



Applying for Secondary School for 2025/26

Information for Parents and Carers

Apply online from 15 August 2024
Deadline: 31 October 2024



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Your guide to applying for a Year 7 school place

Moving from primary to secondary school is a significant and exciting time for both you and your child. You will need to make some important decisions about the high school you want your child to attend. There are lots of rules around applying for a school place and it is important to be sure that you have all the information you need to submit your application and give yourself the best chance to be allocated a place at your preferred school for September 2025.

This guide explains the admissions process and gives you basic information on all our high schools but you can also get more detailed information from the schools themselves in their prospectus and we would encourage you to attend the school open evenings. I hope you find this guide useful.

The demand for places is high so it is essential you submit your application by the deadline to give you the best chance of getting a place at one of your preferred schools.

You can apply anytime from 15 August 2024 until the closing date of 31 October 2024.

You can name up to six preferences on your online application. Please use all your preferences and consider carefully using one of your preferences for your catchment school. If you decide not to apply for your catchment school, you will not automatically be allocated it should your other school preferences be unsuccessful. Your child is not guaranteed a place at their catchment school. However, your child's catchment school represents their strongest chance of obtaining a place at a school.

Last year over 100 children were allocated a school place in excess of 6 miles from their home because they did not put their catchment school as one of their preferences.

If you have any further questions or concerns, you can contact our Frontline Team at the Contact Centre on 0161 217 6022 who will be happy to help you or alternatively you can visit www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions for more information.

We hope that your child will enjoy the exciting times ahead of them in their new school.

Tim Bowman
Director of Education

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Dates for your diary

15 August 2024	Online application system becomes available.
31 October 2024	Closing date for receipt of applications
3 March 2025 – National Offer Day	Emails will be sent to applicants informing them of the outcome of their application
28 March 2025	Deadline for appeals to be received that will be heard before the summer holidays
Summer Term 2025	Appeals heard by an independent panel
September 2025	Pupils start school in Year 7
31 December 2025	Waiting lists for schools close unless individual school admissions arrangements say otherwise

Apply online at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Applications received **after** the **closing date of 31 October 2024** will be ranked in the last oversubscription criteria for all secondary schools. Please complete your application by the closing date to give yourself the best chance to be allocated a place at your preferred school for September 2025.

Our Schools

School	Headteacher	Address	Contact	Year 7 Places for September 2025
Community Schools				
Bramhall High School	Mr P Williams	Seal Road, Bramhall, SK7 2JT	0161 439 8045	270
Marple Hall School	Mr J Barker	Hilltop Drive, Marple, SK6 6LB	0161 427 7966	300
Stockport School	Mr I Irwin	Mile End Lane, SK2 6BW	0161 483 3622	270
Academies				
Cheadle Hulme High School	Mr D Brown	Woods Lane, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 7JY	0161 485 7201	270
Hazel Grove High School	Mr M Stewart	Jacksons Lane, Hazel Grove, SK7 5JX	0161 549 7700	270
Laurus Cheadle Hulme	Mr J Peet	Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 5GB	0161 507 5300	210
Priestnall School	Ms R Howarth	Priestnall Road, Heaton Mersey, SK4 3HP	0161 549 7300	255
Reddish Vale High School	Mrs L Hanson	Reddish Vale Road, Reddish, SK5 7HD	0161 477 3544	210
Stockport Academy	Ms J McCann	Heathbank Road, Cheadle Heath, SK3 0UP	0161 286 0330	210
The Kingsway School	Mrs A Fowler	Foxland Road, Gatley, Cheadle, SK8 4QX	0161 428 7706	270
Werneth School	Mrs P Foy	Harrytown Lane, Romiley, SK6 3BX	0161 494 1222	250
Denominational Schools				
Harrytown Catholic High School	Mr K Turmeau	Harrytown Lane, Romiley, SK6 3BU	0161 430 5277	165
St Anne's RC Voluntary Academy	Mr S Logue	Glenfield Road, Heaton Chapel, SK4 2QP	0161 432 8162	150
St James' Catholic High School	Mr A Pontifex	St James Way, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 6PZ	0161 482 6900	165

Section 1: Before you apply

This section gives you all the information you should know and things you need to do before making your application for a Year 7 place.

Think about where you want your child to go to school and talk to them before making the application. You know your child best and which school is the right school for them rather than what other people might tell you.

- It is important that you take time to read the information in this guide to help you understand how the application process works.
- Visit schools to ensure you are happy with your preferences before submitting your application.
- Look to see how many places are available in each school. This is called the Published Admission Number (PAN). This number is set to take account of the number of pupils each school can accommodate and how many places are needed in an area.
- Consider how likely it is that your child will be offered a place at your preferred schools.
- Read the oversubscription criteria for each school and look to see which apply to your child.
- **Use all six of your preferences.**

Maximising your chance of being allocated one of your preferred schools

Apply on time

- The closing date is 31 October 2024
- All applications received after this date will be processed at a later date after the majority of places have been allocated
- A late application means you are less likely to get the school you prefer or want

Use all your preferences

- You could disadvantage your chances if you do not use all six of your preferences
- Use one of your preferences to put your catchment school. If you don't put it as a preference and we cannot offer you one of your other preferences, you may be allocated a school that is a long distance from home, **you will not automatically get a place at your catchment school.**
- Each preference is considered in its own right so give yourself six separate chances
- We only look at the order of your preferences (1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.) if we are able to offer you more than one of your preferences. We will **always** allocate the highest preference

Include all relevant information

- Details of siblings who will still be at the school in September
- Any exceptional medical or social reasons that you want the school to consider

Consider your preferences carefully

- Many of our schools are heavily oversubscribed so have a look at the oversubscription criteria and see where you think your application might fit within those criteria

- Don't assume that you will be allocated a place at your closest school if you do not put it as one of your preferences.
- Don't assume anything, read this guide carefully.

Our different types of schools

There are several different types of schools in Stockport:

Community Schools - Community Schools are completely maintained by the Council, who are responsible for admission arrangements. There are currently three Community Secondary Schools in Stockport.

Voluntary Schools – Voluntary Aided (VA) schools are maintained by the Council but the premises are owned by the Diocesan Authorities who are responsible for building improvements and repairs. There are also Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools, where the Council provides maintenance and running costs but does not own the premises. There are two Catholic Voluntary Aided secondary schools in Stockport. There are no Voluntary Controlled secondary schools in Stockport.

Academies - Academies are publicly funded independent schools, free from Council and national government control. These schools are their own Admissions Authority and employ their own staff. There are nine academy high schools in Stockport.

Free schools - Free Schools are all-ability state-funded schools set up in response to parental demand. They can be set up by a wide range of proposers, including charities, universities, businesses, educational groups, teachers and groups of parents. There are no free schools in Stockport.

Independent Schools – Independent schools are not maintained by the Council. Tuition fees are usually charged although bursary schemes may be operated. The Council does not have responsibility for these schools, or their admissions and applications should be made directly to the school.

Schools in other areas - These are schools maintained by other Councils and Stockport has no responsibility for admissions to these schools; **however, you must still apply through Stockport Council if you live in Stockport.**

More information about schools

Many parents will choose to send their children to a local school; however, you may wish to find out more about some other schools before making your decision.

Each school has a website which will give you lots of information about the school.

