



KNOWSLEY **PRIMARY** ADMISSION COMPOSITE PROSPECTUS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2027-2028

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IF YOU NEED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND HOW TO APPLY FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE PLEASE CONTACT:

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Each primary school can provide you with more information about their school. Contact details for Knowsley Primary Schools can be found in this booklet and many will hold open events when you can visit the schools you are interested in.

Please note: Where the term ‘schools’ has been used in this booklet, this also applies to Academies.

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Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers

Deciding what school you would prefer your child to attend when they begin their primary school career is a very important decision to make. During the autumn, Knowsley parents and carers will make decisions about their school preferences and can apply for up to three schools for their child by early January 2027.

Before doing this, we would encourage you to go and see for yourself all the opportunities Knowsley schools can offer. Our head teachers and staff will be delighted to meet with you and show how pupils are benefiting from the high standards of teaching and learning delivered across the primary curriculum. All staff wish to work in partnership with you and provide your child with the best possible education. Our schools are committed to helping children reach their potential, whatever their race, sex, religion or disability.

We want to assist you in making a very important decision for your child's future and can help in a number of ways:

- This booklet gives you information about all the Knowsley primary schools and how the application and allocation process works, please read it carefully before making your application and seek advice if you have any further questions.
- We encourage parents/carers to be aware of and understand the oversubscription policy for the schools they are applying to and use all three preferences wisely – this will not create any disadvantage but will help to avoid unexpected outcomes for your child.
- We recommend all families apply using the secure online portal at www.knowsley.gov.uk by the national closing date of **15 January 2027**.
- Knowsley school admissions service can provide further information and guidance by telephone (0151) 443 5143 / 5142 / 3372 or email schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk.

Finally, we want to assure parents/carers of the commitment of the Council to make Knowsley the best place to be educated and build a high quality, sustainable and successful learning community, and to wish every child a successful primary education journey.



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How to apply for a primary school reception class place

September 2027 Intake

Please take time to read the information in this booklet very carefully to ensure that you are aware of the correct application and allocation procedures before making your application for a reception class place for your child.

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, they are typically eligible to start reception class of primary school in September 2027 (*in some circumstances parents/carers may request a deferred start – see page 9 for more information*).
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery to reception class and attending the nursery class of a school does not typically give the child priority for a place in the reception class of that school. Every parent/carer must apply during the relevant application period of 12 September 2026 to 15 January 2027 and you **must** complete the common application form (CAF) of the Local Authority in which you live, and any other individual school supplementary forms that are required (*this will depend on the schools you are applying for and will be referenced in the admission policy for the school*).
- Parents/carers have a right to apply for which primary schools they would prefer their child to attend, but should be aware that there is no guarantee that a place will be allocated at one of these schools. Where schools are oversubscribed (this means they receive more applications than places available), the admission policy of the individual school is used to decide who can have a place.
- Knowsley resident parent/carers **must** complete the Knowsley common application form. Even if your primary school preferences are for schools in other authority areas, you must still make your application to the authority where you live.
- Knowsley resident parents should make their application using the online application portal via the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk.
- If you do not live in Knowsley but wish to apply for Knowsley primary schools, you can still do this by naming these schools as preferences on your home authority application form. Please contact your home authority or visit their website for more information and to access the correct application.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to complete the correct application form and any individual school supplementary information forms required during the application period and by the national closing date of 15 January 2027. If you complete a Knowsley common application form but you are not a Knowsley resident, your application will normally be disregarded.
- Only one common application form must be completed and each child should only receive one school offer – see page 8 for more information.

The online application portal

Knowsley Authority requests that parents/carers make their application by using the online application portal which can be accessed from the Education and Schools pages of the Knowsley Council website www.knowsley.gov.uk

If you do not have access to the internet at home, you can visit any Knowsley Library where there is access to this facility in order to make your application. Knowsley primary schools may also be able to assist you in making an online application.

- From the home page, click on 'education and schools' and then click 'apply for a school place' to access the online application portal.
- The online portal guides you through the application, but please familiarise yourself with individual school admission policies and requirements before you make your application.
- Before you can make an application, you will need to create an account on the portal by entering a valid email address and creating a secure password.
- When you have created your account, you will receive a verification code by email which you will need to use to progress with your application (this is to ensure your email address is accurate for future communication about your application).
- If you have received an expected transfer letter from the Local Authority, because we believe your child is living in Knowsley and is of age to apply for reception class, this letter should include an identification reference that you can use on the portal when prompted to automatically find your child's basic details.
- You can still make an application without the identification reference by entering your child's details manually.
- Once you have completed and submitted your online application, you should receive an email confirming receipt.
- If you do not receive the email confirmation, please check your spam/junk folders before contacting the school admissions team for assistance.
- You can login to the portal and make any changes to your application up to the closing date of 15 January 2027.
- After the closing date, if you wish to make changes to your preferences, you will be required to withdraw your original application and submit a new application which may be treated as a late application.

For more information about change of preference and late applications please see pages 13-15.

Paper application forms

Parents/carers are encouraged to apply online but, for those who feel they cannot make an online application, paper application forms are available by request – please contact Knowsley school admissions team by telephoning (0151) 443 5143 / 5142 / 3372 or email us at schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

- An application form will be sent either by post to your home address or by email. The completed application can be returned directly to the address on the application form or you can email a copy to schooladmissions@knowsley.co.uk.
- If you provide an email address on your application form, an email to confirm receipt will be issued. If you have not received a email receipt within 10 days of submitting your application, please contact the team.
- If you apply by paper and wish to make any changes to your application following submission, you will need to contact the Admissions Team to request the change.
- You will not be able to access your allocation result online or by email – a letter will be issued by post on national offer day so you should be aware that you are not likely to receive your allocation result until after 16 April 2027.

General application guidance

Additional information and supplementary information forms

- The application form allows for parents/carers to state their reasons for naming a school as preference, but if applicants wish to submit additional information this can be uploaded within the online application on the portal or submitted by email or post to the school admissions team. Applicants should be aware that admission authorities can only consider this information in the allocation of places if their admission policy allows for it, as places must be allocated in accordance with the determined policy.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to read the individual school admission policy and ensure that all relevant information is provided with the application. If parents/carers are unsure what is required, they should check with an admissions officer in the Local Authority of the school in question or contact the individual school.
- Some schools may require extra information which is not requested on the Local Authority common application form. This is because the admission policies for these schools include criteria specific to that school which is not requested on the Local Authority common application form, for example religious commitment. Applicants who wish for their child to be considered for a place under any specific criteria will need to complete a supplementary information form. **It is the parents/carers responsibility to contact the individual school or the relevant local authority admissions team for further advice about obtaining a supplementary information form.**
- Supplementary information forms should be completed in **addition** to the Local Authority common application form and should be returned directly to the individual school by the closing date of 15 January 2027. Supplementary information forms for Knowsley schools can be obtained from the individual schools or by visiting the school admissions area of the website www.knowsley.gov.uk where they can be downloaded. For schools in other authority areas applicants should contact the individual school or the relevant Local Authority admissions team for further advice about obtaining a supplementary information form.
- Parents/carers who do not complete a supplementary information form but name the school as a preference on the Local Authority common application form, will still be considered for a place in the school, but not under the specific criteria for which the supplementary information form gathers information. However, if you complete an individual school supplementary information form, but do not also name that school as a preference on the Local Authority common application form, your child would not normally be considered for a place – only school preferences named on the local authority common application form will be considered.

Home Address

- The address given must be where the pupil lives on a permanent basis, therefore, the address of a childminder or other relative should not be given.
- If a child lives between two addresses due to a shared care arrangement, only one application should be made from the address identified by parents as the main residence. Proof of home address may be requested and the Local Authority reserves the right to request other proof as fits the individual circumstances. It may be necessary for the Admission Officer to carry out checks with your child's primary school to confirm that addresses given are genuine and you may be asked to produce further documentary evidence of your child's address.
- Any change of address during the allocation period (January-April), must be notified to the school admissions team and documentary evidence may be requested. If you do not notify the Local Authority of an address change during the allocation period any school place you have been offered on the basis of an old address could be at risk.
- If you are unsuccessful in your application for your preferred schools and move address after national offer date, you should notify the school admissions team as it may affect your child's position on the waiting list(s).
- The Local Authority reserves the right to make enquiries as necessary with other agencies such as Council Tax, medical records or electoral roll, etc, to verify information provided.

Multiple applications

- Parents/carers should only submit one application per child which must be made to the authority in which you live.
- If applications are made to more than one Local Authority, the authority in which the child is not resident will typically disregard the application.
- The most recently dated application to the home authority will be the application which is processed and any previous applications will be disregarded.
- Where care is shared between parents, the Local authority can only accept one application. This can be completed by either parent, provided they have parental responsibility for the child, and the correct home address for the child is stated on the application form. In such cases, it is expected everyone who has parental responsibility for a child will have agreed school preferences before submitting an application.
- If the Local Authority is made aware of a disagreement between those with parental responsibility, it will usually proceed with the application made by the parent/carer with whom the child mainly resides during the school week, unless the terms of a court order instructs otherwise.
- If a court order or mediation arrangement is required to determine which parent has the right to make the application and name school preferences, this does not give the child any increased priority for a place in the school/s of preference, normal allocation procedures still apply and the application will be considered along with all other against the admission policy of the school/s.
- Any delay in making an application beyond the closing date due to a dispute could result in the application being classed as late and the application then being at a disadvantage.
- Applications are made on behalf of the child, therefore the detail of the application can typically be shared with all those holding parental responsibility unless information has been disclosed to the Council that the sharing of this data could affect the safety/wellbeing of the child, applicant or third party.

Children arriving from overseas

- In most cases, foreign national children in the UK who have arrived with their parent or as a dependent, have the right to attend schools in England and school admission authorities would not refuse to admit a child on the basis of their nationality or immigration status.
- The admission authority may request to see appropriate documentation to clarify the status of a particular child e.g. right of abode certificate, passport or entry visa. Foreign nationals, who wish to apply for a state-funded school place, are advised to check that they have a right of abode or that the conditions of their immigration status otherwise permit them to access a state-funded school and can do so by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/right-of-abode> . Applications are not normally accepted for children of foreign nationals who are still living abroad and should only be made once the child is in England and in a position to take up a school place.
- In some cases, the entry visa does not allow for a child to access a state funded school place in England:
 - short-term visitors – children who live abroad but have been admitted to the UK for a short visit, for example as tourists – or short-term study (English language).
 - unaccompanied foreign national children and young people entering on a child student visa or student visa must access education at an independent school, sixth form college or further education college which is a licensed student sponsor.

British nationals and their dependents who are living overseas but planning to return to the UK may apply for a school place. Applicants are requested to provide documentary evidence of British National status and a date of return to the UK. Any application will be processed in accordance with normal admission process timeframes, but this will typically be from the overseas address until such time as the child is resident in the UK or date of arrival and address has been evidenced.

Children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces)

- For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting to the area, or crown servants returning from overseas to live in the area; Knowsley Local Authority would normally accept and process an application from a local address in advance of a family arriving in the area provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date and a unit postal address or quartering area address.

Delaying entry to reception class and part-time attendance

The Secretary of State for Education and Skills has defined compulsory school age under the provisions of the Education Act 1996 as being the beginning of the school term following the child's fifth birthday:

Child's 5th birthday	Term of admission
1 April to 31 August	following Autumn (September)
1 September to 31 December	following Spring (January)
1 January to 31 March	following Summer (April)

- All children are entitled to a full-time place in a reception class from the September following their fourth birthday (i.e. from the beginning of the school year during which they will turn five). If parents wish, admission can be deferred until later in the school year, but not beyond the point at which the child reaches compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made. Children can also attend on a part-time basis, but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

- Following application and offer of a place, parents/carers who wish for their child's admission to be delayed until a later point in the school year, or to be on a part-time basis, should inform the Headteacher of the individual school where a place has been offered directly, as such arrangements are undertaken at school level. In instances where delayed admission or part-time attendance is confirmed, any place allocated through the normal admissions process is reserved until the agreed point in the school year when the child takes up full-time attendance and is therefore not available for another child. However, any place offered during the annual allocation process will not be kept until the following school year. If the child is not registered in attendance by the beginning of the summer term of the school year for which it was allocated, it is withdrawn (and can subsequently be made available for another child). The parent/carer would then have to reapply for admission to year 1 through the in-year admission process (whether a place can be offered would depend on availability within the year group at this time).
- Parents/carers of summer born children (those born between 1 April and 31 August) can choose not to send their child to full-time education until they are compulsory school age (the September following their fifth birthday). This would typically mean the child would join year 1, having not attended for the reception year, and a place would be dependent on availability within the year group (parents/carers would apply for a year 1 place under in-year admission procedures).

