<i>Partner with</i>	Dunchurch Boughton C of E (Aided) Junior School
	Leamington Hastings C of E Academy		
Henry Hinde Infant School	<i>Partner with</i>	Henry Hinde Junior School	
Warwick/ Leamington	Briar Hill Infant School, Whitnash	<i>Partner with</i>	St Margaret's C of E Junior School, Whitnash
	Emscote Infant School, Warwick	<i>Partner with</i>	All Saint's C of E Junior School, Warwick
	Telford Infant School, Leamington	<i>Partner with</i>	Telford Junior School, Leamington
	Thorns Community Infant School, Kenilworth	<i>Partner with</i>	Park Hill Junior School, Kenilworth
Studley	Studley Community Infant School	<i>Partner with</i>	Studley St Mary's C of E Academy, Studley

schools highlighted in blue are own admission authority schools

Published Admission Number (PAN) for Warwickshire community and voluntary controlled schools

School Name	PAN 2024/25	PAN 2025/26	Type
Abbey C of E Infant School	60	60	Infant
Abbots Farm Infant School	60	60	Infant
Abbots Farm Junior School	66	66	Junior
All Saints' C of E Junior School	60	60	Junior
All Saints C of E Primary School and Nursery, Nuneaton	30	30	Primary
Alveston C of E Primary School	30	30	Primary
Arden Forest Infant School	60	60	Infant
Arley Primary School	30	30	Primary
Bawnmore Community Infant School	60	60	Infant
Bidford-On-Avon C of E Primary School	45	45	Primary
Bilton C of E Junior School	105	105	Junior
Bilton Infant School	60	60	Infant
Binley Woods Primary School	30	30	Primary
Bishops Tachbrook C of E Primary School	30	30	Primary
Bishopton Primary School	45	45	Primary
Boughton Leigh Infant School	90	90	Infant
Boughton Leigh Junior School	120	120	Junior
Bournebrook C of E Primary School	20	20	Primary
Briar Hill Infant School	90	90	Infant
Bridgetown Primary School	60	60	Primary
Brookhurst Primary School	60	60	Primary
Brownsover Community Infant School	30	30	Infant
Chetwynd Junior School	90	90	Junior
Chilvers Coton Community Infant School	60	60	Infant
Clapham Terrace Community Primary School and Nursery	30	30	Primary

Claverdon Primary School	30	30	Primary
Clifton-upon-Dunsmore C of E Primary School	30	30	Primary
Clinton Primary School	30	30	Primary
Coten End Primary School	90	90	Primary
Croft Junior School	90	90	Junior
Cubbington C of E Primary School	30	30	Primary
Eastlands Primary School	30	30	Primary
Emscote Infant School	60	60	Infant
Ettington C of E Primary School	30	30	Primary
Exhall Cedars Infant School	60	60	Infant
Exhall Junior School (formerly St Giles' Junior School)	45	45	Junior
Galley Common Infant School	54	60	Infant
Glendale Infant School	90	90	Infant
Goodyers End Primary School	60	60	Primary
Great Alne Primary School	16	16	Primary
Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School	15	15	Primary
High Meadow Community School	30	30	Infant
Hillmorton Primary School	60	60	Primary
Holy Trinity C of E Primary School	60	60	Primary
Hurley Primary School	30	30	Primary
Ilmington C of E Primary School	15	15	Primary
Kingsbury Primary School	30**	30	Primary
Lapworth C of E Primary School	30	30	Primary
Lighthorne Heath Primary School	13	30*	Primary
Long Lawford Primary School	60	60	Primary
Loxley C of E Community Primary School	6	6	Primary
Mappleborough Green C of E Primary School	17	17	Primary
Michael Drayton Junior School	150	150	Junior

Milby Primary School	60	60	Primary
Milverton Primary School	45	45	Primary
Nathaniel Newton Infant School	90	90	Infant
Newburgh Primary School	60	30	Primary
Newdigate Primary and Nursery School	60	60	Primary
Northlands Primary School	30	30	Primary
Nursery Hill Primary School	30	30	Primary
Outwoods Primary School	60	60	Primary
Paddox Primary School	90	90	Primary
Park Hill Junior School	33**	66	Junior
Priors Field Primary School	30	30	Primary
Quinton Primary School	30	30	Primary
Race Leys Infant School	60	60	Infant
Radford Semele C of E Primary School	30	30	Primary
Shottery St Andrew's C of E Primary School	15	15	Primary
Shrubland Street Community Primary School	28	30	Primary
Shustoke C of E Primary School	30	30	Primary
Snitterfield Primary School	15	15	Primary
St John's Primary School	30	30	Primary
St Margaret's C of E Junior School	90	90	Junior
St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School	30	30	Primary
St Nicholas C of E Primary School	60	60	Primary
St Paul's C of E Primary School, Nuneaton	60	60	Primary
Sydenham Primary School	60	60	Primary
Telford Infant School	90	90	Infant
The Dasset C of E Primary School	30	30	Primary
Thomas Jolyffe Primary School	60	60	Primary
Thorns Community Infant School	60	60	Infant

Water Orton Primary School	45	45	Primary
Weddington Primary School	60	60	Primary
Welford-on-Avon Primary School	30	30	Primary
Wembrook Primary School	90	90	Primary
Westgate Primary School	30	30	Primary
Wheelwright Lane Primary School	30	30	Primary
Whitestone Infant School	90	90	Infant
Whitnash Primary School	60	60	Primary
Wolston St Margaret's C of E Primary School	30	30	Primary
Wolvey C of E Primary School	30	30	Primary

* Subject to a separate consultation

** Temporary variation agreed for 2024