There are often strong links between associated primary and secondary schools and your child may have already had some contact with a school.

You can find useful information on the Department for Education website (www.education.gov.uk) including Ofsted reports and school profiles.

You can also attend the schools' open evenings where you will have a chance to look around the schools and raise any questions.

Where to apply to

Stockport operates a co-ordinated admissions scheme. This means parents only have to complete one application. There is co-ordination between the council and other admissions authorities, and every parent who lives in Stockport receives one offer of a school place.

Parents can express a preference for up to six schools. These schools can be in or out of Stockport.

If you live outside Stockport, you should follow your home council's application process, even if you wish to apply for a Stockport school.

Catchment areas

Most schools in Stockport have a geographical area around it called the catchment area and every address in Stockport falls within the catchment area of one primary and one secondary school. The catchment area in which the parent lives will determine which is the catchment school. Residence in the catchment area does not guarantee a place at the school.

Maps of these catchment areas can be obtained upon request by emailing admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk. You can also use your postcode to find out which school's catchment area you live in by searching [School catchment areas - Stockport Council](#).

The catchment school may not always be the nearest school (although it will be in your locality).

Some of our Catholic secondary schools have oversubscription criteria based on parish boundaries and you should contact the schools for maps of these areas.

The law says that parents are not guaranteed a place in their catchment school but that their application will be ranked in one of the higher oversubscription criteria of that school.

YOUR PREFERENCES AND CATCHMENT SCHOOLS

Although you don't have to include your catchment school in your selection, carefully consider using one of your preferences to put your catchment school.

If you don't and we cannot offer you one of your other preferences, you may be allocated a school that is a long distance from home.

You will not automatically get a place at your catchment school.

Deciding your preferences – equal preference scheme

The statutory equal preference system is used to allocate school places. This means that:

All your preferences are initially looked at individually, regardless of the order in which you have ranked the schools.

The order you have ranked your preferences becomes important when it is possible to allocate a place for your child at more than one of your preferred schools. In this instance you will be offered a place at the available school you have ranked the highest

Stockport has always maintained a consistently high rate of meeting parental preferences (over 90%) although it is very difficult to predict from year to year. Many of our schools are heavily oversubscribed which means they receive many more applications than they have places.

It is not possible to guarantee places at any school; however, the higher in the oversubscription criteria your child is in, the more chance you have of gaining a place.

The number of preferences you can make on your application is limited to six so you need to be realistic when making your preferences. If your child is unlikely to meet the criteria, you may not receive an offer at any of your preferred schools. This could happen if you don't live in the catchment area or live too far away from the schools or if you name a faith school and are not baptised in the relevant faith. So, it is very important to understand the order in which places are allocated if a school is oversubscribed by reading the admission arrangements for the school.

Although you don't have to include your catchment school in your selection, please carefully consider using one of your preferences to put your catchment school. If you don't and we cannot offer you one of your other preferences, you may be allocated a school that is a long distance from home, you will not automatically be allocated a place at your catchment school.

You don't have to use all six preferences. However, if you only put one preference, and are not offered a place at that school, you will be offered a place at the next nearest school with an available place after all other applicants have been considered.

Each of your preferences will be considered equally and separately. Putting more than one preference will not affect your chance of being offered your first preference. Schools are not told the preference of each application and they consider your child's application against their oversubscription criteria only and not according to the order of preference you put the school on your application.

You can make any changes to your application before the closing date. However, if you wish to change your preferences or you wish to change the preference order after the closing date, you will not be able to do so unless there are exceptional reasons for doing so.

Details of the outcome of the admissions process for September 2024/25 admissions are available in section 5.

Children with special educational needs

Our schools always endeavour to meet the needs of individual children, and most will find their needs can be met within a mainstream school. Some children however may have additional needs which require additional support; for example, when children have a learning difficulty or a disability that means they find it harder to learn than other children in their age group. Children may have a range of needs, including physical or sensory difficulties, language difficulties and emotional/behavioural difficulties.

The network of services that work with schools in Stockport means that each young person's needs can be addressed with additional support to overcome the barriers they face.

Schools may not refuse to admit a child because they feel unable to cater for their special educational needs. Schools cannot refuse to admit a child on the grounds that they do not have an Education Health & Care (EHC) Plan or are currently being assessed.

There is a clear expectation that pupils with special educational needs will be included in mainstream schools. A parent's wishes to have their child with an Education, Health and Care plan educated in a mainstream school should only be refused in the small minority of cases where the child's inclusion would be incompatible with the efficient education of other children. It is Stockport Council's policy to educate children in mainstream schools, if this is the parent's wish, wherever possible.

If a pupil has a disability, the school must not treat him/her less favourably than other pupils because of the disability and must take reasonable steps to avoid putting the pupil at a substantial disadvantage compared to pupils without disability. This requirement applies to the full range of school activities in and outside the classroom. Where a pupil needs additional aids and services, these will usually be provided through the pupil's Education, Health and Care Plan. However, the requirement to take reasonable steps does not include adaptations to school buildings. There is an expectation that, over time, schools and the Council will increase physical access for disabled pupils. However, to make all schools physically accessible will take a long time and therefore the Authority has adopted a policy of making a number of schools accessible, with at least one school in each area, adapted to meet the needs of physically disabled pupils.

If a pupil requires or is likely to require in the future, wheelchair access or specialist facilities such as a disabled toilet or changing facilities, a place will usually be provided in one of the designated schools.

The process of allocating a high school place for children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) is different from children who do not have an EHC Plan. A parent of a pupil due to transfer to secondary school and who has an EHC plan will be able to express a preference for a secondary school during the review process taking place in the Summer of Year 5 or Autumn term of Year 6. Parents / carers should be aware that if their child is not allocated a place at their preferred school, they have a right to appeal to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal. You should contact Stockport's Special Education Needs and Disabilities Team to discuss the transition arrangements for your child. You do not need to apply via the normal application process. **Children still going through the statutory assessment process (without a finalised EHCP) must follow the same online application procedure as that set out for other children.**

There is lots more information for parents / carers on Stockport's local offer which you can find here <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/showcase/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-send-local-offer>

Summer born children

If your child's entry to primary school has already been delayed under the summer born process, and you wish your child to remain outside of their age group when they transfer to high school, you will need to apply once again for an outside normal year group place.

You should be aware that the decision by one Admissions Authority is not binding on other admissions authorities so it is possible that a new Admissions Authority will decide that it is in your child's best interests to return to their normal year group and so your child would miss a school year.

Admission authorities will consider your request in the same way as the original request but must also take into account that your child has been educated in a different year group up until this point. For many children, it will be right for them to remain with their adopted year group, but it is possible that others may be better off joining their normal year group.

All decisions will be made taking individual circumstances into account and considering all of your child's needs, including their social and emotional needs. You should make this request alongside an application for a school place and should do so when your child's normal year group are making applications for a school place. **This means that a summer born child that started in Reception a year later than is usual, would apply for a secondary school place and for an out of year group place when they are in year 5 rather than year 6.**

Admission outside of chronological age group

Requests should be submitted in writing to the Admissions Authority responsible for the school preferred by the parent. Requests should be supported by documentary evidence where necessary. The Admissions Authority will consider the request based on the information provided, the Admissions Authority reserves the right to request further information or request that the child is assessed by the school's Headteacher. Decisions are communicated in writing and are final.