Admission outside the typical age range

- Parents/carers of summer born children can request for their child to be admitted out of normal age group, to a reception class rather than year 1. Requests for out of age group admission to reception class (i.e. for children whose date of birth falls between 1 April and 31 August 2023 but the parent/carer wishes for them to be admitted to a reception class in September 2028) should be received by the closing date for applications for the typical year of entry (15 January 2027). There is a facility on the CAF for Knowsley residents to indicate they are making a request for admission out of age range. Alternatively (and for children resident in other LA areas wishing to apply out of age range to a Knowsley school of preference) requests can be sent by email to the school admissions service in the LA at schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk. Parents/carers can, if they wish, submit a statement and/or information/evidence in support of their request, but this is not compulsory.
- Knowsley LA will co-ordinate any requests for out of age group admission to reception classes that are received during the annual allocation by notifying the relevant Knowsley school admission authority, or co-ordinating LA, of the request that has been made. The admission authority will be required to respond with a decision. Any request must be considered by the admission authority in accordance with their admission arrangements and requirements of the School Admission Code; this means the views of the parent, the views of the headteacher of the school requested and any other known information about the child's academic, social and emotional development and, where relevant, their medical history, will be taken into account to take a decision, in the best interests of the child, about which year group the admission authority would admit to if the child were to join at compulsory school age.
- Where parents/carers have made their request by the national application closing date, they will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible and before national offer day (16 April). Any requests received after the closing date will be considered and responded to as soon as possible. Until a decision is taken, any application for 2027/28 admission will continue to be processed as described in this scheme.
- Knowsley School Admissions Service will issue a co-ordinated response confirming the decision of the admission authority of each school of preference. The applicant will then need to decide whether they wish to pursue an application out of age group (by withdrawing their 2027/28 application and re-applying the following year), or continue with their application for admission to reception in the 2027/28 school year which will then be processed during the current admissions round.
- If admission out of age group is agreed by any admission authority and the parent/carer chooses to apply for admission in the following co-ordinated annual admission round, the expectation is that they will name as preference/s those schools that have agreed to this consideration. The application remains subject to consideration under admission arrangements for the relevant year; there is no guarantee of a place in the school of preference, or any additional priority for a place in the event of oversubscription on this basis. If a place is not subsequently allocated at a school of preference

following the application of the oversubscription policy, the parent/carer retains a right of appeal against non-admission to an independent panel.

- If admission out of normal age group is refused by an admission authority, a reason/s for the decision will be provided. There is no statutory right of appeal against the decision to refuse a request for admission out of age group, but applicants can follow a complaints procedure with the relevant admission authority if they feel necessary. The parent/carer retains the right for their child not to start full-time education until they are of compulsory school age, and they can still apply for admission to that school, but this will mean applying for their child to be admitted to year 1, and any offer will be dependent on whether places are available within the then year 1 cohort.
- Parent/carers should note that requests for admission out of age group for summer born children or delayed entry or part-time attendance should be made where this is felt to be in the best educational welfare interests of the child. It would not be expected this is requested on the basis that a place has not been secured at the preferred school.

The inter-authority coordinated equal preference admission scheme

National admissions legislation requires all Local Authorities in England to work together, where required, to co-ordinate applications for primary school bulk transfer into the relevant year (reception class).

- Each Local Authority must agree a scheme which is the framework for admission procedures in the local area. Some elements of the scheme are determined by national admission legislation.
- There is a national closing date for applications and a national offer date to ensure that all preferences are processed at the same time and applicants should, therefore, only receive a single school offer.
- Every authority must also use an equal preference system when considering applications – this means that all your school preferences are considered at the same time and your child will be allocated a place at the highest preference offer available to you.
- All primary schools in Knowsley adopt the Local Authority inter-authority co-ordinated equal preference scheme – a full copy of the scheme is published on the website www.knowsley.gov.uk.

How does an equal preference system work?

- Knowsley resident parents/carers can name up to three primary schools on the common application form.
- The school that is named as the highest preference would normally be the one that parents/carers want the most, with other preferences being those they have considered as alternative options if a place at the preferred school was not available.
- However, no priority is given on the basis of the level of preference when the child is considered for a place. If a child has lower priority for a place in the first preference school but has a high priority for a school named as second or third preference, they will not be disadvantaged because of the order of preference as they retain their priority for lower named preferences.

For example:

1. *Brownfield School – this is the school you want most*
2. *Greenfield School – this is the school you would want if Brownfield could not be offered*
3. *Bluefield School – this is the school you would want if neither Brownfield or Greenfield could be offered*

- The admission policy (oversubscription criteria) for each school is applied to the child's application along with all the other applications for the same school. At this point, it doesn't matter whether the school has been listed as preference 1, 2 or 3 – that is not considered at this stage.
- All applicants for a particular school are put into order according to the school's oversubscription criteria. The school fills its places, up to the admission number, taking children in order of priority against the school admission criteria.

- Knowsley authority will receive the allocation outcome for each school of preference for every Knowsley resident applicant from the relevant admission authority, including results from schools of preference in other authority areas.
- If more than one school of preference can offer a place, only then is the order of the preferences taken into account. Only one school offer will be given – this will always be the highest of those able to offer a place.
- If all three school can offer a place, the applicant will be allocated a place at their first preference school and the other school places can then be offered to another child who may have otherwise been refused.

For example:

1. *Brownfield School – Yes, a place can be offered*
2. *Greenfield School – A place may or may not have been available, but is no longer required because a higher preference is being offered*
3. *Bluefield School – A place may or may not have been available, but is no longer required because a higher preference is being offered*

- Sometimes not all schools can offer a place and, where higher named preference are refused, children will be added to waiting lists in case of further movement:

For example:

1. *Brownfield School – No, a place cannot be offered as other applicants meet a higher priority*
2. *Greenfield School – Yes, a place can be offered*
3. *Bluefield School – A place may or may not have been available but is no longer required because a higher preference is being offered*

In this example, the child's name will normally be placed on the waiting list for Brownfield School. An offer will be made of Greenfield School – the highest available. The place at Bluefield School will be offered to someone else.

- If your child cannot be offered a place in any of the schools you have named as a preference, the Local authority will normally offer Knowsley resident children an alternative place, usually in the nearest Knowsley primary school to the home address with an available place.
- If parents/carers are not satisfied with the offer they receive, it is possible for their child to be considered for other Knowsley schools that do have places available or by making a new application for different school preferences, including schools in other authorities.
- Non-Knowsley residents who cannot be offered a Knowsley school of their preference will normally be made an alternative offer by their home authority.
- In all cases, the child's name will be placed on a waiting list/s for the Knowsley school/s where a place has been refused and informed of their right of appeal against the decision to refuse a place at **any** school/s (for further information on appeals see page 46).
- Sometimes there is movement after the initial allocation; if parents/carers refuse a place at a school where their child has been offered a place, this place can then be re-allocated from the waiting list.

Naming school preferences

- Knowsley residents can name up to three schools of preference and should do so in ranked order. Please do not repeat the same school – this will not increase your chances of a place.
- You can name schools in other authorities on your Knowsley application.
- Naming only one preference **does not** increase your chance of gaining a place in that school. If you do not obtain a place at that school, you may lose priority for another school where you might otherwise have obtained a place.

- Naming more than one preference will not disadvantage you in any way during the allocation process – you will always be made an offer of the highest preference school available.
- Consider all your preferences carefully – if you have named a school as a second or third preference it must be assumed that you will accept an offer should it be made.
- Please **do not** name independent (fee paying) schools on your application form as you should apply directly to the school/s concerned and complete their own application. The Local Authority cannot process applications naming independent schools.
- If you are applying to schools which normally receive more applications than they have places, it is wise to name more than one preference so that your child can be considered for a place in other schools. Some Knowsley primary schools will be able to offer places to everyone who applies. However, as allocations can vary from year to year, no one can guarantee in advance which schools will be oversubscribed, it is wise to name more than one preference so as not to restrict your options.
- If you decide to apply for a school that is often oversubscribed, look carefully at the admission policy and see which oversubscription criterion your child would be considered under. Talk to the school or an Admissions Officer in the relevant Local Authority about how places were allocated in previous years. See page 42 for a detail of the allocation of places in Knowsley schools for 2026 admission.

Naming preferences for schools in more than one authority

- Some parents/carers name preferences for schools in more than one Local Authority Area. Knowsley Council works in partnership with other authorities to co-ordinate primary school offers.
- All authorities operate an inter-authority equal preference co-ordinated scheme.
- Where Knowsley resident applicants name a school in another authority as a preference, the application details will be shared with that authority to be considered. When they have taken a decision, they will inform Knowsley of the result. In the same way, other authorities will send information to Knowsley authority about children who need to be considered for places in Knowsley schools.
- It may be that another authority can offer a place at one of their schools and a place can also be offered in a Knowsley school. In such cases, wherever practicable, only the school that you have ranked higher will be offered. The other school will not be offered. This means the order of your preferences is very important.

For example: a parent/carer states preferences as follows:

1. A Knowsley School
2. A Liverpool school
3. A St Helens school

If all three schools could offer a place, only the Knowsley school will normally be offered to the applicant as it is the highest preference offer. If the Knowsley school could not offer a place, but the Liverpool and St Helens schools could, the Liverpool school would be offered. Knowsley would place your child's name on the waiting list and offer the right of appeal for their school and St Helens would be advised the offer in their school is no longer required and can then be made available to another child.

- If a parent/carer receives two or more offers of a place, they must contact both authorities immediately to confirm which offer is being accepted.

Late applications

Note: Each authority has its own rules about late applications as part of their co-ordinated scheme – parents/carers naming preferences for schools in other authorities should check with the relevant authority how that individual school preference may be considered if named on an application form submitted after the closing date.

Applications received after the closing date of 15 January 2027

- Applications can continue to be submitted via the application portal after the national closing date, but there is no guarantee that late applications will be included in the initial allocation. Applicants are strongly advised to abide by the national closing date.
- Applications naming Knowsley schools as preferences received following the national closing date but before the allocation process begins will be included in the initial allocation of places where practicable – for Knowsley schools this will typically mean preferences received up to 17 February 2027. However, this will be dependent on the volume of late applications received, therefore, parents/carers have no guarantee that any application submitted after the closing date will be included in the initial allocation.
- If a school in another authority has been named as a preference, the details will be forwarded to the appropriate authority as soon as possible and it will be for the relevant admission body to determine whether or not the application will be included in the initial allocation of places in accordance with the agreed scheme of that authority area.

Applications received after the allocation process has begun

- Late applications received after 17 February 2027 will not normally be considered by Knowsley schools until the initial allocation process is complete and the LA Admissions Service will not typically share preferences received on or after this date with schools in the LA area.
- Only where the admission body accepts there are exceptional circumstances for an application being received after this date will applications be considered in the initial round. If parents/carers believe that there are exceptional circumstances for the application being submitted late, it is their responsibility to state these reasons in writing when submitting the application and provide supporting documentation wherever possible – they can do this by completing an application via the portal and sending supporting information by email to schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk or completing a paper application form and including supporting documentation.
- The decision as to whether the preference is included will be taken by the admission authority of the individual school of preference and the absolute deadline even for exceptional circumstances, will be 12 March 2026. Applications made with no additional information will be treated as late and will not be considered until after the initial allocation of places is completed and national offer day has passed.
- Where places remain available in schools following the initial allocation, they will be offered to late applicants. Where the school requested is already full, or if there are not enough vacancies remaining for the number of late applications received, the oversubscription criteria from the relevant school admission policy will be applied to all applications being considered at that time. For any application that is unsuccessful in obtaining a place, the child's name will be placed on the waiting list by applying the oversubscription criteria for the individual school – the right of appeal will be given and applicants will be informed what alternative offer can be made.
- If a school in another LA has been named, the details will be forwarded to that LA for consideration and it will be for the relevant admission body to determine whether or not the application will be included in the initial allocation of places.
- Late applicants are not guaranteed to be issued with an allocation outcome when the initial allocation outcomes are published on national offer day. Application outcomes will be issued as soon as possible, but this may be at a later date.

Applications received after allocation results are issued and before the start of the new school year (16 April to 31 August 2027)

- The inter-authority coordinated process continues and applications from Knowsley residents should be submitted to the school admissions team in the LA who will ensure they are considered by the appropriate admission authority.
- Knowsley LA will not process any applications classified as late and received up to midnight on 2 May 2027 until 3 May 2027. All late preferences for Knowsley schools received up to 3 May will be considered together at this time. Where places remain available in schools following the initial allocation, they will be offered to late applicants.

- Where the school requested is already full, or if there are not enough vacancies remaining for the number of late preferences received, the oversubscription criteria from the relevant school admission arrangements will be applied to all applications being considered at that time. For any application that is unsuccessful in obtaining a place, the child's name will be added to the waiting list by applying the oversubscription criteria for the individual school.
- The result of late applications for Knowsley schools processed from 3 May 2027 will be shared with co-ordinating LAs and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application as soon as possible after this date.
- Where a school in another LA has been named as a preference on a late application, the preference and application details will be sent to that LA as soon as is reasonably practicable, and it will be for the relevant admission authority to determine how the application will be considered in accordance with their admission arrangements and local scheme.
- Further late applications received from 3 May 2027 to 31 August 2027 will be considered as soon as possible following receipt. Outcomes in respect of preferences for Knowsley schools will normally be issued within 10 school days of receipt of the application.

