Starting Primary School in 2027– Reception a guide for parents

Online only applications from 1 September 2026
Deadline for applications is 15 January 2027

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Introduction

A message from Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director for Learning and Inclusion

Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased that you are considering a place in one of our schools for your child. Kirklees is a great place to grow up, live and learn. We want every child to fulfil their unique potential and to secure the best possible education, both in and beyond the classroom which is why we have developed Our Kirklees Futures – the Learning Strategy for our local area. Our aim is to develop young people that will have the skills needed for a successful future. You can view more information about this using Kirklees Futures

You will find in this booklet all the information you need about admissions to primary schools in Kirklees.

We are exceptionally proud of the quality of education that our schools in Kirklees offer. This reflects children and young people's own commitment and talent as well as the hard work of staff, and the support from parents and carers.

These levels of achievement mean that our young people are well placed to acquire the skills to take the next big step in their life, more education, an apprenticeship, training or employment with training. A rich educational offer gives young people the best chance of good employment and the skills which create an environment for business growth in Kirklees, therefore improving the economy of our local area.

We appreciate how important your child's learning is and we want to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child has access to the highest possible standards of education, care and wider learning opportunities within our school system.

A tremendous amount of hard work goes into our local Education and Learning Partnership, from those who work in schools, our governors, and from staff across the local authority. These partnerships work well because of our shared commitment to help young people to do their very best.

Don't forget, all applications for school places will need to be completed online using the Kirklees Parent Portal on our website, the process is quick, easy and secure and please do remember to make your application before the deadline on 15 January 2027, it's really important to get it in on time.

We hope this guide provides you with clear and useful information to help you apply for a school place in Kirklees. We have included information about transfer and admissions procedures, but there is so much more information available from individual schools. All schools are different and we hope that you will find time to arrange a visit to some of them or to send for a prospectus from any schools that interest you. All our schools make opportunities available to allow prospective parents to visit the school and talk to staff and we would encourage you to find out as much information as you can before you make your preferences.

We hope your child will enjoy a happy and successful education here in Kirklees and we look forward to welcoming your child to one of our schools in September 2027

Starting in Reception in September 2027 - Information

The information in this guide is for the school year starting in September 2027.

It is correct on 31st August 2026, but there may be changes before or after September 2027 and we aim to update the website to reflect any changes.

This Guide for Parents – starting Reception in 2027 is available to download as a pdf file.

Kirklees Pupil Admissions

Telephone 01484 225007 or Email pupiladmissions@kirklees.gov.uk

1.1 Key dates for starting a new Primary School in September 2027

1 September 2026

You can apply online via the Kirklees Parent Portal

15 January 2027

The closing date for applications.

Remember – a late application can severely reduce your chances of obtaining a place at your preferred school.

15 February 2027

The latest reasonable date for evidence of a significant house move.

16 April 2027

National Offer Day - Emails are sent to applicants and offers can be viewed in the Parent Portal.

17 May 2027

The last day for requesting an appeal for starting community and voluntary controlled schools in September 2027. Academies, free schools, trust schools and voluntary aided schools may have different closing dates for appeals. You must contact them directly.

June 2027 onwards

Appeal hearings take place.

31 December 2027

Waiting lists close for community and voluntary controlled schools. Academies, free schools, trust schools and voluntary aided schools may have different closing dates for waiting lists. Please contact them directly.

Summary

Kirklees Pupil Admissions co-ordinate admissions for young people starting a primary school for the first time in September 2027, so that Kirklees parents/carers only need to make one application to apply for a place at any primary school in Kirklees and/or any other local authority.

Kirklees residents must apply online. Applications must be made online to Kirklees Pupil Admissions by the closing date of 15 January 2027. Apply for a primary or middle school place

Kirklees Pupil Admissions will send Kirklees parents/carers an offer of one school place on National Offer Day – 16 April 2027. If the place offered is at an academy, free school, trust school or voluntary aided school or at a school in another local authority, Kirklees makes the offer on behalf of the admission authority for that school.

Parents/carers who live in other council areas and not in Kirklees must apply through their local council. Contact list for neighbouring Local Authorities.

Important – is your child at a school nursery?

A place in a school nursery, early years or foundation stage unit does not automatically give you a place in the reception class at a school. You must make a separate application for a place in a reception class.