Please also consider the points below before submitting a request:

- It is advised that all parents/ carers wishing submit a request, still make an application for a school place at the normal time.
- Requests should be made in writing to the relevant Admissions Authority for the school the request relates to
- Parents / carers may provide any supplementary documentary evidence to support their request
- Decisions are made by the Admissions Authority on an individual case basis and will consider:
 - The views and wishes of the parent
 - The views of the prospective Headteacher/Governing Body
 - Evidence indicating academic, social and emotional development to date
 - Where relevant, the child's medical history
 - Whether the child has previously been educated out of age group
 - If the child would have fallen into another age group if it were not for the child being born prematurely
- Decisions will be communicated in writing
- Should a request be granted, it does not indicate a formal offer of a school place instead it is an agreement to consider the child's application for a school place outside of the normal admissions round.

- Should the request be granted, and your child is unsuccessful at obtaining a place at the school requested. The agreement to consider other schools outside of the normal admissions round may not be extended, particularly if the school is under the control of a different Admissions Authority. This could result in your child being considered for school places in the expected chronological age group

YOUR PREFERENCES AND CATCHMENT SCHOOLS

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If you don't and we cannot offer you one of your other preferences, you may be allocated a school that is a long distance from home.

You will not automatically get a place at your catchment school.

Remember to apply by 31 October 2024

Every year some applicants miss out on the opportunity to be allocated a place at their preferred school because they miss the closing date.

Applications received after the closing date are the last criteria to be considered for places.

Section 2 – Making your application

This section gives you information to help you complete your application. Please read it carefully

The admissions process for primary schools is co-ordinated which means that all Councils work together to make sure the process is similar for all parents, regardless of where they live or which school they wish to apply for.

If you live in Stockport and your child is due to start Reception in September 2025, you must apply using the online system available at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The online system is available from 15 August 2024 and closes at midnight on 31 October 2024.

Applying online

The parent portal

- If you do not already have a parent portal account, you will need to register online at: <https://education.stockport.gov.uk/Synergy/>
- If you don't already have an email address, you will need to create one before you can register
- Please keep your log in details safe as you will need them to log into your account to see the outcome of your application on national offer day
- Once you have registered, you will receive an email with a link you must click in order to verify your email address
- If you already have a parent portal account, you will need to sign into it. If you have forgotten your password you will need to reset it

If the schools you wish to apply for are not listed on the portal, you must contact the School Places, Admissions and Transport Team on admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk before 11:59pm on 31 October 2024, otherwise your application will be considered late

You will receive an acknowledgement email once you have submitted your application. If you do not receive an acknowledgment email, please contact the School Places, Admissions and Transport Team as soon as possible

What you need to do when completing the online application

- You will need to answer questions about your child including their name, address, date of birth
- You will need to provide your contact details, including your email address and phone number as well confirmation of your relationship to the child
- Decide which six schools you would most like your child to attend and decide your order of preference
- Include details of any exceptional medical and social needs on the online form. Supporting documents should be uploaded to your application or you can send them to the School Places, Admissions and Transport Team using the contact details at the back of this document. Please write your child's name and date of birth on all documents.
- You will need to confirm your child's religion if you are applying for a denominational school

- You may need to enclose a supplementary information form for each Roman Catholic / Church of England school you are applying for, if applicable and return to each relevant school. **Before applying you should check whether your preferred schools require you to provide any additional information**
- If your child will have a sibling on roll at a school at the time of admission you should include the sibling details to ensure that your application is placed in the correct oversubscription criteria

You can change your application at any time up to the closing date by logging back into your account, but you must remember to resubmit it every time you make a change. You will not be able to make any changes after the closing date.

If you don't have access to the internet, free internet access and access to computers is available in Stockport Libraries.

If you experience any technical difficulties when making your application, contact the School Places, Admissions and Transport Team

Your home address

For the purpose of allocating school places in Stockport, only one address can be used and the address to be used should be the principal parental home address. Parents/ carers cannot, for example use:

- a child minder's address, the address of a grandparent or anyone else who may provide childcare
- a property they own but do not live in as the principal parental home, this would include business properties with living accommodation

Determining a child's principal parental address

Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, the place of residency will be determined as the address where the child lives for the majority of the week (e.g., where the child wakes up the majority of mornings each week). Full details must be submitted in writing to enable the Council to determine which address will be used for the purpose of admission.

Where care is shared jointly, and it is not possible to determine which parent is the principal carer the Council will consider the following information to decide on a main address for the child:

- Address to which child benefit is claimed
- Address held by child's current School or Nursery
- Child's registered GP address
- Child's registered dentist address
- Any other documentation indicating the child's registered address

In the instance that further information is received regarding a conflict to the principal parental address of a child which has been provided, the Council have the right to request both parent/ carers to provide proof of the child's residency at the address.

If you move address after you have applied, you must notify the School Places, Admissions and Transport Team as soon as possible as this may have an impact on your application.

Parental responsibility

For the purpose of allocating school places parental responsibility is taken into account.

The definition of a 'parent' in education law is wider than just those with parental responsibility. The definition of a parent is defined in section 576 of the Education Act 1996. This can include all natural parents whether they have parental responsibility or not, other people who have acquired parental responsibility by court order or anyone else who has care of a child such as another family member.

Resolving parental disputes and multiple applications

Anyone with parental responsibility for a child can make an application for a school place, however, only one application in each admission round can be considered for a child. Parent/carers should agree on a set of preferences before submitting one application for the child.

In circumstances where two applications are made for one child (and applications differ), both parents will be contacted and asked to confirm which application should be processed and which should be withdrawn.

In circumstances where parent/ carers cannot come to an agreement:

- Where a principal parental address can be determined, the applicant residing at the child's principal parental home will be the application that is processed, and the other application will be withdrawn.
- Where the principal parental address cannot be determined, then neither application will be considered, and the Council will contact parents asking them to agree a single application to go forward for processing and provide a deadline for the final application to be confirmed.

In cases where parents cannot agree on the preferences for their child they should endeavour to do so as soon as possible. If mutual agreement is not possible, ultimately, a Specific Issues Order from the court may need to be obtained. If an agreement on a valid application form to be processed is not received, both applications will not continue to be processed until an agreement is made or a court order is provided.

Where the Council has a duty to offer a child a school place, any school with places available will be randomly selected and offered. This will not be any of the preferences expressed and may be considerable distance from either home.

School and Council staff must treat all parents equally, unless a court order limits a parent's ability to make educational decisions, participate in school life or receive information about their child.

Fraudulent applications

Any attempt to obtain a school place by using a false or intentionally misleading address is taken very seriously. Admissions Fraud is:

- Declaring you live at an address which neither the Child or Principal parent lives at

- Misrepresenting your childcare arrangements including custody, contact and those who have parental responsibility.
- False claims about a child's religion, their siblings or public care status

In all cases of suspected fraud, we will investigate the circumstances and where we find that the place has been obtained fraudulently, we may withdraw the place even if your child has already started at the school. Whilst we investigate, we may suspend your application and use other information available to us for example, council tax records. We will ask you to provide evidence of your circumstances within a set timeframe and make a decision based on this.