Making changes to an existing application

Change of circumstance

- Once an application has been submitted, it is the responsibility of the applicant to notify Knowsley School Admissions Service and/or the individual school of any change of circumstance that could affect that application, for example a change of address, a baptism or a sibling changing school. If applicants do not notify Knowsley School Admissions Service directly of any change, this may affect how the application is considered and could result in a place at a school of preference not being allocated or risk having a place withdrawn if incorrect information has been used in the allocation process.
- If the change is in relation to information provided on a supplementary information form (SIF), the applicant should contact the individual school directly to discuss making a change to the SIF. If applicants are unsure what constitutes 'a relevant change' they should contact Knowsley School Admissions Service for advice/verification.
- During the usual application period (12 September 2026 to 15 January 2027) online applicants can make changes to information supplied on their common application form (CAF) by revisiting the portal and making the change directly (resubmission of the amended application will be required).
- For applications submitted by post using the paper application and for all applications following the national closing date of 15 January, applicants should contact Knowsley School Admissions Service by email to schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk to confirm the change that they wish to make to the application (in some cases, you may be asked to provide evidence of the change).
- Parents/carers should be aware that if a change of circumstance occurs very close to the allocation date, it may not be possible to make any changes to the original application until after the initial allocation is complete and the absolute deadline for changes to be made to the application, even in exceptional circumstances will be 12 March 2027.
- In the event of a change of address, the applicant must notify Knowsley School Admissions Service of the change as soon as it occurs, or in advance if the date of change is known. Applicants who are changing address prior to national offer day (NOD) and wish for their new address to be considered in the allocation of places must provide satisfactory documentary evidence confirming the address change by 12 March 2027 – for example, proof of exchange of contracts or tenancy agreement confirming the date of occupancy.

Change of school preference/s

- During the usual application period (12 September 2026 to 15 January 2027) online applicants can make a change of preference by revisiting the portal and making the change directly (resubmission of the amended application will be required). For applications submitted by post using the paper application, and for all applications following the national closing date of 15 January 2027, applicants should contact Knowsley School Admissions Service by email to confirm the change that they wish to make to the application (in some cases, you may be asked to provide evidence of the change).

Change of preference during the allocation period

- The Local Authority (LA) will normally only accept a change of preference during the allocation period if there are substantial/exceptional reasons, e.g. a house move to another area. Applicants should email Knowsley School Admissions Service stating the reasons why a change is being requested and should provide satisfactory evidence of the change of circumstance resulting in a change of preference request, e.g. proof of exchange of contracts to confirm a house move. Even in the event of exceptional circumstances, the absolute deadline for a change of preference that requests a Knowsley school/s to be considered in the initial allocation of places will be 12 March 2027.
- If the change of preference involves a school in another local authority area parents/carers need to consider any rules that local authority have for how such requests will be treated.
- Where there are no relevant substantial reasons for the request to change preference, parents/carers can change their preferences by withdrawing the original application and subsequently submitting a new application form. The new application will be considered as a late application; therefore parents/carers should be aware of how late applications are treated (see page 13).
- In all circumstances, if the request is received very close to the allocation date, it may not be possible to make changes until after the initial allocation is complete. In this circumstance, the revised application will only be considered when the initial allocation is complete.

Change of preference requests received after National Offer Day and before the start of the new school year 16 April 2027 – 31 August 2028)

- After initial offers have been made, parents/carers who wish to change their preference can do so by making a revised application. The online application portal will be available after national offer day (NOD) for parents to submit a new (second) application or make a direct change of preference request. The second application/change request will replace any previous application made and will be processed as a late application.
- Knowsley resident parents will still be able to name up to three schools of preference on their revised application.
- New preferences will replace those on the original application. Therefore, any applicant who wishes for their child's name to remain on the waiting list for a school/s where a place has been refused must name that school again as the higher preference within the new preference list.
- Where a place is available at a revised preference, it will be offered, and the original offer will be withdrawn.
- Where a place cannot be offered, the child's name will be placed on the waiting list/s by applying the relevant oversubscription criteria for that school and the right of appeal will be given. Any previous offer made will remain available.

Waiting Lists

- If your child is refused a place in a school – because the school is oversubscribed and other children have a higher priority for a place – their name will normally be placed on a waiting list. If a place is refused in a Knowsley school, their name will automatically be placed on the school waiting list.
- Waiting lists are ordered according to the relevant admission policy (oversubscription criteria). If a place becomes available, it will be refilled from the waiting list in priority order.
- A child's place on a waiting list can change, both up and down, due to the movement of other applicants, for example, a late applicant will be added to a waiting list according to the criterion of the policy they meet, which may be above other children already on the list.
- Waiting lists are 'live' documents and, applicants must inform the school admissions team of any change of circumstance that may affect their child's place on a waiting list, e.g. a change of address.
- The local authority (LA) will normally undertake any communication with applicants in relation to waiting list offers until September 2027, at which point the waiting lists will become integrated with the primary in-year transfer process.
- A child's name will only be removed from a waiting list if a place is offered in a higher preference school, when the formal waiting list closes or at the applicant's request. Provisionally accepting an

offer of an alternative school place will not affect a child's place on the waiting list/s for a higher preference.

- The waiting lists in respect of the annual allocation of Reception year places will close at the end of December 2027. After this, any parent/carer who wishes for their child to continue to be considered for a place must make a new application under in-year admission procedures.
- If the appeals process leads to the admission of a child/ren over the admission number, places will not be re-offered from the waiting list until numbers fall back below the published admission number.

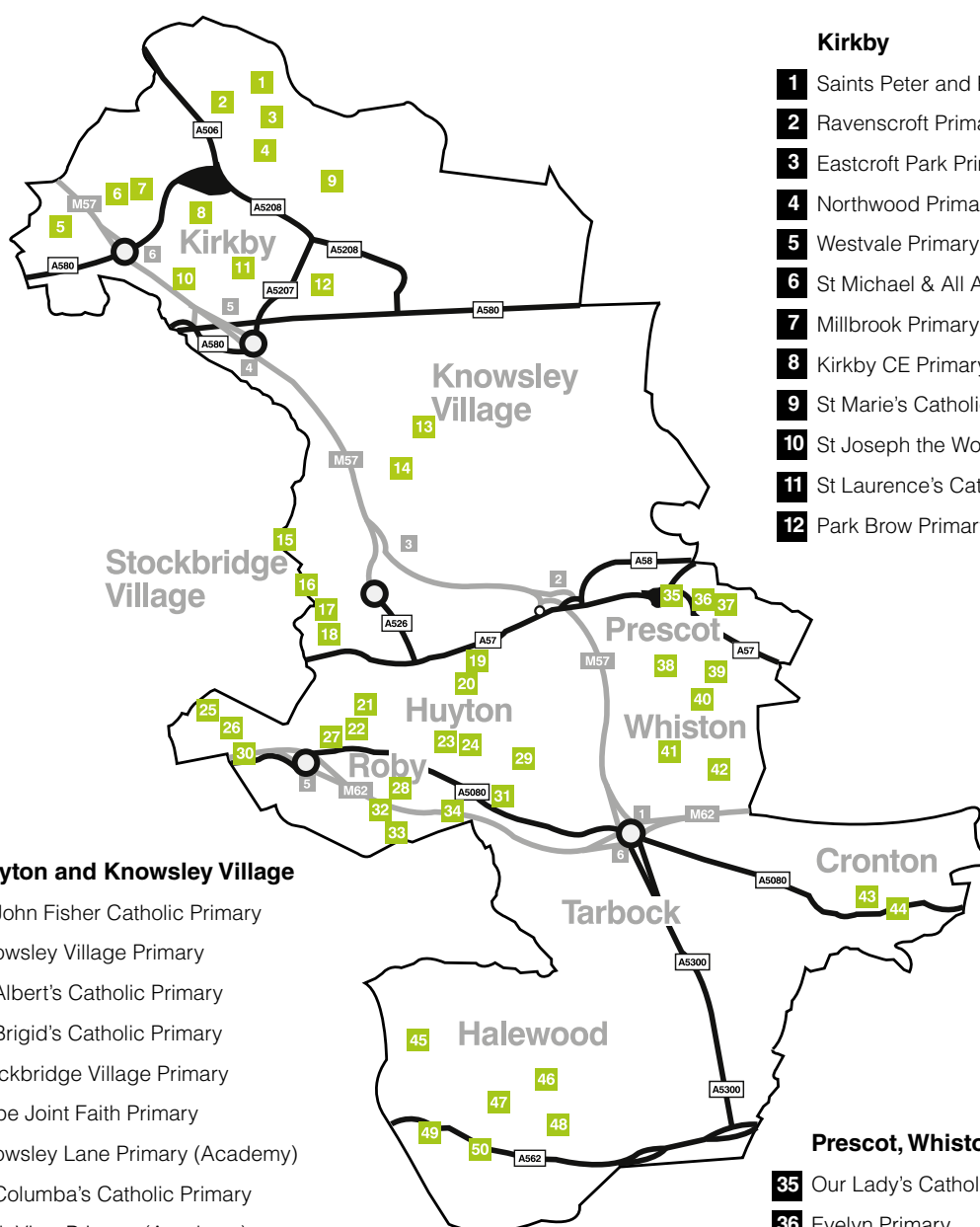
Receiving your allocation result – national offer day

- Knowsley Council will send the school allocation results for on time Knowsley resident pupils. This is the case even if the school to be offered is in another authority.
- If you live in another authority but have applied for and been allocated a place in a Knowsley school, your home authority will notify you of the outcome.
- Knowsley residents who apply online will be sent an email or can log in to their account via the portal on 16 April 2027 to receive their allocation result.
- Parents/carers who submit a paper application will normally receive their allocation result in a letter, sent by first class post on national offer day. If an email address is provided on the paper application, it may be possible to send the allocation result by email.
- No information regarding allocation results will be given to applicants prior to primary school national offer day.
- School offers may be subject to confirmation of home address and any individual school requirements – such as a baptism certificate – being provided. If the individual school or the LA requests documentary evidence, applicants should normally respond within two weeks of the request. If the required evidence is not provided by the applicant within the requested timeframes, the offer is at risk of being withdrawn.
- Where applicants have been refused a place at a school of a higher preference than the one offered, they will be informed of their right to appeal and how an appeal can be made. Appeals should be made to the relevant admission authority for the individual school/s and will be held during the summer term.
- Applicants who are not satisfied with the school offer they receive can consider other schools and make a revised application if they wish, but the original/current offer will not normally be removed until an alternative placement has been secured. This is to avoid a child being without a school offer and at risk of being missing from education. Applicants are strongly advised not to refuse a place offered without confirmation of an alternative school place.

Withdrawal of an offer of a place

- Admission Authorities will normally withdraw an offer of a place where false information has been used to secure a place at a school that is full to its admission number and has a waiting list, if it is found after investigation that had the correct information been supplied, the place would not have been secured. The Local Authority reserves the right to make investigations and may require evidence to confirm any information.
- A place may also be withdrawn if it has been offered in error and to the disadvantage of other applicants, or if applicants fail to respond within a reasonable timeframe to communication attempts made by the school or local authority.

Locations of Knowsley primary schools



Kirkby

- 1** Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Primary
- 2** Ravenscroft Primary
- 3** Eastcroft Park Primary
- 4** Northwood Primary
- 5** Westvale Primary
- 6** St Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary
- 7** Millbrook Primary
- 8** Kirkby CE Primary
- 9** St Marie's Catholic Primary
- 10** St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary
- 11** St Laurence's Catholic Primary
- 12** Park Brow Primary

Huyton and Knowsley Village

- 13** St John Fisher Catholic Primary
- 14** Knowsley Village Primary
- 15** St Albert's Catholic Primary
- 16** St Brigid's Catholic Primary
- 17** Stockbridge Village Primary
- 18** Hope Joint Faith Primary
- 19** Knowsley Lane Primary (Academy)
- 20** St Columba's Catholic Primary
- 21** Park View Primary (Academy)
- 22** St Aloysius Catholic Primary
- 23** St Joseph's Catholic Primary
- 24** St Aidan's Catholic Primary
- 25** St Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior
- 26** St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infants
- 27** Roby Park Primary
- 28** Huyton with Roby CE Primary (Academy)
- 29** Willow Tree Primary (Academy)
- 30** Malvern Primary
- 31** St Gabriel's CE Primary (Academy)
- 32** Blacklow Brow Primary (Academy)
- 33** St Anne's Catholic Primary
- 34** Sylvester Primary (Academy)

Prescot, Whiston and Cronton

- 35** Our Lady's Catholic Primary
- 36** Evelyn Primary
- 37** Prescot Primary (Academy)
- 38** St Mary and St Paul's CE Primary
- 39** St Luke's Catholic Primary
- 40** Whiston Willis Primary (Academy)
- 41** Halsnead Primary (Academy)
- 42** St Leo's and Southmead Catholic Primary for the community
- 43** Cronton CE Primary (Academy)
- 44** Cronton Holy Family Catholic Primary

Halewood

- 45** Holy Family Catholic Primary
- 46** Halewood CE Primary (Academy)
- 47** Plantation Primary School (Academy)
- 48** St Mark's Catholic Primary
- 49** St Andrew The Apostle Catholic Primary
- 50** Yew Tree Primary (Academy)

Knowsley primary school details and admission arrangements

Details of all Knowsley primary schools can be found on pages 22 to 33. Schools are listed alphabetically by area.

General information

- All Knowsley schools are mixed and admit girls and boys of all abilities.
- Primary Schools admit pupils aged 4 to 11 years in years reception to year 6.
- St Margaret Mary Infant School admit pupils aged 4 to 7 in years reception to year 2.
- St Margaret Mary Junior School admit pupils aged 7 to 11 in year 3 to year 6.
- The number on roll is the number of children registered at the school (at the time of print). This information is taken from the school census and the 2026/27 allocation.
- The number of places allocated for 2026 admission is given and details of how these places were allocated can be found on pages 42 to 45.
- Where a school has been oversubscribed at the point of the initial allocation to reception class within the last five years (2022-2026 intake) this is indicated.