Children who attend a school's nursery do not receive guaranteed places or have a higher priority for places in the school unless the admission policy includes this in the school's oversubscription criteria.

2 Preparing to make an application

2.1 Which schools provide primary education (reception) in Kirklees?

Kirklees schools providing primary education

2.2 What are the different types of schools in Kirklees?

2.2.1 Academies and free schools

State schools that are independent of the local authority. The governing body or academy trust is responsible for deciding who is given a place.

Table 1 Academies and free schools

School	School
Batley Grammar School	Luck Lane, A SHARE Primary Academy
Batley Parish CE Primary Academy	Manor Road Academy
Beaumont Primary Academy	Manorfield I & N School
Berry Brow Infant and Nursery Academy	Meltham Moor Primary School
Birdsedge First School	Millbridge, A SHARE Primary Academy
Birstall Primary Academy	Moorlands Primary School
Boothroyd Primary Academy	Netherton Infant and Nursery School
Brambles Primary Academy	New Mill Infant School
Carlinghow Academy	Nields Academy
Christ Church CE Academy	Old Bank Academy
Co-op Academy Smithies Moor	Orchard Primary Academy
Diamond Wood Community Academy	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary Academy
Eastborough Academy	Overthorpe CofE Academy
Field Lane Junior Infant & Nursery School	Purlwell Infant & Nursery School
Fieldhead Primary Academy	Reinwood Infant & Nursery School
Fixby Junior & Infant School	Roberttown CofE Primary School
Grange Moor Primary School	Scholes (Holmfirth) Junior & Infant School
Healey Junior Infant and Nursery School	Scissett CE Academy
Heaton Avenue, A SHARE Primary Academy	Shelley First School
Heckmondwike Primary Academy	Skelmanthorpe Academy
Helme Church of England Academy	Spring Grove J I & N School
Hepworth Junior & Infant School	St Aidan's Church of England Academy

School	School
Highburton CE First Academy	St John's CE Primary School
Hightown Primary School	St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy Dewsbury
Hill View Academy	St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy Huddersfield
Hillside Primary School	St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy
Holy Spirit Catholic Primary Academy	St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy (Birstall)
Kaye's Academy	St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy (Hudds)
Kirkheaton Primary School	St Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy
Lepton CE Primary Academy	St Thomas CE Primary School
Lindley Church of England Infant School	Thornhill J & I School
Linthwaite Clough Primary School	Woodside Green, A SHARE Primary Academy
Lowerhouses CofE Primary School	

2.2.2 Trust schools

Foundation schools supported by a charitable trust. The governing body is responsible for deciding who is given a place.

Table 2 Trust schools

School	School
Crow Lane Primary & Foundation Stage School	Littletown J I & N School
Paddock J I & N School	

2.2.3 Voluntary aided schools

The governing body is responsible for deciding who is given a place.

Table 3 Voluntary aided schools

School	School
All Hallows' CE (VA) Primary School	Linthwaite Ardron CE(VA) J & I School
Cumberworth CE (VA) First School	St John's CE (VA) J & I School
Denby CE (VA) First School	St Peter's CE (VA) J I & EY School
Kirkburton CE (VA) First School	

2.2.4 Community schools

Kirklees Council is responsible for deciding who is given a place.

Table 4 Community schools

School	School
Ashbrow School	Marsden I & N School

School	School
Birkby Infant & Nursery School	Mill Lane Primary School
Carlton Junior & Infant School	Moldgreen Community Primary School
Clough Head Junior & Infant School	Mount Pleasant Primary School
Crossley Fields Junior & Infant School	Netherthong Primary School
Dalton School Junior Infant and Nursery	Norristhorpe Junior & Infant School
Denby Dale First & Nursery School	Park Road J I & N School
Earlsheaton Infant School	Pentland I & N School
Emley First School	Rowley Lane J I & N School
Gomersal Primary School	Scapegoat Hill J & I School
Hade Edge Junior and Infant School	Scholes Village Primary School
Hartshead J & I School	Shaw Cross Infant & Nursery School
High Bank Junior, Infant & Nursery School	Shepley First School
Hinchliffe Mill Junior & Infant School	Upperthong J & I School
Holme J & I School	Warwick Road Primary School
Holmfirth Junior Infant & Nursery School	Wellhouse J & I School
Hopton Primary School	Westmoor Primary School
Howard Park Community School	Wilberlee J & I School
Lydgate J & I School	

2.2.5 Voluntary controlled schools

Kirklees Council is responsible for deciding who gets a place.