Looked After Children (LAC) and Previously Looked After Children (PLAC) – known as Cared for Children in Stockport

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires that schools' oversubscription criteria must give priority to looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those 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. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order). (See Section 1.7 of the School Admission Code). Parents/carers of all previously looked after children will need to provide a photocopy of the relevant order or proof of adoption with the application form. You can upload proof with your online application if you wish to be considered under this criterion.

Admission of children of UK service personnel and crown servants

Stockport Council acknowledges that service families are subject to movement within the UK and from abroad. The Council is not able to reserve places but will consider applications and allocate places in advance of the move provided the application is accompanied by an official letter declaring a relocation date. A Unit or quartering address can be used if evidence of the intended address is not provided. For in year admissions, places will be allocated, subject to a place being available in the relevant year group, prior to moving. If we are unable to allocate a place at that time, parents will be offered the right to appeal.

Your reasons for applying for each of your preferences

You are able to give reasons for each of your preferences. We need you to give us this information so that the Council or school governors can correctly apply their oversubscription criteria. Schools can only use their published admission criteria to decide which children qualify for a place. This means it may not be possible to consider some of your reasons for your preference. However, you should give any reasons that are detailed in your preferred school's criteria such as a sibling link, faith claim or exceptional grounds where applicable.

Siblings (brothers and sisters)

A sibling for the purpose of allocating a school place means one who is still attending the school at the time the child starts.

The sibling must be of statutory school age (Year 7 to Year 10 - this does not extend to children in attendance at sixth form provision if at the same school)

Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister or the child of the parent/carer's partner, where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the

same family unit at the same address as that sibling. This means that step or half brothers and sisters will be treated as siblings if they are living together, but full brothers and sisters living apart will not qualify.

Where there are applications for twins, triplets or other multiple births and there are not enough places for all of the children together within the Published Admission Number of the school, the Admission Authority will exceed the PAN to provide a place for all the children of the multiple birth.

Some schools may have their own definition of siblings in their admission arrangements so please ensure you read the admission arrangements for your preferred schools carefully.

Additional information you may need to provide

You should check the criteria for the schools you are applying for so you know if you have to provide any additional information, such as a baptism certificate. You can upload additional information to your online application or you can email it to the School Places, Admissions and Transport Team on admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk

Applying for a school with religious character

Many schools with a religious character will have oversubscription criteria that relate to this for example giving a higher priority for those of the school's faith.

If you are applying for a Stockport Catholic school, you will be asked if your child has been Baptised Catholic or not. You should only answer YES if your child's Baptism has actually taken place. An intention to have your child Baptised Catholic at a later date will not be considered. You will need to provide proof of your child's baptism to the school you are applying for. You can also upload it to the online admissions system when you make your application.

Highly exceptional medical and / or social reasons

You will have the opportunity to give your reasons for applying for a particular school, however, no places can be guaranteed at any school and parents should not make assumptions about entitlement to a place.

In very limited circumstances some applications may be considered as having highly exceptional medical/social reasons.

If an Admission Authority includes this in their oversubscription criteria it should be made clear how applications will be considered. Stockport Council has included an oversubscription criteria for highly exceptional medical/reasons and in very limited circumstances, some applications may be considered as having highly exceptional medical/social reasons. In such instances, successful applications in this criteria would be placed higher in the admissions oversubscription criteria for a particular school.

Where applicants feel this may be the case, they **must** indicate this by ticking the boxes provided on the application form and state the nature of the condition and/or circumstances. The applicant must provide written evidence from a recognised professional such as, but not limited to a consultant, doctor or social worker in support of their application. The supporting evidence must relate specifically to the child or family and the school for which the application

is being made and must clearly demonstrate why it is the only school that could cater for the child's specific requirements/needs.

It should also explain any difficulties that would arise if the child had to attend an alternative school. Any supporting evidence you have **must** be submitted to the School Places, Admissions and Transport Team **by the closing date 31 October 2024**. This can be sent by post to the address provided at the end of the booklet. If you do not provide evidence by this date, **it will not be considered**.

Very few applications are considered under this criteria in any one year, those that have been, have for example, been situations related to the sudden death or terminal illness of a parent or similar life changing/traumatic event.

A panel of Officers or Governors if relevant will consider the evidence given in the application and whether this is appropriate/ relevant for the particular school (and not just why a child shouldn't attend a different school). The panel does not have to accept any recommendations made in the evidence.

The panel will need to decide whether it shows that the needs of the child can only be met at the specific school. The panel expects the evidence to show why other schools would not be able to meet this need.

The panel will keep in mind that all Stockport schools are able to support children with special educational needs and are expected to manage most medical needs. This means it is unlikely that an application made only on these reasons would be successful.

An application with medical evidence may be agreed under this criterion where a child has an exceptional illness or disability (for example, limited mobility) which means that, in the opinion of the Panel, the child can only reasonably attend one school. If the Panel feels that the child's needs could be met by other schools, they will not agree the application.

An application with social evidence may be agreed under this criterion where a child's education would, in the opinion of the Panel, be seriously affected if they did not go to a particular school. This must be clearly shown in the supporting evidence.

A parent's place of work, childcare arrangements or a family connection with the school is not sufficient reason alone for agreeing an application. However, they may be taken into account if there are other reasons as well.

If the parent has applied for more than one school, the Panel will look at each application separately and make a decision.

Where the Panel agrees a child's application meets the threshold, it will be considered under the exceptional needs rule during the allocation of school places. However, an agreed application does not guarantee a place at the school.

The School Places, Admissions and Transport Team will not:

- respond to applicants who have included reasons for a particular preference
- seek further clarification of stated circumstances or contact any party which the applicant may suggest.

Children of staff

Children of staff at the school are defined by either or both of the following circumstances:

- a. where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
- b. the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

At the point of application, the Headteacher of the relevant school will be asked to verify the circumstances of the child/member of staff.

Declaration

You must declare on your application that you have parental responsibility for the child you are applying for and the address on the application is the main residence of the child. If you provide any false or misleading information on the application or in supporting papers, or withhold relevant information, it may render your application invalid and lead to the withdrawal of an offer of a place.

Submitting your application

The closing date for receipt of your application is 31 October 2024.

Before you submit your application please check that you:

- are familiar with the oversubscription criteria for each school you are applying for
- are clear on the order you want to list the schools you are applying for
- think carefully about naming a school where your child is unlikely to qualify for a place and
- do not disadvantage your child by listing only one preference
- have used all six preferences as this will increase your chances of obtaining a place for your child at one of your preferred schools
- considered including your catchment school as one of your preferences

Amending/ reviewing online applications

If you re-visit your online account for any reason, to make changes or just to review it, you must re-submit your application in order for it to be processed.

If your address/circumstances change

If the details you have submitted on your application change at any time you **must** inform the School Places, Admissions and Transport Team **immediately**. All changes will be assessed according to the oversubscription criteria for each school you have named.

Verification of information

The Council may verify information you have provided on the application form, which could involve contacting other departments of the Council or other Councils who maintain appropriate records. In instances where the information provided is different from that held by them, they may use the information on the application form.

Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The online system is a secure system that has several security features to prevent unauthorised people from being able to see your information. We primarily use your data for school admissions. All information is processed in accordance with our [school admissions privacy notice](#). We never sell your data to third parties or use it to market to you without your consent.