Types of primary school in Knowsley

Community Schools

Community schools are maintained by the Local Authority, who is the employer and the admission authority. The Local Authority determine the admission arrangements (including the oversubscription criteria).

Voluntary Aided Schools

Voluntary aided schools are maintained by the Local Authority, but a religious organisation/charitable foundation contribute towards the costs of running the school and its operations. The Governing Body is the admission authority and determine the admission arrangements (including the oversubscription criteria). These schools typically give a level of priority in their admission arrangements to children of the associated faith/s.

Academies

Academies are state funded, independently governed, all-ability schools. They are either established by sponsors - who could be other outstanding schools/education providers, business, faith or other voluntary groups - in partnership with the Department for Education (DfE) or, existing well performing schools that elect to convert to independent Academy status with the agreement of the DfE. The Academy Trust is the admission authority and they determine the admission arrangements (including the oversubscription criteria).

Published Admission Number (PAN)

- Each school has an admission number that has been agreed by the admission authority of the school and is published so that applicants know in advance of applying how many children the school plan to admit in the relevant year group (i.e. the number of reception class places available).
- When setting the admission number for the school, the admission authority will consider the measured teaching space in the school and any other requirement for class organisation.
- It is a national requirement that no infant class (reception/year 1/year 2) should have more than 30 pupils with one qualified teacher (other than in some very limited circumstances that are prescribed exceptions). Headteachers are responsible for ensuring that classes are organised to comply with this requirement and this can be a factor when determining the admission number.

Admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria

- The admission arrangements (also known as the admission policy) of each school describe how applications will be considered and include the oversubscription criteria which is used to decide which children have priority for places if the school receives more applications than their published admission number.
- Some schools will share the same arrangements and oversubscription criteria, but others have their own arrangements and oversubscription criteria used only by that school.
- Admission Authorities must have arrangements and use an oversubscription criteria that is acceptable within national admission legislation regulations and as described in the School Admissions Code (2021).
- Knowsley Local Authority has determined that all community primary schools in the Council area share the same arrangements and use the same oversubscription criteria.
- The Admission authorities of some primary academies have also decided to follow the same arrangements as the Local Authority. Other Academy Trusts have set arrangements that apply to school within their Trust.
- Catholic schools typically follow the guidance of the Liverpool Archdiocese and set admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria that the Archdiocese have recommended.
- Church of England schools are guided in setting their arrangements by the Local Diocese.
- There is an active link to view the admission policy used by each school within the information provided on pages 22 to 33.
- A summary of any oversubscription criteria used by Knowsley schools can be found on pages 32 to 39, and full details of all determined arrangements are available by visiting the Knowsley Council website at [Determined admission arrangements for Knowsley schools 2027/28 | Knowsley Council](#).
- More information about supplementary information forms can be found on page 7, or by visiting the school admission pages of the Knowsley Council website at [Supplementary Information Forms | Knowsley Council](#).
- Please note: where home to school distance is used as an element of the oversubscription criteria, Knowsley Primary schools (except St Gabriel's CE Primary School) have opted to use the measurement system employed by the Local Authority. This is a radial straight-line measurement using a Geographical Information System (GIS) based on Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) data and the National Grid co-ordinates for the application address and the school. The measurement is from the unique address nodal point of the applicant address to the unique address nodal point of the school and is in miles measured to three decimal places.

Pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

- Where a child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names a particular mainstream school as provision, they will be admitted. If the named school is known at the time of the annual allocation procedures, a place will be reserved within the admission number, with priority over other applicants. If an EHCP is finalised after the allocation of places has taken place and names a school that is already fully subscribed, that child can be admitted as a permitted exception.
- Where a child is under formal assessment by the Local Authority, but an EHCP has not been finalised at the point the initial allocation of places is concluded, the child will be considered for any mainstream school of preference along with all other applicants for in accordance with the over-subscription criteria of the school.
- Applicants who have a disability will be considered no less favourably than other candidates in the allocation of places. Schools will make reasonable adjustments to ensure that pupils with disabilities are not at a substantial disadvantage.

HALEWOOD AREA

Halewood Church of England Primary School (Academy) Part of the Liverpool Diocesan School Trust

Headteacher:	Mr D Catt	Admission Authority:	Academy Trust
Address:	Church Road, Halewood, L26 6LB	PAN:	30
Email:	halewood@ldst.org.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 487 5673	Supplementary Form:	YES
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	30	No. on roll:	211
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022, 2023, 2025 and 2026			

Holy Family Catholic Primary School Serving the Community

Headteacher:	Mr K Quigley	Admission Authority:	Governing Body
Address:	Arncliffe Road, Halewood, L25 9PA	PAN:	45
Email:	holyfamilyhw@knowsley.gov.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 282 8971	Associated Parish:	St John Vianney (the part of the parish formerly referred to as Holy Family)
Website:	www.holyfamilyhalewood.org.uk	Supplementary Form:	YES
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	46	No. on roll:	309
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022, 2023, 2025 and 2026			

Plantation Primary School (Academy) Part of the Multi Academy Rowan Learning Trust

Headteacher:	Mrs G Worrall	Admission Authority:	Academy Trust
Address:	Hollies Road, Halewood, L26 0TH	PAN:	75
Email:	office@plantationprimary.com	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 487 5678	Supplementary Form:	NO
Website:	www.plantationprimary.com		
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	73	No. on roll:	464
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: N/A			

St Andrew The Apostle Catholic Primary School

Headteacher:	Mrs J Webster	Admission Authority:	Governing Body
Address:	Higher Road, Halewood, L26 1TD	PAN:	30
Email:	standrew@knowsley.gov.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 288 8940	Associated Parish:	St John Vianney (the part of the parish formerly referred to as St Andrew the Apostle)
Website:	www.standrewapostle.co.uk	Supplementary Form:	YES
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	30	No. on roll:	207
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2023, 2025 and 2026			

St Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss S Bradshaw
Address: Fir Avenue, Halewood, L26 0XR
Email: stmarks@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 288 8910

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Associated Parish: St John Vianney
(the part of the parish formerly referred to as St Mark)

Website: www.stmarkshalewood.org.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 29

Supplementary Form: YES

No. on roll: 197

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022 and 2023

Yew Tree Primary Academy

Part of the Wade Deacon Multi Academy Trust

Headteacher: Mrs R O'Hanlan
Address: The Avenue (off Wood Road)
Email: school@yewtreeknowsley.co.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8950
Website: www.yewtreeknowsley.co.uk

Admission Authority: Academy Trust
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Supplementary Form: NO

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 21

No. on roll: 196

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022

HUYTON AREA

Blacklow Brow Academy

Headteacher: Mr D Kenny
Address: Tarbock Road, Huyton, L36 5XW
Email: office@blacklowbrowschool.co.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8010
Website: www.blacklowbrowschool.co.uk

Admission Authority: Academy Trust
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Supplementary Form: NO

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 30

No. on roll: 210

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026

Hope Primary A Joint Catholic & Church of England School

Headteacher: Mr J Casson
Address: Lordens Road, Huyton, L14 8UD
Email: hope.primaryschool@knowsley.gov.uk

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 60
Admission Policy: Refer to School Website

Telephone: (0151) 477 8300

Associated Parish: St Dominic and St Luke's

Website: www.hopeprimary.com

Supplementary Form: YES

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 60

No. on roll: 401

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2023

Huyton with Roby Church of England Primary School (Academy)
part of the Liverpool Diocesan School Trust

Headteacher: Mrs J Stratford
Address: Rupert Road, Huyton, L36 9TF
Email: huytonwithroby@ldst.org.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8460

Admission Authority: Academy Trust
PAN: 60
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Associated Parish: St Michael's Church, Huyton and St Bartholomew's Church, Roby
Supplementary Form: YES
No. on roll: 341

Website: www.huytonwithrobyce.co.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 44

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: N/A

Knowsley Lane Primary School (Academy)
Part of the Multi Academy Vantage Trust

Headteacher: Mrs L Lord
Address: Astley Road, Huyton, Liverpool, L36 8DB
Email: klpoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk
Telephone: (0151) 556 9999
Website: www.knowsleylane.knowsley.sch.uk

Admission Authority: Academy Trust
PAN: 60
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Supplementary Form: NO

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 60

No. on roll: 416

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022, 2023, 2025 and 2026

Knowsley Village Community Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs J Barlow
Address: Sugar Lane, Knowsley, L34 0ER
Email: knowsleyvillage@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 289 5349
Website: www.knowsleyvillageschool.co.uk

Admission Authority: Local Authority
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Supplementary Form: NO

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 12

No. on roll: 154

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: N/A

Malvern Community Primary School

Headteacher: Mr A James
Address: Willoughby Road, Huyton, L14 6XA
Email: malvern@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8230
Website: www.malvernprimaryschool.co.uk

Admission Authority: Local Authority
PAN: 60
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Supplementary Form: NO

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 60

No. on roll: 419

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026

Park View Academy
part of the Multi Academy Dean Trust

Headteacher: Mr D Kenny
Address: Twig Lane, Huyton, L36 2LL
Email: ParkViewAdmin@deantrustparkview.co.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8120
Website: www.deantrustparkview.co.uk

Admission Authority: Academy Trust
PAN: 60
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Supplementary Form: NO

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 44

No. on roll: 336

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: N/A

Roby Park Community Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs K Allen
Address: Easton Road, Huyton, L36 4NY
Email: robypark@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8340
Website: www.robyparkprimary.co.uk

Admission Authority: Local Authority
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Supplementary Form: NO

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 30

No. on roll: 211

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026

St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss K Fitzsimmons
Address: Adswood Road, Huyton, L36 7XR
Email: staidan@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8370

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Associated Parish: St Agnes & St Aidan (The part of the parish formerly referred to as St Aidan)
Supplementary Form: YES

Website: www.staidanscatholicprimary.com

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 24

No. on roll: 187

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: N/A

St Albert's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L McEvoy
Address: Steers Croft, Stockbridge Village, L28 8AJ
Email: stalbert@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8560
Website: www.stalbertsprimary.co.uk

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Associated Parish: St Albert
Supplementary Form: YES
No. on roll: 176

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 23

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: N/A

St Aloysius Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss S Wrigley
Address: Twig Lane, Huyton, L36 2LF
Email: stalloysius@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8110
Website: www.stalloysius.co.uk

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 45
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Associated Parish: St Aloysius
Supplementary Form: YES

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 45

No. on roll: 315

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022 and 2023

St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mr L Anderson
Address: Marina Crescent, Huyton, L36 5XL
Email: stanne@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8260

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 45
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Associated Parish: St Agnes and St Aidan (The part of the parish formally referred to as St Agnes)

Website: www.stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk

Supplementary Form: YES

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 45

No. on roll: 299

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2026

St Brigid's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher:	Mrs R Tyler	Admission Authority:	Governing Body
Address:	Waterpark Drive, Stockbridge Village, L28 7RE	PAN:	30
Email:	stbrigid's.school@knowsley.gov.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 477 8370	Associated Parish:	St Albert
Website:	www.stbrigidprimary.co.uk	Supplementary Form:	YES
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	30	No. on roll:	205
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026			

St Columba's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher:	Miss K Edwards	Admission Authority:	Governing Body
Address:	Hillside Road, Huyton, L36 8BL	PAN:	30
Email:	stcolumbas@knowsley.gov.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 477 8360	Associated Parish:	St Columba and St John Fisher (The part of the parish formerly referred to as St Columba)
Website:	www.stcolumbasknowsley.co.uk	Supplementary Form:	YES
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	30	No. on roll:	204
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2026			

St Gabriel's Church of England Primary School (Academy)

Headteacher:	Miss A Bushell	Admission Authority:	Academy Trust
Address:	Ellis Ashton Street, Huyton, L36 6BH	PAN:	30
Email:	stgabrielsoffice@remat.org.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 477 8250	Supplementary Form:	YES
Website:	www.stgabrielshuyton.net		
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	29	No. on roll:	197
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2023			

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

Headteacher:	Mrs C Lewis	Admission Authority:	Governing Body
Address:	Tithebarn Road, Knowsley Village, L34 0HA	PAN:	30
Email:	stjohnfisher.de@knowsley.gov.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 477 8590	Associated Parish:	St Columba & St John Fisher (The part of the parish formerly referred to St John Fisher)
Website:	www.stjohnfisherprimary.co.uk	Supplementary Form:	YES
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	26	No. on roll:	183
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022 and 2023			

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Ms P McIlroy
Address: Edenfield Crescent, Huyton, L36 6DS
Email: stjoseph@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8990

Website: www.stjosephshuyton.co.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 30

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2026

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 30

Admission Policy: [LINK](#)

Associated Parish: St Agnes & St Aidan (the part of the parish formerly referenced to as St Aidan)

Supplementary Form: YES

No. on roll: 206

St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School

Headteacher: Miss S-J Carroll
Address: Pilch Lane, Huyton, L14 0JG
Email: stmargaretmary@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8815
Website: www.stmargaretmarysinfant.com

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 109

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: N/A

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 120

Admission Policy: [LINK](#)

Associated Parish: St Margaret Mary

Supplementary Form: YES

No. on roll: 313

St Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

Headteacher: Mr M Brooks
Address: Pilch Lane, Huyton, L14 0JG
Email: StMargaret@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8490
Website: www.smmj.co.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 120

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: N/A

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 120

Admission Policy: [LINK](#)

Associated Parish: St Margaret Mary

Supplementary Form: YES

No. on roll: 456

St Margaret Mary's Infant and Junior schools in Huyton operate as separate infant and junior schools and there is no automatic transfer. Parents/carers of children in year 2 of the infant school must apply for a place in year 3 of the junior school during the primary application period 12 September 2026 to 15 January 2027.