Table 5 Voluntary controlled schools

School	School
Battyeford CE (VC) Primary School	Honley CE (VC) J I & N School
Birkenshaw C.E. (C) Primary School	Meltham C.E. (VC) Primary School
Brockholes CE (VC) J & I School	Netherhall St James C of E (VC) Infant and Nursery School
Crowlees C E (VC) J & I School	Oak CE Primary School
East Bierley CE (VC) Primary School	Savile Town CE (VC) I & N School
Farnley Tyas C E (C) First School	Slaithwaite CE (VC) J & I School
Flockton CE (C) First School	Thornhill Lees CE (VC) I & N School
Gomersal St Mary's CE (C) Primary School	Thurstonland Endowed (VC) First School
Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J & I School	Whitechapel C of E Primary School
Headlands CE (C) J I & N School	Windmill CE (VC) Primary School

2.3 What is the Published Admission Number (PAN)?

The PAN is the number of pupils admitted to the normal years of entry in a school. The PANs for Kirklees schools are shown in the list of Kirklees schools providing primary education.

2.4 How do I know which schools are in my Priority Admission Area or 'catchment' area?

All community and voluntary controlled schools have a Priority Admission Area (PAA). It has this name because children living there normally have priority for admission over children who live elsewhere. Some people refer to it as the 'catchment' area.

Academies, free schools, trust schools, voluntary aided schools have their own admissions policy which is made by the governing body of each school. Their policy may or may not include a PAA. You can view these schools using Where's my nearest? which will show all schools in your location. You can also check schools and priority admission areas or contact Kirklees Pupil Admissions. If you do not live in Kirklees, you will not be in the Priority Admission Area of any Kirklees school.

2.5 How can I find out more about Kirklees schools?

Visit school websites for up-to-date information. Schools produce a prospectus, which includes information about the school including the school's aims, organisation and facilities. Copies of the prospectus are available from the school. You may wish to visit a school. Please contact the school to request an appointment.

2.6 What changes to schools are proposed for 2027?

No changes are proposed at this time, but changes can happen throughout the year, so for the most up to date information please visit the School Organisation and planning section of the Kirklees website.

2.7 Who can help me with the process?

- You can ask your local Kirklees school for help
- Your local Library and Information Centre (LIC).
- During office hours (8:00 - 18:00) Monday to Friday, you can select the Live Chat link on the Kirklees Parent Portal
- Contact Kirklees Pupil Admissions (9:00 - 17:00) Monday to Friday, on 01484 225007

3 When can my child start full-time school?

All children can start school in the September following their fourth birthday.

This means that children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 can start full-time school in September 2027.

Children can start school later in the school year, or request to attend part-time, until they reach "statutory school age" which is the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday. This is detailed below.

Children born between	When they will start
1 Sep 2022 & 31 Dec 2022	Can wait to start full time school or request to attend part time until the start of the Spring term on 4 January 2028
1 Jan 2023 & 31 Mar 2023	Can wait to start full time school or request to attend part time until the start of the Summer term on 24 April 2028
1 Apr 2023 & 31 Aug 2023 known as Summer born:-	Can wait to start full time school or request to attend part time until the start of the Summer term on 24 April 2028 **or:-** Can wait to start full time school until the start of the Autumn term in September 2028 – BUT the allocated place for Reception in 2027-28 is not kept open and parents must re-apply for a place in year 1 or Reception for September 2028

3.1 Applying for a primary school (reception) place

You must Apply for a primary school (reception) place **by 15 January 2027,** no matter when your child will start reception during the 2027-28 school year.

Once your child has been offered a place, the school must hold the place for your child during the same school year and not offer it to another child.

Parents should contact their child's allocated school after places have been allocated to discuss any requests to start later in the year or to attend on a part time basis.

For Summer born children, if you are the parent of a summer born child, you may if you wish delay your child's school start date until the September following their 5th birthday. Before deciding to delay your child's school start, you are advised to talk to the schools you might like them to attend to discuss any concerns you have about your child's readiness to start school.