Late applications

Applications received after the closing date of 31 October 2024, even by one day, will be treated as a late application. The Council will only accept applications received after the deadline if there is an exceptional circumstance for doing so. Late applications made without a genuine and good reason will be considered until at least two weeks after national offer day, 1 March 2025. Applications received after the closing date will be in the last oversubscription criteria and placed on waiting lists for each school, regardless of whether you live in the catchment area of the school and/ or have siblings at the school.

Parents or carers who apply late may miss out on a place at their preferred school. Applications received after the closing date without a genuine reason can only be considered for any of the remaining places available after the on-time applications had been processed. This designation as being 'received after the closing date' will remain up to and including 14 calendar days follow the relevant national offer day after which point the designation will be removed resulting in a reassessment according to the published oversubscription criteria.

If your preferred school has any places remaining, your child will be considered for these places along with any other late applications. Otherwise, your child's name will be added to the school's waiting list until 31 December 2025, along with those unsuccessful applications considered in the initial allocation round.

YOUR PREFERENCES AND CATCHMENT SCHOOLS

Although you don't have to include your catchment school in your selection, carefully consider using one of your preferences to put your catchment school.

If you don't and we cannot offer you one of your other preferences, you may be allocated a school that is a long distance from home.

You will not automatically get a place at your catchment school.

Section 3 How places are allocated

This section gives you information on how places are allocated

Oversubscription criteria

All schools must have a method of allocating school places in case there are more applications for the school than there are places available, up to the Published Admission Number (PAN). Regulations require that places are provided for pupils who have an Education, Health & Care Plan which names the school and has also determined that looked after children and previously looked after children must be given the highest priority in Admissions arrangements criteria.

Following this the Admission Authority can determine the order in which pupils are taken into the school this is known as the oversubscription criteria. Details of all the criteria used to allocate places can be found in section 5.

Published Admission Numbers (PANs) and in year admissions limit

All schools must have a PAN for their normal intake year (Reception and Year 7). This is the number of places the school has planned to provide. Once places have been allocated up to the PAN the year group will be considered as full.

The PAN is the minimum number of places available for the normal round intake and that entire academic year. If there is higher demand and a school has sufficient capacity and resource, it may reorganise or take an additional class or form of entry above the PAN. Published admission numbers can be increased without consultation if circumstances allow but cannot easily reduced.

After the intake year, it becomes the in-year admissions limit which can change without consultation. While there is an expectation that the number of places available is the same, the in-year admissions limit can rise or fall depending on the school's circumstances. A school that had planned to operate with 3 classes in a year group may only have demand for 2 classes and so could reduce the in-year admissions limit. Schools can make these decisions to ensure that they are making efficient and effective use of resources.

In-year admissions limits can be reviewed at the end of each academic year or earlier if necessary and apply to individual year groups. In year admissions limits can be different for different year groups. The current circumstances at the school such as a significant proportion of the site being out of use due to Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete will also be considered.

Making decisions

Whilst every effort will be made to place your child in one of your preferred schools, no places can be guaranteed. If your first preference cannot be offered and you have not indicated another option, your child will be allocated the nearest school with a place available. Unfortunately, this may not necessarily be in your immediate locality.

Each one of your preferences is treated as a separate application regardless of the order you have listed them in. Stockport Council will share your child's details to each school/Admissions Authority. All on-time applications will be considered at the same time. Schools will not be told which preference number they are or which other schools you have applied for.

If you have listed a voluntary aided school or academy we send your application details to the relevant school as the school governors decide who should be offered places. If a school receives

more applications than they have places available, the school will use its oversubscription criteria to rank and determine which applicants can receive an offer. This information is then returned to Stockport Council and matched against the applicant's list of preferences.

If you have listed a school in another Council area, the application will be sent to the Council for processing. All decisions are shared and exchanged across all Councils through the Co-ordination Scheme.

If you have listed a community school, the School Places, Admissions and Transport Team will apply the council's oversubscription criteria if there are more applications than available places.

If more than one of your preferred schools can offer your child a place, we will offer a place at the one which is ranked highest. If only one preferred school can offer your child a place, this is the place you will be offered. If a place cannot be offered at any of the preferred schools, a place will be offered the next nearest school with places available.

Your child's name is automatically added to the waiting list of the preferred schools higher than the school we have offered. You will receive only one offer of a school place for each child.

Distance measurement

For the purpose of allocating school places, distances will be measured consistently and will be measured to three decimal places as a straight line (as the crow flies) between the Council's Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) address points for the respective home address and the school, using the Easting and Northing for each address point. The Easting and Northing gives an approximate centre point of a site and everybody is measured to the same point of the school.

Applicants will be ordered starting with those living closer to the school within each of the appropriate oversubscription criteria.

If there are two or more applications with distances which are exactly the same competing for a final place random allocation will be used to determine which applicant will be allocated the final place. The random allocation will be carried out in a public place. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

For the purpose of determining eligibility for free school travel the shortest available walking route is used to measure distance. The Free School Travel policy can be viewed at <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/travel-to-school>.

Tie-Breaker

If a school is oversubscribed within any of the criteria, priority will be given to those children living nearest to the school. In the event of distances being the same for two or more applications where this distance would be the last place/s to be allocated, the place will be allocated to the pupil that is nearer using walking distance as measured using the Council's school admissions mapping software. In the event of two or more applications with distances, which are exactly the same competing for a final place, e.g. blocks of flats, the place will be decided by drawing lots, the first name drawn will be offered the place.

Section 4 What happens after decisions have been made

This section gives you information on the outcome of your application and what happens next

National offer day

In 2025, national offer day for secondary places is 3 March 2025. If you live in Stockport and applied on time, you will receive an email with your allocation on that day. You can also log into your online account to view your allocation. If your application was late, you will receive your offer at a later date. You will only receive an offer of one school place. If you live in another Council area, you will receive your offer directly from them.

If you've been offered your first choice

We'll email you with details of the offer made to your child. The school that has been offered to your child will send a welcome pack over the summer term. The welcome pack gives you information about what you need to do next.

If you have not been offered your first choice

We'll email you with information about the school place that has been offered. The email will include information about:

- How to accept or tell us you no longer need the school place that has been offered
- Your child being placed on a waiting list for your preferred choice school

Accepting your offer of a school place

Information on how to accept your offer will be provided on national offer day. We would appreciate parental responses within 14 days of your school place being offered.

If you do not respond, this may result in a child on the waiting list being disadvantaged.

The acceptance response provides you with the opportunity to:

- Accept the place offered.
- Accept the place offered and for your child's name to remain on the waiting list for a higher ranked school.
- Refuse the school place offered. If you do this, you must tell us which other school you have secured a place at.

Stockport Council reserves the right to withdraw places that are not accepted by the date specified.

Appeals

Parents/ carers of children refused a place at any of their preferred schools have the right to appeal against the decision to an Independent Appeal Panel. A parent cannot appeal more than once for the same school place in the same academic year, unless significant and material changes in the case have taken place which the previous Independent Appeal Panel could not have been aware of at the time of the hearing. More details about our appeal process can be found on our website <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/admission-appeals/school-admissions-how-to-appeal>.

If your request for a place at a particular school has been turned down, you will be offered an alternative. If, however, you wish to appeal against the decision, you can do so by completing an appeal form online at www.stockport.gov.uk/admissionappeals .