In the Autumn term, parents/carers of year 2 pupils should receive a letter and application form to their home address to remind them of the requirement to apply. Parents/carers of children who do not currently attend the infant school may also apply and can request an application form by email to schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk.

Stockbridge Village Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L Ford
Address: The Withens, Stockbridge Village, L28 1AB
Email: stockbridge@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8020
Website: www.stockbridgevillageprimary.co.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 30

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: N/A

Admission Authority: Local Authority
PAN: 30

Admission Policy: [LINK](#)

Supplementary Form: NO

No. on roll: 184

Sylvester Primary Academy
part of the Wade Deacon Multi Academy Trust

Headteacher: TBC
Address: St John's Road, Huyton, L36 0UX
Email: school@sylvesterprimaryschool.co.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8320
Website: www.sylvesterprimaryschool.co.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 30

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2026

Admission Authority: Academy Trust
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Supplementary Form: NO

No. on roll: 256

Willow Tree Primary (Academy)
Part of the Multi Academy Vantage Trust

Headteacher: Mrs E Riley
Address: Bedford Close, Huyton, L36 1XH
Email: wtpoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8190
Website: www.willowtree.knowsley.sch.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 21

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: N/A

Admission Authority: Academy Trust
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Supplementary Form: NO

No. on roll: 159

KIRKBY AREA

Eastcroft Park Community Primary School

Headteacher: Miss J Withey
Address: Hollinghurst Road, Kirkby, L33 1EB
Email: EastcroftPark.School@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8210
Website: EastcroftPark.School@knowsley.gov.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 27

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2025

Admission Authority: Local Authority
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Supplementary Form: NO

No. on roll: 195

Kirkby Church of England Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L Evans
Address: Hall Lane, Kirkby, L32 1TZ
Email: kirkbyce.school@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8510

Website: www.kirkbycofe.co.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 41

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 40
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Associated Parish: Kirkby Team Ministry (St Chad's, St Martin's and St Andrew's)
Supplementary Form: YES
No. on roll: 277

Millbrook Community Primary School

Headteacher:	Mrs J Maher	Admission Authority:	Local Authority
Address:	Kirkby Row, Westvale, Kirkby, L32 0TG	PAN:	45
Email:	millbrook@knowsley.gov.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 477 8160	Supplementary Form:	NO
Website:	www.millbrookprimaryknowsley.co.uk		
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	45	No. on roll:	296
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years:	2024, 2025 and 2026		

Northwood Community Primary School

Headteacher:	Miss Sarah Murphy	Admission Authority:	Local Authority
Address:	Roughwood Drive, Northwood, Kirkby, L33 8XD	PAN:	60
Email:	northwood.primary@knowsley.gov.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 477 8630	Supplementary Form:	NO
Website:	www.northwoodcommunityprimaryschool.co.uk		
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	58	No. on roll:	430
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years:	2023		

Park Brow Community Primary School

Headteacher:	Miss C Swinburn	Admission Authority:	Local Authority
Address:	Broad Lane, Southdene, Kirkby, L32 6QH	PAN:	60
Email:	parkbrow.school@knowsley.gov.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 477 8540	Supplementary Form:	NO
Website:	www.parkbrowprimary.co.uk		
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	48	No. on roll:	390
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years:	2022		

Ravenscroft Community Primary School

Headteacher:	Mrs O Coleman	Admission Authority:	Local Authority
Address:	Ebony Way, Tower Hill, Kirkby, L33 1XT	PAN:	30
Email:	ravenscroft@knowsley.gov.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 477 8290	Supplementary Form:	NO
Website:	www.ravenscroftcp.co.uk		
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	30	No. on roll:	196
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years:	2025 and 2026		

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School

Headteacher:	Mr J Casson (Interim)	Admission Authority:	Governing Body
Address:	Moorfield, Tower Hill, Kirkby, L33 1DZ	PAN:	45
Email:	peterandpaul@knowsley.gov.uk	Admission Policy:	Refer to school website
Telephone:	(0151) 477 8205	Associated Parish:	Saints Peter and Paul, Kirkby
Website:	www.saintspeterandpaulcps.org.uk	Supplementary Form:	YES
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	41	No. on roll:	291
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years:	N/A		

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs J Ryan
Address: Bewley Drive, Southdene, Kirkby, L32 9PF
Email: stjosephtheworker@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8710

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Associated Parish: St Joseph and St Laurence (the parish formally referred to as St Joseph the Worker) and Holy Name, Fazakerley

Website: www.stjosephtheworkercps.co.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 30

Supplementary Form: YES

No. on roll: 209

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026

St Laurence's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mr MacKenzie
Address: Leaside Avenue, Southdene, Kirkby, L32 9QX
Email: StLaurence's.School@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 546 4733

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 60

Admission Policy: Refer to school website

Associated Parish: St Joseph and St Laurence (the part of the parish formally referred to as St Laurence)

Website: www.stlaurences.co.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 60

Supplementary Form: YES

No. on roll: 364

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022, 2023 and 2026

St Marie's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mr M White
Address: Bigdale Drive, Northwood, Kirkby, L33 6XL
Email: stmaries@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8480

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 30

Admission Policy: [LINK](#)

Associated Parish: St Mary Mother of God

Website: www.stmariescps.co.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 24

Supplementary Form: YES

No. on roll: 195

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2025

St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs E Scott
Address: Sidney Powell Avenue, Westvale, Kirkby, L32 0TP
Email: StMichael.andAllAngels@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8400

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 60

Admission Policy: Refer to school website

Associated Parish: St Michael and All Angels and St Mary & St Kentigern (The part of the parish formerly referred to as Most Holy Redeemer and St Kentigan)

Website: www.smaaa.info

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 37

Supplementary Form: YES

No. on roll: 372

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022

Westvale Community Primary School

Headteacher:	Mr C Richardson	Admission Authority:	Local Authority
Address:	Melverley Road, Westvale, Kirkby, L32 0RQ	PAN:	45
Email:	westvale.school@knowsley.gov.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 477 8470	Supplementary Form:	YES
Website:	www.westvaleprimary.co.uk		
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	20	No. on roll:	180
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years:	N/A		

PRESCOT AND CRANTON AREA

Cranton Church of England Primary School (Academy) Part of the Liverpool Diocesan School Trust

Headteacher:	Mrs A Willis	Admission Authority:	Academy Trust
Address:	Smithy Lane, Cranton, WA8 5DF	PAN:	30
Email:	crantonceldst.org.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 424 3881	Supplementary Form:	YES
Website:	www.crantonceldst.co.uk		
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	30	No. on roll:	207
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years:	2022, 2023 and 2024		

Evelyn Community Primary School

Headteacher:	Miss S Macleod	Admission Authority:	Local Authority
Address:	Evelyn Avenue, Prescott, L34 2SP	PAN:	35
Email:	evelyn.de@knowsley.gov.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 477 8750	Supplementary Form:	YES
Website:	www.evelyncpschool.co.uk		
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	35	No. on roll:	232
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years:	2022, 2023 and 2026		

Halsnead Primary School (Academy) part of the Multi Academy Heath Family Trust

Headteacher:	Mrs H Whitehall	Admission Authority:	Academy Trust
Address:	Pennywood Drive, Whiston, L35 3TX	PAN:	60
Email:	halsnead@knowsley.gov.uk	Admission Policy:	LINK
Telephone:	(0151) 477 8130	Supplementary Form:	YES
Website:	www.halsnead.co.uk		
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake:	30	No. on roll:	222
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years:	N/A		

Holy Family Catholic Primary School (Cronton)

Headteacher: Mrs H Rooney
Address: Hall Lane, Cronton, WA8 5DW
Email: holyfamilycronton.school@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 424 3926

Website: www.holyfamilycronton.co.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 27

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Associated Parish: Holy Family, Cronton and the part of St Wilfred's parish, Widnes, (formally referred to as St Pius X)
Supplementary Form: YES
No. on roll: 197

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs A Sutton
Address: Ward Street, Prescott, L34 6JJ
Email: ourlady@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8220

Website: www.ourladysprescot.com

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 30

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2022 and 2026

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Associated Parish: Our Lady Immaculate and St Joseph, Prescott and Our Lady's Help of Christians, Portico
Supplementary Form: YES
No. on roll: 204

Prescot Primary School (Academy) Part of the Multi Academy Rowan Learning Trust

Headteacher: Mrs Linda Seddon
Address: Maryville Road, Prescot, L34 2TA
Email: admin@prescotprimary.org.uk
Telephone: (0151) 432 7100
Website: www.prescotprimary.org.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 60

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2023 and 2024

Admission Authority: Academy Trust
PAN: 60
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Supplementary Form: NO
No. on roll: 407

St Leo's & Southmead Catholic Primary School Serving the Community

Headteacher: Mrs A Tambourini
Address: Lickers Lane, Whiston, L35 3SR
Email: stleo's.school@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8410
Website: www.stleossouthmead.co.uk

Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 35

Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2026

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Associated Parish: St Leo's
Supplementary Form: YES
No. on roll: 211

St Luke's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mr A Crist
Address: Shaw Lane, Prescot, L35 5AT
Email: stluke@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8580

Website: www.stluke.knowsley.sch.uk
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 28
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: N/A

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Associated Parish: St Luke the Evangelist
Supplementary Form: YES
No. on roll: 187

St Mary & St Paul's Church of England Primary School

Headteacher: Mr M Sheerin
Address: Bryer Road, Prescot, L35 5DN
Email: maryandpaul@knowsley.gov.uk
Telephone: (0151) 426 6869
Website: www.stmaryandstpauls.org.uk
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 27
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: N/A

Admission Authority: Governing Body
PAN: 30
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Supplementary Form: YES

No. on roll: 196

Whiston Willis Primary Academy part of the Wade Deacon Multi Academy Trust

Headteacher: Mr I Cooper
Address: Milton Avenue, Whiston, L35 2XY
Email: school@whistonwillis.co.uk
Telephone: (0151) 477 8270
Website: www.whistonwillis.co.uk
Places allocated for 2026/27 intake: 60
Previous oversubscription in last 5 years: 2025 and 2026

Admission Authority: Academy Trust
PAN: 60
Admission Policy: [LINK](#)
Supplementary Form: NO

No. on roll: 384

Oversubscription criteria for Knowsley Schools

If more applicants name a school as a preference than the number of places that are available (more than the PAN), the admission authority apply the oversubscription criteria from their admission arrangements to all applications to decide who will be offered places.

The oversubscription criteria used by different Knowsley schools is summarised here, but parents/carers should view a full copy, including explanatory notes, using the link to the Admission Policy from the school list, or by visiting the relevant page of the Knowsley Council website [Determined admission arrangements for Knowsley schools 2027/28 | Knowsley Council](#).

Oversubscription criteria used by Knowsley Community Primary Schools and named academies

(Plantation, Blacklow Brow, Knowsley Lane, Knowsley Village, Malvern, Park View, Roby Park, Stockbridge Village, Willow Tree, Eastcroft Park, Millbrook, Northwood, Park Brow, Ravenscroft, Westvale, Evelyn, Halsnead, Prescott)

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. This includes children who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children with a sibling already attending the preferred school and who will still be attending at the time of admission.
3. Distance from the child's home to school measured in a straight line. Those living nearest the school have priority.

The home to school measurement is a radial straight-line measurement using a Geographical Information System (GIS) based on Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) data and the National Grid co-ordinates for the application address and the school. The measurement is from the unique address nodal point of the applicant address to the unique address nodal point of the school and is in miles measured to three decimal places.

Tie-break

If there are more applicants than places available within criterion 1 or 2, criterion 3 will be used as a "tie-break". In rare cases, where the geographic tie-break does not assist, because more than one applicant lives at the same distance e.g., in a block of flats or the same distance in a different radial direction, random selection will be used to determine the allocation of places. This will be undertaken using a facility within the allocation software utilised by the local authority.

Oversubscription criteria used by academies who are part of the Wade Deacon Multi Agency Trust

(Sylvester, Whiston Willis and Yew Tree Schools)

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or a special guardianship order. This includes children who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children with a sibling already attending the preferred school and who will still be attending at the time of admission.
3. Children of staff – Where the member of staff has been employed at the Academy named as preference for 2 or more years at the time of application, or the member of staff was recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Parent(s)/carer(s) must state the employee's name on their admission application form. Details will be validated by the school.
4. Distance from the child's home to school measured in a straight line. Those living nearest the school have priority.

The home to school measurement is a radial straight-line measurement using a Geographical Information System (GIS) based on Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) data and the National Grid co-ordinates for the application address and the school. The measurement is from the unique address nodal point of the applicant address to the unique address nodal point of the school and is in miles measured to three decimal places.

