

Warwickshire County Council Admission Arrangements 2022/23 for community or voluntary controlled schools

Where a school is over-subscribed (i.e.: they receive more applications than they have places available), criteria will be assigned to each application, with each criterion given a different order of priority. Places available at the school will then be filled in priority order, according to the criteria assigned to each application.

Warwickshire schools that are maintained by the local authority – community or voluntary controlled schools – will all adopt the criteria as set out below. The admission authority for these schools is Warwickshire County Council.

Academies, voluntary aided, foundation and free schools are classed as their own admission authority. These schools must have their own set of admission arrangements in place for each relevant entry year, however, they must all adopt the local authority's process for coordinated admissions.

Own admission authority schools may also choose to adopt the over-subscription set by the local authority, as set out below, or they may choose to adopt their own criteria. However, this must be fully documented in the school's admission arrangements for the relevant entry year.

Please note:

- Children with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan that names a school will be admitted first. In this event, the number of places that remain for allocation will be reduced.
- Children attending, or with a place at, a nursery class do not have a higher priority for and are not guaranteed a place at the attached primary school.
- PAN = Published Admission Number

The PAN for each individual school is confirmed in the local authority's documentation relating to the 2022 entry year, which can be found online at:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoollacriteria

Primary Schools

(Reception entry)

If a Warwickshire Community or Voluntary Controlled **primary** school is over-subscribed, then the following over-subscription criteria will be used when allocating places. Additional information relating to categories 1 – 3 can be found further on in this document.

- Criterion 1a: Looked after children and all previously looked after children.
- **Criterion 1b:** Children who have been adopted through a CVAA UK agency.
- **Criterion 2:** Children who receive the Early Years Pupil Premium for their early years provider.
- **Criterion 3:** Children who are currently, or have been at any point since 1st September 2015, subject to a Child in Need Plan or a Child Protection Plan.
- **Criterion 4:** Children living in the priority area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the same school in Years 1 6 at the time of admission in September 2022.
- **Criterion 5:** Other children living in the priority area for the school.
- **Criterion 6:** Children living outside the priority area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the same school in Years 1 6 at the time of admission in September 2022.
- **Criterion 7:** Other children living outside the priority area for the school.

Infant Schools

(Reception entry)

If a Warwickshire Community or Voluntary Controlled **infant** school is over-subscribed, then the following over-subscription criteria will be used when allocating places. Additional information about criterion can be found below.

- Criterion 1a: Looked after children and all previously looked after children.
- **Criterion 1b:** Children who have been adopted through a CVAA UK agency.
- **Criterion 2:** Children who receive the Early Years Pupil Premium for their early years provider.
- **Criterion 3:** Children who are currently, or have been at any point since 1st
 September 2015, subject to a Child in Need Plan or a Child Protection Plan.
- **Criterion 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 2022.
- **Criterion 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 2022*.
- **Criterion 5:** Other children living in the priority area for the school.
- **Criterion 6a:** Children living outside the priory 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 2022.
- **Criterion 6b:** Children living outside the priory 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 2022*.
- **Criterion 7:** Other children living outside the priory 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 2022, 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)

If a Warwickshire Community or Voluntary Controlled **junior** school is over-subscribed, then the following over-subscription criteria will be used when allocating places. Additional information about criterion can be found below.

- Criterion 1a: Looked after children and all previously looked after children.
- Criterion 1b: Children who have been adopted through a CVAA UK agency.
- **Criterion 2:** Children who receive the Pupil Premium, or Service Premium, through their current school, or who have done so at any point since starting school in Reception.
- **Criterion 3:** Children who are currently, or have been at any point since 1st
 September 2015, subject to a Child in Need Plan or a Child Protection Plan.
- **Criterion 4:** Children who currently attend the partner infant school and who intend to remain at that school until the end of the 2021/2022 academic year in July 2022.
- **Criterion 5:** 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 2022.
- **Criterion 5:** 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 2022*.
- **Criterion 6:** Other children living in the priority area for the school.
- **Criterion 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 2022.
- **Criterion 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 2022*.
- **Criterion 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 2022, 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.

Further information on Categories 1 – 3 of Warwickshire's 2021 entry oversubscription for primary, infant and junior schools

1a. Children in care and children who ceased to be in care because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order).;

(a copy of the interim / full care order, or a copy of the adoption certificate, or other applicable documents, may be requested at any time during the admissions process)

1b. Children who have been adopted, either through a local authority or through a voluntary adoption agency that is registered with CVAA UK.

This category applies to all adoptions which do not fit within Category 1a, including those which take place outside of English law;

(a copy of any relevant documents may be requested at any time during the admissions process)

2. Children who are in receipt of the Early Years Pupil Premium through their early years' provider, 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.

3. 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'.

The following terms and definitions apply to all categories in Warwickshire's 2022 entry over-subscription criteria for primary, infant and junior schools

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').

A small number of schools share priority areas; these are known as 'shared priority areas'.

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 accessed at:

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

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

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

Some own admission authority schools do not have a priority ('catchment') area. Full details can be found in the individual admission arrangements for own admission authority schools.

Priority within each over-subscription criterion

Where applicants are allocated the same criterion, priority is given in order of distance between the child's home and the school applied for (shortest distance = highest priority).

Distance will be calculated by using a straight-line measurement from the address point location coordinate of the applicant's home address (as set by Ordnance Survey) to the centre point ('centroid') of the school in question. (The centroid is a predetermined point set by Warwickshire County Council and all distances are subject to changes which may occur with updates of mapping data).

Transport Assistance will not be approved on the sole basis that the school offered is the catchment school and will only be provided in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Home-to-School Transport Policy. This may mean that the nearest appropriate school – for transport purposes – may be a school in a different priority area.

Sibling, i.e. brother or sister, attending the school at the time of admission

Sibling is defined as: a full brother or sister; a half brother or sister; an adopted brother or sister; a child living in the same address who is being Looked After by a local authority; a step-brother or sister; 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.

Definition of Home Address

Where the child normally resides during the school week and where they sleep for at least 50% of the week.

If arrangements are such that a child resides at two addresses for equal amounts of time, then parents must decide which address to use for admissions purposes. Failure to agree on the address to use on the child's application for a school by the national closing date will result in Warwickshire County Council using a random number generator to determine which application to process.

Addresses involved in child-minding arrangements, whether with professional child-minders, friends or relatives, are excluded.

Where a school place is offered based on an address which is subsequently found to be different from the address where the child ordinarily resides, that place may be withdrawn. Cases will be assessed on an individual basis and in discussion with any schools named on the application which are their own admission authority.

There is an expectation that the child will be resident at the address used to allocate a place on a long-term basis, and until at least the start of the autumn term (September 2022) in relation to the coordinated admissions process.

Short-term house moves purely to secure a school place may be considered fraudulent or intentionally misleading and, in such circumstances, the place may be withdrawn.

Where a child's address changes after National Offer Day, the Local Authority (acting on behalf of the school, in some cases) may request an explanation for the house move and documentary evidence that the child is resident at the new property. The Admissions Service operates a thorough and robust address checking process, which may include both announced and unannounced home visits

Postal Address File (PAF)

The address point location coordinate of the applicant's home address as set by Ordnance Survey.

Applications made from the same multiple dwelling which shares a single Postal Address File (PAF), and;

Other applications where the distance from home to school is identical

Where required, individual priority for such applicants within a criterion will be determined by a random number generator allocation. The draw 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.

Warwickshire Infant and Junior partner schools for oversubscription criteria

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