The government agrees that, in general, children should be educated in their normal age group, with the curriculum differentiated as appropriate, and that they should only be educated outside their normal age group in very limited circumstances, however for summer born children, you may if you wish make a separate request (a formal application) for your child to be admitted to

school outside of their normal age group when they start school (to start in Reception rather than Year 1 in September 2028). More information about this can be found in the Summer born children: advice for parents GOV.UK.

You will still need to apply online for a school place in the normal admission round for 2027, and you should also email Pupil Admissions to make your initial request. Pupil Admissions will then provide further advice about who you should contact to make your formal application.

Requests are considered by the admission authority of the school you are applying on an individual case by case basis and in line with the School Admissions Code and Summer born children: advice for parents GOV.UK. and the final decision about your request will be made by the school's admission authority.

The admission authority for the school will depend on what type of school it is.

Type of school	Admission authority
Community School	Local authority
Voluntary controlled school	Local authority
Voluntary Aided School	Governing body
Foundation School	Governing body
Academy (including free schools)	Academy Trust

It is reasonable for admission authorities to ask you to provide information in support of your request so that a decision can be made on the individual circumstances of your request, this should demonstrate why it would be in your child's interests to be admitted to reception rather than year 1.

It is important to note that an agreement to a request does not mean that your child can automatically be allocated a place in Reception in September 2028 at one of the schools you name as your preferences (unless an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is in place which names the school) as all admissions must be dealt with according to the published admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria for the school/academy.

If your child's delayed school start is agreed, when they reach transition points e.g. transfer to Junior, Middle or High School, a decision by one admissions authority does not bind other admissions authorities. So, if you wish for your child to remain outside of their age group when they transfer to a new school, you will need to make a request again for them to be educated outside their normal year group alongside an application for a school place when your child's normal year group are making applications for a school place.

4 Deciding your preferences

4.1 Can I choose which school my child will go to?

The law on admissions gives parents and carers the right to express a preference for the school they wish their child to attend. Parents/carers can choose which schools to put on their application and the order of preference.

Naming a school does not guarantee that a child will be allocated a place there, although the council does try to meet as many preferences as possible.

For September 2026, 99% of local families were allocated places at one of their preferred primary schools. 93% were allocated their first preference for Reception.

4.2 Do I have to name three schools?

Parents/carers are very strongly advised to name a second and third preference school in case a place is not available at the first preference.

All your preferences are assessed equally to decide if your child qualifies for a place.

If your child qualifies at more than one school, you will be offered a place at your higher preference school.

4.3 Will my child transfer automatically from the nursery, early years or foundation stage unit in a primary school to the reception year?

No. There is no automatic right of transfer. Application procedures for part-time early education are separate from those for full-time school.

Parents of children who are admitted for nursery provision must apply for a place at the school if they want their child to transfer to the reception class; attendance at a nursery or co-located children's centre does not guarantee admission to the school.

4.4 Is the order of preference important?

Yes, it is very important. When a child qualifies for a place at more than one of the schools named, they will be offered a place at the highest preference school.

You should name the school that you would most like your child to attend as your first preference.

A higher preference does not give a higher priority for a place. Places at schools are allocated according to the admission criteria for the school.

4.5 Do I have to include my Priority Admission Area (PAA) or "catchment" school in my preferences?

You are strongly advised to. If you do not name your PAA school, it may not be available as an alternative later if a place is not available at any of your preferred schools. Your PAA school may fill with children who named it as a preference. You would then be offered a place at the nearest available school which could be some distance from your home.

4.6 Are there disadvantages in applying for a school outside the Priority Admission (catchment) Area?

Your child will potentially be of lower priority for a place, as will any younger brothers or sisters who wish to follow in future years.

4.7 The admission policies for all Kirklees schools

The admission policies for all Kirklees schools and the number of preferences from the previous year can be viewed at Admissions statistics which will help you to judge if your application is likely to be successful.

The 2027-28 admission arrangements for Kirklees schools providing primary education can be found at Kirklees admission policy for community and controlled schools 2027-28.