Tie-break

If there are more applicants than places available within criterion 1, 2 or 3, criterion 4 will be used as a "tie-break". In rare cases where the geographic tie-break does not assist because more than one applicant lives at the same distance e.g., in a block of flats or the same distance in a different radial direction from school, random selection will be used to determine the allocation of places.

Oversubscription criteria used by named Knowsley Catholic Primary Schools

(St Andrew the Apostle, St Mark's, St Aiden's, St Albert's, St Aloysius, St Anne's, St Brigid's, St Columba's, St Joseph's, St Margaret Mary Infant, St Margaret Mary Junior, St Laurence's, St Joseph the Worker, St Marie's, St Michael & All Angels, Cronton Holy Family, Our Lady's, St John Fisher, St Luke's)

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Catholic children who are resident in the associated parish of the school.
3. Other Catholic children.
4. Members of an Eastern Christian Church not in full communion with Rome. (see notes 4)
5. Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
6. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
7. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order:

- (i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- (ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

Tie Break

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distances will be measured by the local authority which will carry out straight line measurements ('as the crow flies') using a computerised Geographical Information System (GIS) based on the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) data and national grid coordinates for the school and home address. The measurement is from the unique address nodal point of the applicant address to the unique address nodal point of the school and is in miles to three decimal places.

In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out. This should then be formally minuted by the admissions Committee for future reference.

Oversubscription criteria used by Halewood Holy Family Catholic Primary School for the Community

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A Baptised Catholic LAC will reduce the number of places within Criteria 2 and a non-baptised LAC will reduce the number of available places in Criteria 3.
2. Up to a maximum of 35 places (if required) will be allocated to the following priorities:
 - 2i. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of St John Vianney (the part of the parish formerly referred to as Holy Family). (see notes 3 & 10)
 - 2ii. Other baptised Catholic children. (see note 3)
3. Up to a maximum of 10 places (if required) will be allocated to the following priorities:
 - 3i. Children who are other than Catholic resident in the parish of St John Vianney (the part of the parish formerly referred to as Holy Family).If places remain available within either group 2 or group 3, any remaining places will first be allocated to any surplus applicants from the alternate group 2 or 3 before being made available to:
4. Members of an Eastern Christian Church not in full communion with Rome. (see notes 4)
5. Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion. (see note 5)
6. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader. (see note 6)
7. Other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order:

- (i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made. (see note 9)
- (ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above. (see note 7)

Tie Break

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distances will be measured by the local authority which will carry out straight line measurements ('as the crow flies') using a computerised Geographical Information System (GIS) based on the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) data and national grid coordinates for the school and home address. The measurement is from the unique address nodal point of the applicant address to the unique address nodal point of the school and is in miles to three decimal places.

In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out. This should then be formally minuted by the admissions Committee for future reference.

Oversubscription criteria used by Hope Joint Catholic and Church and England Primary School

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but then became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children with a sibling in the school.
3. Baptised Catholic children living in the area of the Catholic parish of St Dominic. (Map of the area is available from school)
4. Children who are baptised into the Church of England living in the parish of St Luke's.
5. Other Baptised Catholic and Church of England children.
6. Other children whose parents express a preference for a place.

Tie Break

Where a tie-break is required within or following criteria 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, the following distance tie-break will be used. Children living nearest the Primary School will have priority.

Oversubscription criteria used by St Leo's and Southmead Catholic Primary School

1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Leo's. (see notes 3&10)
3. Other children living in the parish of St Leo's.
4. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
5. Members of an Eastern Christian Church not in full communion with Rome. (see notes 4)
6. Children of other Christian Ecclesial Communities whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion. (see note 5)
7. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader. (See note 6)
8. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) Evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made. (See note 9)
- (ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above. (see note 7)

Tie Break

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distances will be measured by the local authority which will carry out straight line measurements ('as the crow flies') using a computerised Geographical Information System (GIS) based on the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) data and national grid coordinates for the school and home address. The measurement is from the unique address nodal point of the applicant address to the unique address nodal point of the school and is in miles to three decimal places.

In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out. This should then be formally minuted by the admissions Committee for future reference.

Oversubscription criteria used by Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School

1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of Saints Peter and Paul, Kirkby.
4. Other Baptised Catholic children.
5. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
6. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
7. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
8. Other children.

Tie Break

If it is not possible to offer places for all applicants within any criteria above, then places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school. Distance will be measured by the local authority which will carry out straight line measurements ('as the crow flies') using a computerised Geographical Information System (GIS) based on the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) data and national grid co-ordinates for the school and home address. In the event of distances being the same for two or more applicants where this distance would be last place/s to be allocated; we will use a system to randomly pick who will be offered a place.

Oversubscription Criteria used by Cronton Church of England Primary School (Academy)

1. Children who are cared for by a Local Authority or previously cared for by a Local Authority or Children who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. (See note 1)
2. Children of families resident in Cronton Village at the time of allocation. (See note 2)
3. Brothers and sisters of children who are on roll at the time of allocation and are expected to be attending the school at the start of the academic year in which the proposed new child entrant will start. (See note 3)
4. Children of parents/carers who attend worship at Cronton CE Mission Church. (See note 4)
5. Children of parents/carers who attend worship at St Luke's Church Farnworth, St Ambrose Widnes. (See note 4)
6. Children of parents/carers who attend worship at other Church of England Churches. (See note 4)
7. Children of parents/carers who attend worship of another Christian denomination. (See note 4)
8. Children who are on roll at Cronton Church of England School nursery no later than 30 September of the year before normal reception admission and are still attending the nursery throughout the application and allocation process.
9. Children living nearest the school. The distance from home to school is measured in a straight line (as the crow flies) from the home address using the geographical information system employed by the Local Authority that carries out measurements based on the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) data and national grid co-ordinates for the school and home address.

Tie Break

Should there be more applicants than places within any of criteria 1 to 9 above, the Governors will use the distance from home-to-school.

In the rare cases where a distance tie-break does not assist, e.g. two pupils living in the same block of flats, preference will be decided by random selection.

Where there are multiple births wanting admissions (e.g. twins, triplets) and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the Governing Body will exercise as much flexibility as possible with the requirements of infant class sizes.

Oversubscription criteria used by St Gabriel's Church of England Primary Academy

1. Looked after children (LAC) in the care of the local authority. • Children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those 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 (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order).
2. Children eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium, Pupil Premium or Service Premium. • Supplementary Information Forms must be submitted at the time of application (directly to the school) as evidence to support the admission under criteria 2 and 3 using the additional form provided.
3. Regular attendance at public worship in any Church of England church. Attendance will be established by information provided on the Supplementary Information Form completed by a member of the clergy or other designated church officer.
4. Children who will have a sibling at the school when they are due to start the school. The definition of sibling includes brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, adopted brother, adopted sister.
5. Children of all staff will be considered where the parent has a permanent contract of employment, and they were recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. They can work at any site with Rainbow Education Multi Academy Trust.
6. Children living nearest to the main entrance of the school in Ellis Ashton Street measured using a computerised mapping system limited to adopted pathways and highways maintained by the local authority.
7. All other applicants who have expressed a preference for the school.

Tie Break

Refer to school admission arrangements.

Oversubscription criteria used by Halewood Church of England Primary Academy

1. Children in public care and previously looked after children. (see note 1)
2. Children whose parent or guardian is a permanent staff member working at Halewood C of E Primary School. (see note 2)
3. Siblings of pupils attending the school at the time of admission. (see note 3)
4. Those children whose parent or guardian is a member of a Christian Church (Christian). (see note 4)
5. Other applicants. (see note 5)

Tie Break

Distance from the child's permanent home address will be used as a tie breaker in all criterion groups.

Oversubscription criteria used by Huyton-With-Roby Church of England Primary Academy

1. Children in care. This includes any 'looked after child' and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order or special guardianship order. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children whose parents worship regularly at St Michael's Church, Huyton and St Bartholomew's Church, Roby. (See note 1)
3. Children whose parents worship regularly at any Church of England church. (See note 1)
4. Children whose parents worship regularly in any other Christian church. (See note 1)
5. Children who have an older brother or sister on roll at the time of application and who will still be attending the school at the time of their admission. This includes full, half or stepbrothers and sisters, foster brothers or sisters and children who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit.
6. Other applicants.

Tie Break

Proximity to the school. The admissions authority will measure the distance by a straight line. All straight line distances are calculated electronically using a geographical information system.

If two or more children live at the same distance from the school (as can happen with families living in blocks of flats), random allocation, where supervised drawing of lots by an independent responsible person of good standing will be used to decide which child(ren) will be allocated the remaining place.

Oversubscription criteria used by Kirkby Church of England Primary School

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but then became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. (See note 1)
2. Children with a brother or sister in school at the time of application and at the time of admission. (NB: this includes half-brothers & sisters, foster children & stepsiblings living at the same address)
3. Children of Parents/legal guardian who are regular worshipping members of the churches of the Kirkby Team Ministry (St Chad's, St Martin's and St Andrew's). (See note 2)
4. Children of Parents/legal guardian who are resident in the ecclesiastical parish of Kirkby and are regular worshipping members of a Church or faith for which no denominational education is available within the ecclesiastical parish of Kirkby. (See note 2)
5. In the event of places still being available, children living the shortest distance from the school will have priority.

Tie Break

Where two or more applications cannot be otherwise separated the final place will be determined through a random draw conducted and scrutinised by person's independent from the school, and from the Children, Families and Wellbeing Directorate.

Oversubscription criteria used by St Mary & St Paul Church of England Primary School

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or a special guardianship order. This includes children who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children who already have brothers or sisters in the school at the time of the proposed admission
3. Children whose parents/carers worship regularly at either The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Prescott or St Paul's Church, Prescott
4. Children whose parents/carers worship regularly at any Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance, or a partner church of Affinity'.
5. Other children not falling into any of the above categories.

For applications under criteria 3 or 4, parents/carers must complete the school's Supplementary Form, which must then be signed by a member of the clergy at their church and then returned directly to the school before the closing date for admissions.

Tie Break

Where it is necessary to distinguish between applicants in a particular category, children living nearest the school, as measured in a straight line by the computerised measuring system used by the Local Authority, will have priority. On the rare occasions when the distance tie-break does not assist, random selection will be used to determine the allocation of places.

Primary School reception class allocation statistics 2026

The following tables show how many applications were made for each school at the time of the initial allocation of places and, where schools were oversubscribed at the time of the initial allocation of places, how places were allocated according to the admissions policy (oversubscription criteria).

As there is often movement following the initial allocation of places, the tables also show the final number of places allocated (correct at the time of publication) following changes such as late applications received, changes of preference and appeals.

The tables are intended to provide applicants with a guide as to how places have been allocated previously, but please remember that allocations can vary on a year to year basis and oversubscription criteria may also be different in previous years. There is never a guaranteed place at any school.

Community primary schools and Academies

School	September 2026 admission number	Initial number of applications received				How places were allocated	Final number of places allocated after late applications, appeals and changes of preference
		Total	1st	2nd	3rd		
Blacklow Brow Academy	30	129	45	46	38	Named School (EHCP) 1 Siblings 16 Home to school distance 13 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 0.387 miles	30
Eastcroft Park	30	68	26	28	14	Places were available for all who required them	27
Evelyn	35	107	27	50	30	Siblings 9 Home to school distance 26 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 2.123 miles	35
Halsnead Academy	60	56	23	15	18	Places were available for all who required them	28
Knowsley Lane Academy	60	124	60	38	26	Children with siblings 23 Home to school distance 37 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 0.940 miles	60
Knowsley Village	30	37	10	14	13	Places were available for all who required them	12
Malvern	60	225	113	70	42	Named School (EHCP) 1 Children currently/previously in care 0 Siblings 32 Home to school distance 27 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 0.306 miles	60
Milbrook	45	97	47	17	33	Siblings 27 Home to school distance 16 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 0.826 miles	45
Northwood	60	87	51	19	17	Places were available for all who required them	58
Park Brow	60	76	41	19	16	Places were available for all who required them	46
Park View Academy	60	72	29	23	20	Places were available for all who required them	44
Plantation	90	122	55	40	27	Places were available for all who required them	73
Prescot	60	122	48	43	31	Children with a Sibling 23 Home to school distance 37 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 4.431 miles	60

Community primary schools and Academies continued

School	September 2026 admission number	Initial number of applications received				How places were allocated	Final number of places allocated after late applications, appeals and changes of preference
		Total	1st	2nd	3rd		
Ravenscroft	30	63	27	17	19	Children currently/previously in care 1 Named School (EHCP) 1 Children with a Sibling 6 Home to school distance 22 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 0.0.552 miles	30
Roby Park	30	119	48	45	26	Children currently/previously in care 1 Children with a sibling 9 Home to school distance 20 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 0.211 miles	30
Stockbridge Village	30	34	17	11	6	Places were available for all who required them	22
Sylvester Academy	30	58	39	13	6	Children with a Sibling 22 Home to school distance 8 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 0.328 miles	30
Westvale	45	33	19	8	6	Places were available for all who required them in the initial allocation	20
Whiston Willis Academy	60	139	55	56	28	Named School (EHCP) 1 Siblings 16 Home to school distance 43 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 1.609 miles	60
Willow Tree Academy	30	23	14	3	6	Places were available for all who required them	21
Yew Tree Academy	30	55	20	15	20	Places were available for all who required them	21