If you would like a PDF copy of the appeal form to return via email or post, please contact the appeals team in Democratic Services at admission.appeals@stockport.gov.uk.

Appeals for admission to Year 7 in September will be heard from May to July. Appeals cannot be heard over the summer holidays. Where possible, the Panel will hear all appeals for the same school before coming to any decisions. If you are appealing before your child is due to start secondary school, it is important that you register your appeal as soon as possible to ensure that a decision is made well before the start of the new school year in September. The deadline to submit an appeal that is guaranteed to be heard before the summer holiday is 28 March 2025. Late appeal applications will be received up to the end of June 2025. Any appeal application submitted after this date may not be allocated a hearing until September 2025.

The date of the hearing will be arranged by the Secretary to the Independent Appeals Panel who will give you at least fourteen calendar days' notice via email of the date and time of the appeal.

Approximately seven school days before the appeal, the Admissions Authority will provide the parent with a statement of the reasons why a place has not been offered.

Your appeal will be heard by an Independent Appeals Panel consisting of three volunteers including at least one 'lay person', in an informal atmosphere and will be conducted in such a way as to put you at ease. The meeting is held remotely via Microsoft Teams and all information is treated in confidence. A representative of the admission authority will attend to explain why a place has not been allocated at your preferred school. All appeals are determined on their individual merits.

A parent cannot appeal more than once for the same school place in the same academic year, unless significant and material changes in the case have taken place which the previous Independent Appeal Panel could not have been aware of at the time of the hearing.

The decision of the independent appeal panel is binding on the school and the Admissions Authority.

School waiting lists

Waiting lists are organised and ranked in the oversubscription criteria order that applies for each school. Every time a child is added to the list, it is reordered according to the oversubscription criteria and so you may find your child moving down the list as well as up. This can happen frequently.

The names of children who were not allocated a place at their preferred school will be kept on a waiting list until 31 December 2025. If a place becomes available at that school during that period, you will be contacted and given the opportunity to accept the place. At the end of December, the waiting lists will be cleared, and the normal in-year admissions process will take over, any parents wishing to have their child's name included on the waiting list for the remainder of the academic year will need to re-apply.

A child granted a place at a school by the Independent Appeal Panel or other permitted exception under the School Admissions Code will count as an allocated place above the PAN of the school.

This will influence the availability of places accordingly i.e. places will not be offered from the waiting list of a particular school until the number of children allocated falls below the PAN.

If a child has been refused a place at a school in another Council, please check with the school for their waiting list arrangements.

Starting school

The school where your child is offered a place will invite you to visit the school before the end of the summer term 2024. You will have the opportunity to look around the school and to discuss questions such as school uniform, travel arrangements, meals and possible financial help. Additionally, there is a transition day held annually (usually on the first Tuesday of July) where your child will be able to spend the day at their new school to help them become familiar with the school and meet some of their new classmates. By the start of the summer holidays, the arrangements for your child's transfer to a new school should have been completed so they can look forward to starting there in September.

After your child has started at their new school

If you are unhappy with your child's school, you should initially contact the school and make an appointment to discuss the problems with the Headteacher. Moving schools can cause a great deal of disruption to a young person and it is important to ensure that all avenues have been explored before taking this step as a last resort. If you still wish to go ahead with the transfer, please visit our website for further information on changing schools during the school year: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/changing-schools-during-school-year>

If you have any further questions that are not answered in this guide, please check our website www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you still have questions, you can call our Frontline Team in the Contact Centre on 0161 217 6022.

**The online system will close on 31 October
2024 – remember to apply by this date.**

The online system will reopen 2 days after the closing dates to enable parents/ carers to apply which will be considered as detailed above.

Section 5 School admission arrangements

This section explains what admission arrangements are and shows how places were allocated on offer day in March 2024 in Stockport high schools

The determined admission arrangements for a school are the full set of arrangements which set out how a school will admit pupils. This includes the published admission number (the maximum number of pupils intended to be admitted to the relevant year group), the oversubscription criteria and information on waiting lists. You are advised to read the full arrangements for all your preferred schools before you complete your application. The full admission arrangements can be found on the relevant school website or by using the links for individual schools in this section.

Admission arrangements for new academy status schools

Admission Arrangements are set approximately 18 months in advance. Schools having recently attained academy status should continue to use the current admission arrangements and associated oversubscription criteria until they have consulted upon and subsequently adopted their relevant academy admission arrangements.

YOUR PREFERENCES AND CATCHMENT SCHOOLS

Although you don't have to include your catchment school in your selection, carefully consider using one of your preferences to put your catchment school.

If you don't and we cannot offer you one of your other preferences, you may be allocated a school that is a long distance from home.

You will not automatically get a place at your catchment school.

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Headteacher Mr P Williams
Type of School Community
Published Admission Number 270

Oversubscription Criteria

- a. Looked after children and previously looked after children
- b. Children considered to have 'highly exceptional medical/social reasons'
- c. Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- d. Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- e. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area
- f. Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area
- g. Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school
- h. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above

This is a summary of the school's oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/documents/school-admissions>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	183
Second preference	165
Third preference	227
Other preference	319
Total number of applications	894

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
Children with an EHCP naming the school; who are looked after or previously looked after and those with exceptional medical or social needs	1
Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission	56
Children who live in the catchment area of the school	150
Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area	0
Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area	16
Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school	57
Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above	0
Total number of places offered	280
Distance calculated for the final child offered	5.798 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child's home to the school

Cheadle Hulme High School
Woods Lane
Cheadle Hulme
SK8 7JY

0161 485 7201
enquiries@chhs.org.uk
<https://www.chhs.org.uk/>

Headteacher Mrs L Magrath
Type of School Academy
Published Admission Number 270

Oversubscription Criteria

- a. Looked after children and previously looked after children
- b. Children considered to have 'highly exceptional medical/social reasons'
- c. Children who are currently in attendance at Cheadle Hulme Primary School prior to 1st September 2023 and still on roll at the time of application
- d. Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- e. Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- f. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area
- g. Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area
- h. Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school
- i. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above

This is a summary of the school's oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.chhs.org.uk/school-information/admissions/>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	467
Second preference	476
Third preference	324
Other preference	221
Total number of applications	1488

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
Children with an EHCP naming the school; who are looked after or previously looked after and those with exceptional medical or social needs	11
Children who are currently in attendance at Cheadle Hulme Primary School prior to 1 st September 2023 and still on roll at the time of application	0
Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission	93
Children who live in the catchment area of the school	191
Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area	0
Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area	0
Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school	0
Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G	0
Total number of places offered	295
Distance calculated for the final child offered	1.083 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child's home to the school

Harrytown Catholic High School
 Harrytown Lane
 Romiley
 SK6 3BU

0161 430 5277

<https://www.harrytownschool.org/>

Headteacher Mr K Turmeau
 Type of School Voluntary Aided
 Published Admission Number 165

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Catholic Looked after children and previously looked after children
2. Catholic children who live in an associated parish
3. Catholic children who attend a feeder Catholic primary school
4. other Catholic children
5. other Looked after children and previously looked after children
6. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church
7. children of other Christian denominations and children of other faiths
8. other children
9. applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria above

This is a summary of the school's oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.harrytownschool.org/Admissions/>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	158
Second preference	170
Third preference	82
Other preference	73
Total number of applications	483