Admission arrangements 2027-28 for Kirklees schools providing primary education

The chances of obtaining a place at a school a long way away from where you live may well be less than at a school nearer to your home.

5 Making an application to start Reception in September 2027

Kirklees parents/carers must make an application online between **1 September 2026 and 15 January 2027**

5.1 Applying online is quick, secure and easy

- Apply for a primary school place
- access the website using your smartphone, tablet or computer
- access the website at your local Library and Information Centre (LIC).
- you will need an active email address. If you don't have an active email address, maybe a friend or a family member can help you.
- **Caution!** An email address can only be used once for each account that is created on the Kirklees Parent Portal
- applications can be made to Kirklees Pupil Admissions at any time from **1 September 2026 to 15 January 2027**
- an email confirmation of receipt is sent for your records when the application is submitted
- the system guides applicants through the process and checks for errors before you submit your application
- unfinished applications can be saved and completed later
- an email is sent on **16 April 2027** (national offer day) – you will be able to view your offer by logging into your Kirklees Parent Portal account from 08:30 am on this date

5.2 There are three stages on the Kirklees Parent Portal

If you do not complete all three stages, your application is not complete and cannot be processed.

Stage 1

Create an account (if you have not already created one in a previous year). If you are the legal parent/guardian, enter your details and follow the link that will be sent to the email address you have used. The process will verify your account and provide you with a link that will take you to the login page of the Kirklees Parent Portal.

Stage 2

Add your child's details

Stage 3

Add your three preference schools. Check the application and then submit the application.

5.3 Responsibilities

Kirklees Local Authority will:

- ensure the information parents need to apply, is in this guide for parents and that the guide for parents is available on the Kirklees website
- ensure that the Parent Portal is set up and working from 1 September for the relevant years for applications.
- ensure that applications are processed in line with the published admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools. (For own admission authority schools, the governing body are responsible for processing the applications in line with their published admission arrangements – What are the different types of schools in Kirklees?
- be available to contact by email or telephone during office hours (Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm) to provide help, advice and support

Kirklees parents are responsible for:

- reading and understanding the guide for parents. You must contact Kirklees Pupil Admissions if you do not understand something or have any questions
- applying on time (before the closing date of 15 January 2027)
- completing all 3 stages of the online application on the Parent Portal
- providing correct information on their application - 'Fraudulent applications'
- keeping pupil admissions informed of any changes in circumstances, such as a change of address

6 Completing the online school application

6.1 Schools that require extra information as well as the Kirklees Parent Portal application

If you name any of the following academies, free schools, voluntary aided Catholic or voluntary aided Church of England schools amongst your preferences, you should ensure that you complete the school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF).

You must return your completed SIF to the school and complete an online Kirklees application by 15 January 2027.

6.2 Primary school SIFs

- All Hallows CE(VA) Primary School
- Batley Grammar School Return by 3pm on 15 January 2027
- Batley Parish CE Primary Academy
- Christ Church CE Academy
- Cumberworth CE(VA) First School
- Denby CE(VA) First School
- Helme Church of England Academy
- Holy Spirit Catholic Primary Academy
- Kirkburton CE First School
- Lindley CE Infant School
- Linthwaite Ardron CE(VA) J & I School
- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary Academy
- St Aidan's C of E Academy
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary (Dewsbury)
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary (Huddersfield)
- St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy
- St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy (Birstall)
- St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy (Huddersfield)
- St Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy
- St Peter's CE (VA) J I & EY School

For all schools, please return directly to school by 15 January 2027.

Remember! a school must be named on the Kirklees online application for a child to be considered for a place at that school.

6.3 How do I apply for a school outside Kirklees?

You must make the school one of your three preferences.

If the school you want to name as a preference is not listed on the Kirklees Parent Portal, please contact Pupil Admissions Telephone 01484 225007 or Email pupiladmissions@kirklees.gov.uk

Information about the school's admission criteria will be available on the school website Contact list for neighbouring Local Authorities. For example, if you wish to apply for a school in Halifax you should refer to the Calderdale authority website.

If you name a school outside Kirklees the details of your request will be passed to the local authority which maintains the school.

6.4 What do I do if I live outside Kirklees but would like my child to attend a Kirklees school?

You must make the Kirklees school one of your preferences on the application to the council where you live. Your local council will pass details of your application to Kirklees Pupil Admissions.