Faith primary schools and academies

School	September 2026 admission number	Initial number of applications received				How places were allocated	Final number of places allocated after late applications, appeals and changes of preference
		Total	1st	2nd	3rd		
Cronton CofE Academy	30	67	27	20	19	Places were available for all who required them in the initial allocation	30
Cronton Holy Family	30	47	27	12	8	Places were available for all who required them in the initial allocation	27
Halewood CofE Academy	30	98	50	34	14	Children who have a sibling in the school 14 Children of parents/carers who are a member of a Christian Church (Christian) 10 Other Applicants 6 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 0.275 miles	31
Halewood Holy Family	45	107	55	27	25	Children in the care of the local authority 1 2i. Baptised Catholic children with a sibling in the school 14 2ii. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of St John Vianney (the part formerly referred to as Holy Family) 17 2iii. Other Baptised Catholic children 4 3i. Other children with a sibling in the school 3 3ii. Non-Catholic children resident in the parish of St John Vianney (The part formerly referred to as Holy Family) 6 In group 2, oversubscription occurred within criterion 2iii. The distance tie-break was applied to all applicants within this criterion and the last child to secure a place lived 0.755 miles from the school Continued	46

Faith primary schools and academies continued

School	September 2026 admission number	Initial number of applications received				How places were allocated	Final number of places allocated after late applications, appeals and changes of preference
		Total	1st	2nd	3rd		
Halewood Holy Family continued						In group 3, oversubscription occurred within criterion 3ii. The distance tie-break was applied to all applicants within this criterion and the last child to secure a place lived 0.301 miles from the school	
Hope Joint Faith	60	73	49	11	13	Places were available for all who required them	60
Huyton-with-Roby CofE Academy	60	65	25	18	22	Places were available for all who required them	44
Kirkby CofE	40	133	48	48	37	Children with a sibling at the school 14 Children of parents/legal guardian who are regular worshipping members of the three churches of Kirkby Team Ministry 1 Resident in the Parish and regular worship 0 Home to school distance 25 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 0.699 miles	41
Our Lady's	30	84	42	18	24	Baptised Catholic children with a sibling 10 Baptised Catholic resident in the parish 13 Other Baptised Catholic Children 4 Non-Catholic with a sibling 3 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 0.493 miles	30
St Aidan's	30	43	21	14	8	Places were available for all who required them	24
St Albert's	30	33	21	8	4	Places were available for all who required them	23
St Aloysius	45	74	37	16	21	Places were available for all who required them	45
St Andrew's	30	93	35	28	30	Named School (EHCP) 2 Children currently/previously in care 2 Baptised Catholic children with a sibling 7 Baptised Catholic resident in the parish 4 Other Baptised Catholic Children 12 Non-Catholic with a sibling 3 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 1.212 miles	30
St Anne's	45	105	46	34	25	Baptised Catholic children with a sibling 15 Baptised Catholic resident in the parish 20 Other Baptised Catholic Children 8 Other Children with a sibling 2 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 1.068 miles	45
St Brigid's	30	63	33	23	7	Children currently/previously in care 1 Baptised Catholic children with a sibling 4 Baptised Catholic resident in the parish 4 Other Baptised Catholic Children 7 Other Children with a sibling 4 Other denomination 0 Other children 10 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 0.343 miles	30
St Columba's	30	55	31	14	10	Children currently/previously in care 1 Baptised Catholic children with a sibling 4 Baptised Catholic resident in the parish 4 Other Baptised Catholic Children 1 Other Children with a sibling 10 Other denomination 4 Other children 6 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 0.459 miles	30
St Gabriel's CofE Academy	30	34	22	7	5	Places were available for all who required them	29
St John Fisher	30	36	24	9	3	Places were available for all who required them	26

Faith primary schools and academies continued

School	September 2026 admission number	Initial number of applications received				How places were allocated	Final number of places allocated after late applications, appeals and changes of preference
		Total	1st	2nd	3rd		
St Joseph the Worker	30	82	35	37	10	Named School (EHCP) 1 Baptised Catholic with a sibling 10 Baptised Catholic in the parish 9 Other Baptised Catholic Children 9 Other children with a sibling 1 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 0.399 miles	30
St Joseph's	30	92	38	30	24	Children currently/previously in care 1 Baptised Catholic with a sibling 12 Baptised Catholic in the parish 11 Other Baptised Catholic Children 6 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 1.094 miles	30
St Laurence's	60	111	55	35	21	Baptised Catholic with a sibling 16 Baptised Catholic in the parish 11 Other Baptised Catholic Children 11 Other children with a sibling 3 Children from other Christian denominations 3 Other Children 16 The last place allocated under this criterion was measured as 1.152 miles	60
St Leo's and Southmead	30	45	35	7	3	During the allocation of places, the Governing Body for St Leo's and Southmead Catholic Primary School confirmed to the Local Authority, that they agreed to admit above the published PAN to a maximum of 35 Places were available for all who required them.	35
St Luke's	30	43	22	13	8	Places were available for all who required them	30
St Margaret Mary's Infant	120	145	80	40	25	Places were available for all who required them	109
St Marie's	30	32	19	7	6	Places were available for all who required them	24
St Mark's	30	53	22	14	17	Places were available for all who required them	29
St Mary and St Paul's CofE	30	41	25	8	8	Places were available for all who required them	29
St Michael & All Angels	60	64	33	20	11	Places were available for all on time applications	37
Saints Peter and Paul	45	51	34	11	6	Places were available for all on time applications	41

Appeal Procedures

Schools will admit pupils without restriction until they have filled all the places they have available in the relevant year group (until they have reached their published admission number) and they do this strictly in accordance with how they say places will be allocated in their admission policy.

Where it would be considered by the admission authority of the school that to offer a further place/s would prejudice the provision of efficient education and the efficient use of resources in the school, a place is refused.

However, those applicants who cannot be offered a place at their preferred school/s will be offered a right of appeal against the refusal. Parents/carers might choose to appeal if they feel that the admission authority has not applied their policy correctly and their child has been disadvantaged as a result of this or if they feel, despite the policy, there are exceptional and unique circumstances why their child should be offered a place in a particular school.

At an appeal hearing, the panel members who take decisions are independent; they have no involvement with the school being appealed for and have had no involvement with the process of allocating places. However, all panel members are trained in national admission legislation and at least one panel member will have experience in education.

The appeal panel can either turn down your appeal or they can decide that an extra place should be made available for your child. To help them come to their decision, they will check how the admission authority applied its policy (oversubscription criteria). They will consider the reasons given by the school as to why there is no more room in the year group and the difficulties that will occur if another child/ren was to be given a place. They will also consider the reasons parent/carers give for wanting their child to attend that particular school and the difficulties if the child had to attend elsewhere. The panel will consider the balance of prejudice for both the school case and the parent case.

The panel are aided in the process by a neutral Clerk who ensures the appeal hearing is conducted correctly and can provide clarity to all parties about national admission appeal legislation, but the decision as to whether or not an exceptional place can be made available over the admission number for an individual child/ren is made only by panel members.

Infant class size appeals

The law requires infant pupils to be taught in groups of no more than 30 pupils with any one fully qualified teacher. If the published admission number of the school is 30 (or a multiple of 30 that results in infant classes being organised into groups of 30) and a 31st child were admitted, the school would normally have to arrange to employ a second teacher and/or create another teaching group during the infant years - this is known as "taking qualifying measures." Infant class size legislation restricts the grounds on which a typical prejudice appeal can be allowed because if it is proven that qualifying measures would be necessary, the balance of prejudice will be strongly towards the school. The panel look mainly at whether the admission authority applied its admission policy (oversubscription criteria) correctly and whether the decision to refuse was unreasonable in the circumstances.

If you are refused a place at a Knowsley primary school and wish to appeal, information provided by the admission authority of the school will clarify the type of appeal it will be (prejudice or class size).

Applicants can submit an appeal for more than one school they have been refused a place at if they wish. Initially, you inform the admission authority of the school that you wish to appeal – for Knowsley primary schools the following procedures for making an appeal should be followed:

Community schools

If you wish to appeal against a decision not to admit your child to a particular Knowsley community primary school, you should contact Knowsley School Admissions team who will provide you with an appeal form.

Telephone: (0151) 443 5143 / 3372 or Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

Your completed appeal form and supporting evidence should then be submitted to Knowsley Committee Services who undertake the organisation, administration and clerking duties for the independent panel hearing.

Academies

To appeal against a refusal for an Academy, you should contact the individual Academy directly by telephone or email and they will provide an appeal form or direct you how to submit an appeal.

Catholic schools (voluntary aided)

The Liverpool Archdiocese administer and co-ordinate the appeal process on behalf of Knowsley Catholic schools.

Parents/carers may wish to visit the Liverpool Archdiocese webpage to complete an appeal form on-line by searching for Appeals or access the information via the link below:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/education/admissions-and-appeals>

Or request a form by post by writing or telephoning:

Secretary for Appeals, Director of Schools, LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool, L17 1AA

Telephone: (0151) 522 1071

Church of England schools/adademies (voluntary aided)

To appeal against a refusal for a Church of England school, you should contact the individual school directly by telephone or email and they will provide an appeal form or direct you how to submit an appeal. If you have any general queries you may wish to contact the Diocese at the following address: Diocesan Board of Education, Schools Advisor (Governance), St James House, 20 St James Road Liverpool, L1 7BY. Telephone: (0151) 705 2190

General appeal arrangements:

- At least ten school days prior to the hearing, the Clerk will notify you of the date and arrangements for how the appeal is to be heard. You will also receive appropriate guidance notes about how the process will be undertaken when you submit an appeal.
- Approximately five days before the appeal, you will receive a confirmed time for your appeal together with an agenda for the hearing and copies of any supporting paperwork. *Copies of the school case, the written case from parent/carer and any supporting documents/evidence parent/carer have included will be circulated to all parties – panel members, appellant and relevant admission authority presenting officer – so everyone has chance to read and consider before the hearing itself.*
- The appeal hearing is usually held in person with all parties plus the Clerk in attendance. At the hearing both the school representative and parent/carers have the opportunity to present their written submissions and all parties can ask questions about each case. Parent's/carers are encouraged to attend and may, if they wish, be accompanied or represented at the hearing by a friend or relative. If parent's/carers do not wish to or cannot attend, the appeals panel will normally make a decision based on any written submission.

- Parents/carers will be notified in writing of the decision of the appeal panel and the grounds upon which it was made after the hearing.
In the case of the bulk allocation this will be after all appeals for the individual school have been heard as the panel may need to compare cases in their decision making).
- The decision of the appeal panel is binding on all parties.

Appeal Panel members must act in accordance with the School Admissions Appeals Code. However, if parents/carers feel that maladministration has taken place on the part of an appeal panel they can make a complaint to the Local Government Ombudsmen (LGO) or The Secretary of State depending on the school for which the appeal was made.

- To make a complaint in respect of an appeal for a maintained school, please visit the LGO website www.lgo.org.uk.
- Complaints in respect of an appeal for an Academy are made to the Department for Education, please visit www.gov.uk/school-admissions/complaints-about-the-appeals-process.

The complaint will be investigated and responded to but the decision of an appeal panel can typically only be overturned by a Court where the appellant or admission authority successfully applies for a judicial review of that decision.

Free, independent advice (for those eligible for legal aid) is also available from Coram Children's Legal Centre, you can visit their website: www.childrenslegalcentre.com

Further appeals

Parents/carers do not have the right to a second appeal in respect of the same school for the same academic year unless the admission authority has accepted a second application from the appellant because of a significant and material changes in the circumstances of the parent/carer/school or child. The LGO/DfE may also make a recommendation for an appeal to be reheard if they find maladministration has occurred in the first appeal.

Please note: for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), SEN procedures rather than the appeal process described above are followed to clarify whether a place can be offered at a particular school. Parents/carers should speak to their SEN Officer if they require further information.

In-year admissions and transfers

Generally, a child admitted as a reception class pupil would remain in that school until he or she has completed year 6 or is of age to transfer to secondary school (*the exception being children transferring from infant to junior school as part of a bulk allocation process*).

However, a change in circumstances could lead to a request for a transfer to a different school – if parents/carers wish to apply to transfer their child into a Knowsley primary school after the typical point of entry in reception class, **the following procedures apply**:

- An In-year application form must be completed. These are available to download from the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk or by contacting the School Admissions Team or directly from the Knowsley Primary School you wish to apply to.
- Completed applications should be returned directly to the primary school/s you wish to apply to (if you are applying to more than one Knowsley primary school, a separate application would need to be made to each school).
- If a place can be offered at a Knowsley school, an appropriate admission date will be agreed between the school and applicant. Wherever possible this will be a date that allows for a planned admission and the child will remain on roll at the current school until that time. Places will not typically be held available for longer than 20 school days from the date of offer as this could disadvantage other applicants.
- If a place is refused, applicants will be informed in writing of the reason for refusal and their right to appeal. (more information about appealing for a school place can be found on page 46).
- If a place is refused due to the year group being full to the published admission number, your child may be added to a waiting list. If a place can be offered in the school at a future date, applications can be considered from the waiting list. The waiting list will be ordered according to the school oversubscription criteria (not the date the child joins the list) so you must keep the school/Knowsley school admissions service informed of any change of circumstance that may affect your child's place on the waiting list.
- The waiting list is usually operated on an annual school year basis and closes at the end of the summer term. If a place has not been offered from the waiting list by the end of the school year in which you applied, you would need to make a new application in the new school year if you remain interested in a place.
- In some cases, applications may be referred for consideration under the Fair Access protocol (See page 50).