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
Catholic Looked after children and previously looked after children	6
Catholic children who live in an associated parish	57
Catholic children who attend a feeder Catholic primary school	2
other Catholic children	4
other Looked after children and previously looked after children	3
Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church	0
children of other Christian denominations and children of other faiths	10
other children	85
applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria above	
Total number of places offered	167
Distance calculated for the final child offered	1.695 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child's home to the main school gate

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Headteacher Mr M Stewart

Type of School Academy

Published Admission Number 270

Oversubscription Criteria

- a. Looked after children and previously looked after children
- b. Children considered to have 'highly exceptional medical/social reasons'
- c. Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- d. Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- e. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area
- f. Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area
- g. Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school
- h. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above

This is a summary of the school's oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.hazelgrovehigh.co.uk/school-information/admissions/>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	274
Second preference	283
Third preference	233
Other preference	231
Total number of applications	1021

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
Children with an EHCP naming the school; who are looked after or previously looked after and those with exceptional medical or social needs	9
Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission	59
Children who live in the catchment area of the school	130
Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area	1
Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area	21
Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school	60
Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above	0
Total number of places offered	280
Distance calculated for the final child offered	1.791 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child's home to the main school gate

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 Cheadle Road
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Headteacher Mr J Peet
 Type of School Academy
 Published Admission Number 210

Oversubscription Criteria

- a. Looked after children and previously looked after children
- b. Children considered to have ‘highly exceptional medical/social reasons’
- c. Children attending Cheadle Hulme Primary School at the time the application is received
- d. Siblings of pupils attending Laurus Cheadle Hulme or Cheadle Hulme Primary School at the time the application is received and at the date of admission
- e. Children of staff employed by Laurus Cheadle Hulme in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - f. where a member of staff has been employed at the school for two years or more at the time at which the application is made
 - g. the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
 - h. other children

This is a summary of the school’s oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.laurusheadleholme.org.uk/admissions/>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	446
Second preference	595
Third preference	266
Other preference	229
Total number of applications	1536

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
Children with an EHCP naming the school; who are looked after or previously looked after and those with exceptional medical or social needs	12
Children attending Cheadle Hulme Primary School at the time the application is received	0
Siblings of pupils attending Laurus Cheadle Hulme or Cheadle Hulme Primary School at the time the application is received and at the date of admission	88
Children of staff employed by Laurus Cheadle Hulme where a member of staff has been employed at the school for two years or more at the time at which the application is made	4
Children of staff employed by Laurus Cheadle Hulme where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage	0
Other children	121
Total number of places offered	225
Distance calculated for the final child offered	0.765 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child’s home to the main school gate

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Headteacher Mr J Barker
Type of School Community
Published Admission Number 300

Oversubscription Criteria

- Looked after children and previously looked after children
- Children considered to have 'highly exceptional medical/social reasons'
- Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area
- Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area
- Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school
- Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above

This is a summary of the school's oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/documents/school-admissions>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	401
Second preference	211
Third preference	118
Other preference	79
Total number of applications	809

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
Children with an EHCP naming the school; who are looked after or previously looked after and those with exceptional medical or social needs	19
Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission	91
Children who live in the catchment area of the school	220
Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area	0
Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area	0
Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school	0
Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above	0
Total number of places offered	330
Distance calculated for the final child offered	1.803 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child's home to the main school gate

Priestnall School
 Priestnall Road
 Heaton Mersey
 SK4 3HP

0161 549 7300

enquiries@priestnallschool.org.uk
<https://www.priestnallschool.org.uk/>

Headteacher Ms R Howarth
 Type of School Academy
 Published Admission Number 255

Oversubscription Criteria

- a. Looked after children and previously looked after children
- b. Children considered to have ‘highly exceptional medical/social reasons’
- c. Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- d. Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- e. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area
- f. Children who live outside the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- g. Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school
- h. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above

This is a summary of the school’s oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.priestnallschool.org.uk/admissions/#>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	281
Second preference	137
Third preference	58
Other preference	85
Total number of applications	561

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
Children with an EHCP naming the school; who are looked after or previously looked after and those with exceptional medical or social needs	14
Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission	73
Children who live in the catchment area of the school	193
Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area	0
Children who live outside the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission	0
Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school	0
Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above	0
Total number of places offered	280
Distance calculated for the final child offered	1.9 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child’s home to the school

Reddish Vale High School
 Reddish Vale
 Reddish
 SK5 7HD

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Headteacher Mrs L Hanson
 Type of School Academy
 Published Admission Number 210

Oversubscription Criteria

- a. Looked after children and previously looked after children
- b. Children considered to have 'highly exceptional medical/social reasons'
- c. Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- d. Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- e. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area
- f. Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area
- g. Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school
- h. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above

This is a summary of the school's oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.reddish.stockport.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions+and+Transition&pid=337>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	202
Second preference	84
Third preference	69
Other preference	60
Total number of applications	415

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
Children with an EHCP naming the school; who are looked after or previously looked after and those with exceptional medical or social needs	11
Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission	47
Children who live in the catchment area of the school	111
Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area	0
Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area	13
Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school	39
Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above	0
Total number of places offered	221
Distance calculated for the final child offered	3.927 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child's home to the main school gate

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Headteacher Mr S Logue

Type of School Academy

Published Admission Number 150

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Baptised Catholic children who are looked after, or Baptised Catholic children who were previously looked after (children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order) including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).
2. Baptised Catholic children from our Catholic partner primary schools. Our partner primary schools are:
 - St Joseph's RC Primary School, Reddish
 - St Mary's RC Primary, Heaton Norris
 - St Mary's RC Primary, Levenshulme
 - St Joseph's RC Primary, Stockport
 - St Winifred's RC Primary
3. Baptised Catholic children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission.
4. Baptised Catholic children living in our contributory parishes.
5. Other Baptised Catholic children.
6. Other children who are looked after, or children who were previously looked after (children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order) including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).
7. Other children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission.
8. Other children.

This is a summary of the school's oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.stannes.academy/admissions>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	117
Second preference	82
Third preference	51
Other preference	54
Total number of applications	250

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
A Catholic children living in the associated parish and attending the associated Catholic primary school	12
B Catholic children living in the associated parish and attending a Catholic primary school with a sibling attending the school	0
C Catholic children not living in the associated parish and attending a Catholic primary school with a sibling attending the school	0
D Catholic children living in the associated parish of one of the three Stockport Catholic schools and attending a Catholic primary school	3
E Catholic children living in the associated parish and attending a non-Catholic primary school	3
F Catholic children attending a Catholic primary school	6
G Catholic children attending a non-Catholic primary school	0
H Non Catholic children with a sibling at the school and supporting the Catholic ethos of the school	29
I Non- Catholic children attending an associated Catholic primary school and supporting the Catholic ethos of the school	0
J Non- Catholic children from a practising Christian family supporting the Catholic ethos of the school	2

K Non- Catholic children who want a Christian education and supporting the Catholic ethos of the school	106
L Applications received after the closing date	4
Total number of places offered	165
Distance calculated for the final child offered	9.091 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child's home to the main school gate

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 St James' Way
 Cheadle Hulme
 SK8 6PZ