6.5 What do I do if I want my child to attend an independent (fee paying) school?

You will need to make your own arrangements. Kirklees does not provide help with fees, transport or other costs. Do not include independent schools among your preferences.

6.6 What is a child's permanent home address?

A child's permanent home address is defined as being the main or only residence where the child usually lives with their parent/carer. The allocation of a school place MUST be based on the child's permanent address.

The allocation of a school place will be made using the child's permanent home address as of 15th February 2027.

A child cannot be 'lodged' with a friend or relation to gain a place at a school. Under the Kirklees admission policy, only one address can be used as a child's permanent address.

Where a child's parents/carers live at different addresses and the child spends time at each address we will consider the following when deciding which address should be used for admission purposes:

- the amount of time spent at each address
- which parent/carer has parental responsibility for the child
- who receives child benefit for the child
- where the child is registered for medical and dental care

- any residency or custody orders made by the courts

Documentary evidence will be requested to support information given about the above.

6.7 Which parent/carer should apply?

Only one parent can submit a school application. The allocation of a school place MUST be based on the child's permanent address.

The parent/carer who applies must have legal parental responsibility for the child. It must be agreed which parent/carer will apply. When you apply, you are confirming that you have the consent of all those with parental responsibility for the child.

If more than one application is submitted both applications will be placed on hold. If it cannot be agreed which parent/carer will apply you may need to seek legal advice. Pupil Admissions cannot resolve disputes between parents.

6.8 Fraudulent applications

Where Kirklees Council has made an offer of a place at a school based on intentionally misleading or fraudulent information, which has effectively denied a place to a child with a higher right of admission, the offer of a place will be withdrawn. If the authority does withdraw an offer of a place, parents will be offered an alternative school place and told of the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel.

6.9 What should I do if my child has special educational needs (SEN) or disability?

You cannot request a place online at a special school or request a place at a specialist provision at a mainstream school. If your child has an Education Health & Care plan and you want to request a place at a special school or an additionally resourced provision at a mainstream school, you will need to contact your child's EHCP Team caseworker.

If you are requesting a place at a mainstream school (and not a special school) you should complete the online form naming your preferred school(s).

If your child has an Education Health & Care plan it is very important that you state this on your application. The EHCP team will assess whether the school is suitable to meet your child's needs.

If your child has special educational needs or a disability but does not have a plan, your application will be considered in the same way as all other applications and the admission criteria will apply in the normal way.

The EHCP Team can be contacted on 01484 456888 or EHCP.Team@kirklees.gov.uk

6.10 What happens if I apply after the deadline of 15 January 2027?

Applications submitted to Kirklees Pupil Admissions after the closing date will be considered as a late application unless, in Kirklees' judgement, there are significant and exceptional reasons for it not being received on time. We would need proof of such special circumstances.

Late applications are not considered until all on-time applicants have been allocated school places. This severely reduces the chances of obtaining a place at any preferred schools as popular schools may already be full.

6.11 What if I want my child to be educated outside their chronological age group

The government agrees that, in general, children should be educated in their normal age group, with the curriculum differentiated as appropriate, and that they should only be educated outside their normal age group in very limited circumstances, however, you can request a place for your child outside their normal chronological age group, for example, if your child is gifted and talented or your child has experienced problems such as ill health.

You should email Pupil Admissions to make your initial request. Pupil Admissions will then provide advice about how you can make a formal request. Requests are considered by the admission authority of the school you are applying for on an individual case by case basis and in line with the School Admissions Code. The final decision about your request will be made by the school's admission authority.

It is reasonable for admission authorities to ask you to provide information in support of your request so that a decision can be made on the individual circumstances of your request, this should demonstrate why it would be in your child's interests to be educated in a different year group.

A request for a child to be educated outside their chronological age group should be discussed with Kirklees Pupil Admissions as soon as possible between 1 September 2026 and before 15 January 2027.

7 After the application – can I change my preferences?

7.1 Can I change my mind after I have completed my application form?

Up to the closing date of 15 January 2027, you may change your preferences on the Parent Portal **if you have not received an email** to say Kirklees local authority has downloaded your application, by logging into your user account.

