

8. Grammar Schools and the 11+ test

Grammar schools are state funded schools which admit students based on their performance in the 11+ test. There are no fees to attend grammar schools.

All of Warwickshire's grammar schools have their own admission arrangements. These are used along with the results of the 11+ test to decide which children are offered places.

Details of each school's admission arrangements and a set of Frequently Asked Questions can be found at:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grammarschool

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The information in this booklet relates primarily to parents who register for their child to sit the test with Warwickshire Admissions..

If you are registering your child to sit the test with The Grammar Schools in Birmingham or are considering applying for a place at a Birmingham Grammar School please visit www.birminghamgrammarschools.org



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Test Registration

Parents living in Warwickshire must register for the test with Warwickshire Admissions. Parents living in Birmingham must register for the test with The Grammar Schools in Birmingham. Parents living in other authorities should register for the test in the region in which they would most like their child to attend a grammar school.

If you are considering applying for a place in a Birmingham Grammar School and your child sits the test in Warwickshire you will need to agree for their information to be shared with The Grammar Schools in Birmingham. This can be done as part of the registration process.

Any registrations received after the deadline will be classed as late and this may affect the chance of your child being offered a place at a grammar school. All registrations will be acknowledged by post within 15 working days.

Details of test venues will be sent to parents by Warwickshire Admissions from Monday 22 August 2016. This will include a 'Fit and Well' sheet which must be brought to the test session with a photograph of the child sitting the test. This photograph must be signed and dated by the Headteacher of your child's current school. If you arrive at the test centre without the Fit and Well sheet or a photograph of your child they will not be able to sit the test until later in the year. This may affect the likelihood of your child being offered a grammar school place.

Special Testing Arrangements

If your child requires special testing arrangements due to learning difficulties or a physical disability you will need to apply using a paper form by 15 June 2016. A supplementary form will also be required and full details can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grammarschool. Detailed supporting information from medical professionals will be required for any such request to be granted and should be supplied with your registration and supplementary forms.

If your child is unable to sit the test on a Saturday due to religious reasons, you must advise Warwickshire Admissions Service in writing after you register for the test. You will also need to supply a supporting letter from your religious leader.

The 11+ Test

The main test session will be held on the morning of Saturday 10 September 2016. We cannot guarantee though that every child will be able to sit the test on this date.

There will be two papers, each of approximately 50 minutes. The papers will be divided into smaller, individually timed sections, which test verbal ability, numerical ability and nonverbal ability. For each paper, the children will be given a question booklet and a separate answer sheet to mark their answers. The answer sheets will be processed electronically.

A familiarisation booklet, containing information about the format of the test and some example questions, will be included with the letter acknowledging your registration.

Results

You will be notified by post of your child's score by 31 October 2016. Parents who have either registered with Warwickshire Admissions (or have asked that their child's score be shared with Warwickshire Admissions) will receive the following information:

1. Your child's total standardised score broken down by performance in Verbal Reasoning, Numeracy, and Non-Verbal Reasoning sections.
2. A provisional ranking of where the score places the child out of all children who have sat the test, and within each relevant priority area (where applicable).
3. The automatic qualifying scores and waiting list scores for each Warwickshire Grammar school for the previous year of entry where the same weightings have been applied for the three sections. These can be used for comparison purposes but there can be no guarantee that any child, including those scoring above the required score for previous years, will be offered a grammar school place.

9. Applying for a place at a grammar school

You must apply for a place at a grammar school through your home authority in the same way you apply for places at other schools. Registering for your child to sit the 11+ is not an application for a school place.

Parents applying for a place at Warwickshire Grammar schools will need to supply proof of their address by 30 December 2016. We will contact applicants about this ahead of the deadline. Families who are moving address should contact their home authority and Warwickshire Admissions for further information.

Places at grammar schools will be offered on 01 March 2017 along with all other secondary school places.

10. School Transport

Information relating to home to school transport eligibility can be found at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schooltravel
Further information including deadlines to apply will be provided along with your offer letter/email.

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**Applying for a
Secondary School
Place 2017**

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This booklet is for parents and carers with children born between 01 September 2005 and 31 August 2006. Your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2017.

This booklet gives you the key information needed to apply for a school place. More information is available on our website at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

Choosing a secondary school is an important decision and there are a number of things we suggest you do before applying. You should look at the websites of any schools you are interested in and where possible attend open evenings. These will give you an opportunity to look around the school. You should also visit the Ofsted and Department for Education websites as they contain information about exam and inspection results. Talking to your child about which school they would like to attend is also really important.

If you are applying for a grammar school place your child will need to sit the 11+ test. Make sure you read the relevant section of this booklet very carefully.

1. Important dates for admissions

The closing date for applying on-time for a secondary school place is 31 October 2016. Failure to apply on-time will significantly reduce the chances of your child being offered a place at your preferred school.

Please note that dates relating to the 11+ test are only relevant if you wish to apply for a place at a grammar school.

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| ★ 9 MAY 2016
11+ test registration opens | ★ 30 DECEMBER 2016
Final date for families moving into Warwickshire to provide proof of address |
| ★ 9 MAY 2016
Online application process opens to Warwickshire residents | ★ 27 FEBRUARY 2017
Offer letters posted to Warwickshire residents |
| ★ 08 JULY 2016
Closing date for on-time 11+ test registration | ★ 01 MARCH 2017
Offer day, emails sent from 08:30am onwards |
| ★ 10 SEPTEMBER 2016
Main 11+ test date | ★ 15 MARCH 2017
Closing date for accepting school place offered. A reminder letter will be sent to Warwickshire parents who have not accepted the place offered. Parents will be given seven days to respond |
| ★ 31 OCTOBER 2016
Closing date for on-time applications for a school place | |

2. Things to consider when applying for a school place

Warwickshire residents can list up to six schools on their application. We strongly recommend you list more than one school. Listing only one school will not increase your chances of gaining a place at a particular school. Listing more than one school will also not affect your chances of gaining a place at your first preference school.