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Headteacher Mr A Pontifex

Type of School Voluntary Aided

Published Admission Number 165

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Catholic Looked after children and previously looked after children
2. Catholic children who live in an associated parish
3. Catholic children who attend an associated Catholic primary school
4. other Catholic children
5. other Looked after children and previously looked after children
6. other children who attend an associated primary school
7. other children

This is a summary of the school's oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/admissions/>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	172
Second preference	170
Third preference	175
Other preference	148
Total number of applications	665

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
Catholic Looked after children and previously looked after children	4
Catholic children who live in an associated parish	76
Catholic children who attend an associated Catholic primary school	31
other Catholic children	54
other Looked after children and previously looked after children	1
other children who attend an associated primary school	1
other children	3
Total number of places offered	170
Distance calculated for the final child offered	2.653 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child's home to the main school gate

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Headteacher Mr J McCann
Type of School Academy
Published Admission Number 210

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Children who are “Looked after” by a Local Authority, or a child who was previously looked after but immediately following being looked after were subject to an adoption or residency order, including those from outside of England
2. Children who have medical needs, social needs and special needs which are not covered by an EHCP but mean admission to Stockport Academy is necessary.
3. Children with an older brother or sister attending Stockport Academy in one of Years 7 to 10 and who will continue to do so in one of Years 8 to 11 on the point of admission into the Academy.
4. Distance from the applicant’s home address to the Academy

This is a summary of the school’s oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.stockport-academy.org/about-us/admissions>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	222
Second preference	154
Third preference	153
Other preference	283
Total number of applications	788

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
Children with an EHCP naming the school; who are looked after or previously looked after and those with exceptional medical or social needs	7
Siblings attending the school in Years 7 - 10	60
Distance	153
Total number of places offered	220
Distance calculated for the final child offered	0.943 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child’s home to the school

Stockport School
 Mile End Lane
 Stockport
 SK2 6BW

0161 483 3622
<https://stockportschool.net/>

Headteacher Mr I Irwin
 Type of School Community
 Published Admission Number 270

Oversubscription Criteria

- a. Looked after children and previously looked after children
- b. Children considered to have ‘highly exceptional medical/social reasons’
- c. Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- d. Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- e. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area
- f. Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area
- g. Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school
- h. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above

This is a summary of the school’s oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/documents/school-admissions>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	351
Second preference	175
Third preference	140
Other preference	185
Total number of applications	851

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
Children with an EHCP naming the school; who are looked after or previously looked after and those with exceptional medical or social needs	14
Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission	82
Children who live in the catchment area of the school	184
Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area	0
Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area	0
Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school	0
Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above	0
Total number of places offered	280
Distance calculated for the final child offered	1.096 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child’s home to the school

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 Gatley
 SK8 4QX

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Headteacher Mrs A Fowler
 Type of School Academy
 Published Admission Number 270

Oversubscription Criteria

- Looked after children and previously looked after children
- Children considered to have 'highly exceptional medical/social reasons'
- Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area
- Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area
- Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school
- Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above

This is a summary of the school's oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.kingsway.stockport.sch.uk/information/policies>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	140
Second preference	107
Third preference	156
Other preference	234
Total number of applications	637

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
Children with an EHCP naming the school; who are looked after or previously looked after and those with exceptional medical or social needs	6
Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission	35
Children who live in the catchment area of the school	140
Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area	0
Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area	17
Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school	112
Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above	0
Total number of places offered	310
Distance calculated for the final child offered	4.53 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child's home to the school

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<https://www.wernethschool.com/>

Headteacher Mr A Conroy
 Type of School Academy
 Published Admission Number 250

Oversubscription Criteria

- a. Looked after children and previously looked after children
- b. Children considered to have ‘highly exceptional medical/social reasons’
- c. Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- d. Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- e. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area
- f. Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area
- g. Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school
- h. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above

This is a summary of the school’s oversubscription criteria. A full copy of the admission arrangements for the school can be obtained here

<https://www.wernethschool.com/parents/admissions>

How places were offered in 2024 (on national offer day, 1 March 2024)

Total number of applications

Preference rank	Number of applications received
First preference	172
Second preference	94
Third preference	48
Other preference	37
Total number of applications	351

How places were allocated

Criterion	Offers made
Children with an EHCP naming the school; who are looked after or previously looked after and those with exceptional medical or social needs	9
Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission	32
Children who live in the catchment area of the school	91
Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area	0
Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area	18
Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school	101
Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above	0
Total number of places offered	251
Distance calculated for the final child offered	2.187 miles

Distances were measured using a straight line from the child’s home to the school

Section 6 In year school transfers

Stockport Council administers all applications for school places in Stockport. Where the Governing Body/ Academy Trust of a school is responsible for admission arrangements this is done in conjunction with the Headteacher.

If you live in Stockport and wish to change school during the school year, all applications for Stockport school places must be made to our School Places, Admissions and Transport Team.

If you are moving into Stockport from another area or moving house within Stockport, you may be asked to provide evidence that you live at the address indicated on your application.

If you're applying to transfer to a school in another Council's area (including Manchester), you'll need to contact the Council that the school is located in to discuss their process for changing schools during the year.

Please visit our website for further information on changing schools during the school year: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/changing-schools-during-school-year>

All applications are considered in relation to the normal year group for the child's chronological age. All maintained schools, and academies, including schools designated with a religious character, that have places available must offer a place to every child who has applied for one, without condition or the use of any oversubscription criteria, unless admitting the child would prejudice the efficient provision of education or use of resources.

An in-year transfer application can only be refused on the following grounds:

- When the admission of an additional child would cause Infant Class Prejudice (for primary school applications only)
- When the admission of an additional child would cause prejudice to the provision of efficient education and to the efficient use of resources. To determine this the Council will take into account:
 - The number of children on roll and the original Published Admissions Number from when that year group entered the school
 - The current circumstances at the school being applied for such as a significant proportion of the site being out of use due to Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete
- The pupil has been permanently excluded from two schools

In the case of multiple applications for a particular year group, places will be allocated, or names placed on the waiting list in accordance with the published admissions criteria for the school as determined for 2025/26 admissions.

Where an application is refused the parent will be notified, in writing, advising them of the reason for the refusal and their right of appeal to the Independent Appeal Panel.

Parents/ carers and pupils should be aware that a request to transfer secondary school will be subject to Stockport Council's Transfer Process and Fair Access Protocol. This can be viewed at <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/changing-schools-during-school-year>.

Section 7 Other Useful Information and support for school age children

Travelling to school

Most young people will live within 3 miles of their local school and the area is generally well served by public transport. Children under 16 can travel on buses at a concessionary rate.

Some children may qualify for free school transport, please refer to our published policy to determine if your child is eligible for free school transport: www.stockport.gov.uk/travel-to-school.

Applications for free school transport should be made on our free school transport portal: www.stockport.gov.uk/travel-to-school

Free School Meals

For information on free school meals please visit the following page: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Term Dates

School term dates can be found on the following page: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/school-term-dates>

Please refer to the individual school's websites for information on their In Service Training Days.

Advice and support

For help and advice with anything not covered in this booklet, please telephone our frontline team in the Contact Centre on **0161 217 6022**

More complex matters may be referred to the School Places, Admissions and Transport Team via admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk

You can also visit our Frequently Asked Questions page on our website: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/primary-and-secondary-school-admissions-frequently-asked-questions>

If you need assistance in translating or interpreting this information, please contact the School Places, Admissions and Transport Team.