Local transfers

If your child is currently on roll at a local school (Knowsley or the surrounding area) but you are seeking a transfer because you are dissatisfied with the current school, for example if there has been an issue within the peer group or an incident you have concerns about, you are strongly recommended to discuss the matter with the Headteacher of your child's current school to try to resolve the issue before making a transfer application. Changing schools is not always the best way forward; parents/carers need to think about the advantages and disadvantages of moving.

Families moving into the area

If you are moving house into Knowsley and require a school place for your child, please email schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk providing the following information:

- Name/s and dates of birth of children.
- New local address and date of move.

- Current address and current registered school.
- Your name and contact details.

We can provide you with information about local school place availability.

Some schools may be fully subscribed in some year groups and will not be able to offer a place for your child/ren. There is no guarantee that parental preference will be met or that siblings will be offered places in the same school.

To make an application for Knowsley Primary schools, you should complete the in-year application directly with the primary school. Wherever possible, you should make your application 6 weeks in advance of your move taking place to allow time for your application to be processed – this is particularly important if the move means that your child/ren cannot continue to attend their current school due to distance.

Note: If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), you should contact your child's Local Authority SEND officer to discuss a school transfer.

Note: The Local Authority does not fund any costs of uniform associated with an in-year school transfer and transport assistance is only provided if you qualify under the school transport policy.

Note: Where parents/carers wish to apply for a school in another Local Authority, please contact that authority directly as application procedures may be different – neighbouring Local Authority details can be found on page 70.

For further information about in year transfer applications, visit the Education and Schools pages of the website www.knowsley.gov.uk

Fair Access Protocol

- Each Local Authority must have a Fair Access Protocol to ensure that, vulnerable and hard-to-place pupils can access school places as quickly as possible. The protocol is only used when these children are having difficulty securing a schoolplace in-year after reasonable measures have been taken to secure a place.
- The School Admissions Code identifies the categories of children who can be considered for placement by Fair Access panels.
- The Fair Access Protocol does not apply to the annual allocation of the reception intake or to children with an EHCP.
- Fair Access Protocols should seek to ensure that any children being placed via the protocol are distributed between schools. To achieve this, the Knowsley Fair Access protocol allows for placements in schools where capacity has already been reached. The right of appeal remains available when a child has been placed via fair access but parental preference has not been met.
- The Knowsley Fair Access Protocol is reviewed on an annual basis and the protocol is available to view on the Council website www.knowsley.gov.uk or by request from the School Admissions Team.

Children with Special Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

- Some children have special educational needs and disabilities, requiring special educational provision to be made for them. For the majority of children their mainstream school will meet their needs at SEND Support.
- However, for children with significant/complex learning difficulties, the Local Authority may be required to assess their education, health and care needs and, if appropriate, make an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). An EHCP describes a child's needs and the special provision made to meet their needs. Before an EHCP is issued, there will be a careful assessment of the child's education, health and care needs. Parents/carers are involved in every stage of this process and have a right to mediation and/or appeal if they are dissatisfied with the Final EHCP.

- The Local Authority has a duty to determine and review the provision for a child with an EHCP. For parents/carers of children with an EHCP, your choice of primary school should be discussed with you to enable the Local Authority to name the placement. The preferences you express will be considered by the Local Authority in accordance with the legislative requirements laid down in the Children & Families Act (2014) and the guidance issued in the Special Educational Needs & Disability Code of Practice (2015).
- You will receive confirmation of the school to be named in your child's EHCP from the Local Authority SEN service. If you disagree with the school named in your child's EHCP, you will be informed of your right of appeal to an independent tribunal. For further assistance on special educational needs matters, telephone (0151) 443 5145 or email SENDadmin@knowsley.gov.uk.

Pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Where a pupil has an EHCP and the Local Authority have named this school as provision, the child must be admitted.

Where this is a mainstream school and such pupils are known about at the time of the annual bulk allocation for community, academy and voluntary aided schools, they will be allocated a place in that school within the planned admission number, with priority before other applicants.

Special Schools and Designated Specialist Provision

Knowsley local authority has a number of special schools and designated specialist provision. Pupils attending these schools have complex and/or significant special educational needs and are placed by the SEND Team as a result an EHCP being issued, or an EHCP being amended following discussions at a review. In most cases the admission policy of these schools restricts admission to children with an EHCP that names the school as a provision.

For further information regarding admission to Special Schools, please contact the SEN Service by telephoning (0151) 443 5145 or email SENDadmin@knowsley.gov.uk.

Bluebell Park School

Cawthorne Close	Headteacher:	Miss M Slater
Kirkby	Telephone:	(0151) 477 8350
Knowsley	Capacity:	217
L32 3XQ	Age range:	2-19

Type of needs met: Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties, Severe Learning Difficulties, Autistic Spectrum Conditions

Northwood Community Primary School

Northwood Designated Specialist Provision (DSP)		
Roughwood Drive	Headteacher:	Miss S Murphy
Kirkby	Telephone:	(0151) 477 8630
L33 8XS	Capacity:	28
	Age range:	4-11

Type of needs met: All Special Educational Needs

Knowsley Central School

Mossbrow Road	Headteacher:	Mr D McConnell
Huyton	Telephone:	(0151) 477 8450
L36 7SY	Capacity:	100
	Age range	4-11

Type of needs met: All Special Educational Needs

Yew Tree Designated Specialist Provision (DSP)

Yew Tree Community Primary School The Avenue Wood Road Halewood L26 1UU	Headteacher: Telephone: Capacity: Age range	Ms R O'Hanlon (0151) 477 8950 28 4-11
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Type of needs met: All Special Educational Needs

Pupil Referral Unit

Knowsley Authority has one Pupil Referral Unit (PRU). This provision is for students who have or are experiencing difficulties in a mainstream setting due to medical, social, emotional or behavioural needs. Through a modified educational experience pupils are supported to develop alternative strategies to improve their resilience and confidence. Parents/carers cannot apply directly for a place in the PRU as they are typically by referral from a mainstream provider or the Local Authority.

Meadow Park School

Haswell Drive Stockbridge Village L28 1RX	Interim Headteacher: Telephone: Capacity: Age range:	Miss J Cleary (0151) 477 8100 140 5-16
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Other education support services

Knowsley School Attendance Service

- The School Attendance Service in Knowsley works in partnership with schools to support parents/carers of children who may be experiencing difficulties in maintaining regular attendance.
- If your child is experiencing any difficulties with regard to school attendance, you are requested to contact your child's school to discuss the issue in the first instance. Every school within Knowsley has access to a Local Authority Statutory School Attendance Officer.
- For general enquiries, the service can be contacted by email on School.Attendance@knowsley.gov.uk or by telephone on (0151) 443 5177 – please note this is a call back service and you will be required to leave a voicemail in order for an officer to contact you.

Getting to school in Knowsley

Visit Knowsley's Highways Information site <https://highways.knowsley.gov.uk> for help and advice to get to school quickly, safely and on time.

Whether you wish to walk, cycle, take the train or bus, you can find out more information about different ways to travel to school by visiting the following websites which provide sustainable travel information for parents and young people when travelling to, from and between education sites in Knowsley:

- www.merseytravel.gov.uk/getting-around/route-maps/Pages/Buses-Servicing-Schools.aspx
- www.merseytravel.gov.uk/getting-around/timetables/train-timetables/Pages/default.aspx

You can also download the sustainable modes of travel strategy document from these sites.

School achievement and attainment tables

If you are interested in obtaining information about a school's examination results or would like details of the latest Ofsted inspection report for a school details are also available via the national website www.direct.gov.uk

Financial support for primary age pupils

Home to school transport

Parents/carers need to consider how their child will travel to school and the costs involved. You can choose to send your child to any school, subject to availability of places, but there are certain conditions that have to be satisfied to qualify for travel support. The Transport Policy provides full details of how to qualify for support – the following is a summary of the main policy but should you require more information the policy can be found at: [Knowsley School Transport Information | Knowsley Info](#)

- A primary age pupil will be entitled to free travel if any one of the following conditions applies:
 - The school is more than 2 miles from the home address and there are no places available in a closer school. This includes children aged 8-11 from low income families.
 - The school is less than 2 miles from home but the journey could be classed as unsafe, even if the child is accompanied by an adult.
 - Children with special educational needs who meet the transport assessment eligibility criteria.
 - Children who have a temporary medical problem, or there are exceptional circumstances to be taken into consideration.
- Travel support generally means use of a Merseytravel zone ticket (bus pass).
- Low-income families are those pupils who are entitled to free school meals.

Contact details for information and advice about home to school transport

Telephone number: (0151) 443 2440

Email: SENDTransport@Knowsley.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-free-school-bus-pass.aspx>

Free school meals

From September 2026, free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit element)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Pupils are only eligible for a free school meal where both a claim has been made and the eligibility has been verified by the Local Authority or the school where they are enrolled.

From the start of the 26-27 academic year, there will be 2 categories for free school meals - **Targeted** and **Expanded**.

Free school meals targeted

As part of the Government's universal infant free school meals initiative, all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 can receive a free school lunch. School Meals are free to pupils whose parent/carer receives one of the following benefits:

- Income Support.
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance.
- An Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit and income of less than £16,190*.
(but not parents who receive Working Tax Credit – see below.)
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.
- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month).

Free School Meals – Expanded

Introduced from the start of the 26-27 academic year. To qualify you have to be in receipt of Universal Credit, with annual household earnings exceeding £7400 per year to be entitled to expanded Free School Meals (meals only).

Contact details for free school meal enquiries

Telephone: (0151) 443 4042

Website: www.knowsley.gov.uk (search for school meals service)

Charging for school activities

Schools can make charges for activities only in clearly defined circumstances. Governing bodies of individual schools can provide details of their policies about charging for school activities.

Contact details for neighbouring Local Authority school admission teams

Knowsley border closely with the Local Authorities listed below – parents/carers may wish to contact these authorities if they have questions or require information about schools in these areas.

Halton Borough Council

School Admissions, Children's Services Directorate, Rutland House, Halton Lea, Runcorn, WA7 2ES

Telephone: (0151) 511 7271

Email: schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk

Website: www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Lancashire County Council

PO Box 100, Pupil Access Team, Area Education Office (South), County Hall, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 0LD

Telephone: (01772) 532 109

Website: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Liverpool City Council

Children & Young People's Service, Cunard Building, Water Street, Liverpool, L3 1AH

Telephone: (0151) 233 3006

Email: admissions@liverpool.gov.uk

Website: www.liverpool.gov.uk

Sefton Council

School Support Services, 3rd Floor, Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 3NJ

Telephone: (0151) 934 3590

Email: admissions@sefton.gov.uk

In Year Admissions Email: iyadmissions@sefton.gov.uk

Website: www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions

St Helens Council

People's Services, School Admissions, PO Box 512, St Helens, WA10 9JX

Telephone: (01744) 678 360

Email: schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk

Website: www.sthelens.gov.uk

Summary timetable for admission to primary schools in Knowsley

For the school year 2026/27

The application, allocation and admission arrangements of pupils to reception classes of primary schools in September 2026 will, as far as possible, follow the timetable below.

12 September 2026	Applications open for Knowsley residents. Knowsley resident parents/carers of children known to Knowsley Early Years should receive a letter to their home address to advise them that their child is of age to apply for primary school. The letter will contain a unique identification reference number for use on the online application portal in order to make an application. Where a child is not known to Knowsley Early Years, the parent should access the online portal to make an application. The Knowsley Primary Admission Composite Prospectus is available online on the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk
AN IMPORTANT DATE NO LATER THAN 15 JANUARY 2027	Applications should be submitted by 15 January 2027 Applications submitted after this date may be classed as late.
16 April 2027	Allocation results will be issued to applicants (<i>national offer day is 16 April or the next available working day</i>)
June 2027 onwards	Appeals hearings to be held.
September 2027	Admission to primary school.
December 2027 (End of autumn term)	Formal reception class waiting list closes

Useful contacts

Admission to reception class in primary school	(0151) 443 5143
Admission to year 2 in a junior school	(0151) 443 5143
Admission secondary school	(0151) 443 5142
In Year Admissions / Transfers	(0151) 443 3372
Early Years	(0151) 443 5633 childcare.information@knowsley.gov.uk

Admission Appeals

Liverpool Catholic Archdiocese	(0151) 522 1071
Knowsley Committee Services (Clerks)	(0151) 443 3515 committees@knowsley.gov.uk
Corum - Children's Legal Centre	www.childrenslegalcentre.com www.childlawadvice.org.uk
Special Educational Needs/EHCP	(0151) 443 5145
School Attendance Service	(0151) 443 5177
English as an Additional Language	Karen.Foley@knowsley.gov.uk
Liverpool and Knowsley Special Educational Needs & Disability Information Advice and Support Services (SENDIASS)	www.contact.org.uk liverpoolknowsleysendas@bernardos.org.uk 0333 323 7768
Free school meal enquiries	(0151) 443 4042
Assistance with home to school transport	(0151) 443 2440
Travel Line (Merseytravel)	(0151) 330 1000 www.merseytravel.gov.uk

You can get this booklet in other formats.
Please contact Customer Services on 0151 443 4031
or email customerservices@knowsley.gov.uk