Priority areas are an important part of the admissions process. Every address in Warwickshire is in a school's priority area. Living in a priority area does not guarantee a place at a particular school but it does improve the chances of being offered a place.

You should list schools in your preferred order and put the school you would most like your child to attend first. There is no guarantee though that you will be offered the school you list first. If we can offer a place at more than one school we will offer a place at the highest preference possible. In 2016 77% of on-time applicants were offered their first preference; 92% of applicants were offered one of their first three preferences.

If you are applying for a Warwickshire grammar school you must register for the 11+ test. You must also list the grammar school(s) you wish to apply for on your application for a school place.

You can use the Google map on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mapsecondaryschools to confirm the priority area you live in. Do not assume that the school closest to your address is your priority area school.

We strongly recommend you list your priority area school on your application.

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www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

3. How to apply



We recommend you apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

The process is quick, easy and secure. You can choose to receive your offer of a school place via email and can accept your offer online. To apply online all you need is an email address and your Council Tax Property Reference Number.

The deadline for on time applications is 5pm on 31 October 2016. If you apply after this date your application will be classed as 'late' and can not be made online. Late applications will not be considered until the first reallocation round which commences from 20 March 2017 (unless there has been a change of address prior to 30 December 2016 and proof of address is provided). Failing to apply on-time may significantly reduce the chances of your child being offered a place at your preferred school.

If you wish to change the schools on your application you must request this by contacting the Admissions Service. After 31 October 2016 any preference changes or additions will be considered as late unless you are moving house.

4. Other important information

Siblings

If your child is offered a place at a school there is no guarantee that your younger child(ren) will be offered a place at that school. This is especially the case if you live outside the school's priority area. Looked After Children and those with Special Educational Needs are normally offered places first. In many schools children living in the priority area with siblings at the school are then offered places followed by other children living in the priority area. Only then are places offered to children with a sibling at the school who live outside of the priority area. In each category children living closest to the school are given the highest priority.

You should consider this very carefully when choosing which school(s) to apply to. Please also consider the admission arrangements of the school(s) in question to understand how places are offered. These can be viewed at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissionpolicies

You must submit an application in the normal way, even if your child's brother or sister already attends the school you would like them to attend.

Definition of Home Address

This is where the child normally resides / sleeps when they attend school. Addresses involved in child-minding arrangements, whether with professional child-minders, friends or relatives, are excluded.

There is also an expectation that a child will be resident at the address used to allocate a place from the start of term and will continue to reside at that address. All circumstances surrounding the application will be taken into account in deciding whether or not this requirement has been met.

Short-term house moves which occur only to secure a school place and which are considered fraudulent or intentionally misleading may result in the place being withdrawn.

Where a school place is allocated on the basis of an address

which is subsequently found to be different from the child's home address the place can be withdrawn. This includes situations where the address used to allocate a place changes prior to the place being taken up.

Moving House

Future house moves will be only taken in to account if they can be confirmed before 30 December 2016. Independent proof of the move, such as a tenancy agreement that terminates after the start of the autumn term or proof that there has been an exchange of contracts in the purchase of a house will be required. There is an expectation that the address used will satisfy the definition of 'home address'. Proof of residence at the address may be required.

Separated Parents

Where a child lives with each of their parents at separate addresses, the address used for allocating a school place will be the one where the child sleeps for the majority of the school week. If the child spends equal amounts of time at two addresses the child's parents / carers will be asked to nominate which address they wish to use for school admission purposes. Should they fail to do so by the published closing date we reserve the right to nominate the address that we consider appropriate.

Warwickshire Admissions will not become involved in disputes between parents. There is an expectation that parents will resolve these amongst themselves and make a single application which both parents are in agreement with. Where more than one application is received in respect of a single child and the parents cannot reach agreement over the content of the application, we reserve the right not to process either application until an agreement between the parents is reached.

Supplementary Forms

Some schools require you to fill out an additional form to apply for a place. The school's admissions criteria should indicate whether or not you need to complete a supplementary form.

6. Warwickshire County Council's oversubscription criteria

Within each criterion, priority is given in order of straight line distance between the home and school. The shortest distance has the highest priority. For more information on how distances are measured, please see www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoollcriteria

All distances are subject to changes which may occur with updates of mapping data.

Children with a statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education Healthcare Plan are admitted first. This will reduce the number of places available for other applicants.

Criteria

- Children in care of, or provided with accommodation by, a local authority and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order), 2005 Act.
- Children living inside the priority area who will have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission.
- Other children living inside the priority area.
- Children living outside the priority area who will have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission.
- Other children living outside the priority area.

Information on the offers that were made at each school for September 2016 can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/startingsecondaryschool. This information changes each year depending on the number of applicants and the areas they are applying from.

Grammar schools offer their places differently to other schools. For more details go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/elevenplus

What happens if I am not offered any of my preferences?

If we cannot offer any of the schools you have listed we will offer a place at the next nearest community or voluntary controlled school in Warwickshire with spaces, or the next nearest own admissions authority school with spaces which is willing to offer a place.

The next nearest school with spaces will be measured by straight line distance.

7. Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

We are committed to meeting the needs of all children in Warwickshire regardless of difficulty, within mainstream schools or a Special School.

Further information is available at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send or by calling the SEND team on 01926 742160.

If you need any extra help you can contact us in the following ways:

Tel: **01926 414143**
Email: **admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk**
Web: **www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions**
Post: **Warwickshire Admissions Service,
Saltisford Office Park, Ansell Way,
Warwick, CV34 4UL**

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