If you have received an email to say that Kirklees local authority **has downloaded** your application you can only change your school preferences by sending your changes in an email to Kirklees Pupil Admissions.

After the closing date you cannot change your preferences without a genuine reason for doing so, such as a significant change of address. We will require proof of a change of circumstances. Learning that your child is suitable or not suitable for a selective school will not be considered reason to allow you to change your preference. Can I change the schools I named a preference for after national offer day?

7.2 What happens if I move house before places are allocated?

If you are due to move house during the period when people are making applications, you must seek advice from Kirklees Pupil Admissions as a change of address may affect your offer of a school place.

You will be required to provide written proof of your child's home address or the reasons for a change in a child's permanent home address.

Proof of change of address will be accepted until the latest reasonable date before the final allocation of school places. It is expected that the allocation process for children transferring to junior or middle school and for the reception year group will take place on 9 March 2027 which means that the latest reasonable date for evidence of a significant house move will be **15 February 2027.**

If you move between this date and the National Offer Day (16 April) you must inform Kirklees Pupil Admissions. **Your new address can only be used for correspondence purposes until after National Offer Day.**

We will withdraw school places offered based on an address later found to be intentionally misleading or fraudulent.

7.3 What evidence is required of a house move?

Written evidence is required to confirm that a parent/carer has moved to a new address (please see below for examples of written evidence), all ties to a previous property have been given up, for example the property has been sold, or that the tenancy has expired. If the property is still owned it would no longer be available if it is rented to another tenant.

If the move involved the sale and purchase of properties

suitable written evidence would be a letter from solicitors, which details the exchange of contracts on both properties and the actual completion date. A letter of intent to buy is not enough.

If the move involved renting a property

suitable independent written evidence (e.g. from an estate agent or solicitor) would be the signed tenancy agreement or lease including the start and end date. A letter from a solicitor or estate agent would also be required to confirm either the sale of an existing property or the ending of a previous tenancy.

If the move involved returning to live in a property that is already owned

suitable written evidence of the date that the parent/carer has resumed living in the property and that they intend to remain living there for the foreseeable future is required. If the property has been rented out, then evidence will be required to show the end of the tenancy agreement.

If the move was to live with a member of the family

evidence of child benefit is required, showing the child is resident at the relevant address. If a child has moved to live with a parent/carer at an existing address, then evidence of child benefit is required showing where the child is now residing.

A copy of child benefit annual statement can be obtained by contacting the Child Benefit Enquiry Line on 0300 200 3100 in the UK or +44 161 210 3086 outside the UK OR confirmation of child benefit can be obtained from HMRC – using the Child Benefit online service

Kirklees Pupil Admissions may ask a Kirklees officer to visit you to verify that you are resident at the address you state as your home address on your application.

Important! if you change your address after you have submitted your application you **MUST** contact Pupil Admissions. Changes on the Parent Portal after an application has been submitted **DO NOT** automatically update on your application.

8 What happens to the applications?

8.1 Who administers the applications?

All the preferences named on the application will be assessed to decide which schools a child qualifies for a place at, according to the admission criteria for the school.

Preferences for community and voluntary controlled schools are assessed by the Kirklees local authority, which is the admission authority for these schools.

Preferences for academies, free schools, trust schools and voluntary aided schools are assessed by the schools' governing bodies or the academy trusts, which are the admission authorities for these schools. Kirklees Pupil Admissions sends details of all applications to the school's governing body/academy trust.

Some schools also ask parents to complete a School Supplementary Information Form to provide the additional information used by the governing body to apply the school admission criteria. Batley Grammar School requires parents to complete a Registration Form.

Kirklees Pupil Admissions does not disclose a parents'/carers' order of preference to academies, free schools, trust schools and voluntary aided schools. The governing body/academy trust will determine the order of priority each application is ranked, according to the school's oversubscription criteria and provide Kirklees Pupil Admissions with a list, which ranks all the applications for that school.

Preferences for schools in other local authorities are assessed by the admission authorities for these schools. Kirklees Pupil Admissions will send details of all applications to the relevant local authority for the school. The relevant local authority assesses which children qualify for a place at the school.

8.2 How does the admissions authority decide which children are allocated places?

If there are fewer applicants than there are places available, everyone who applies will be offered a place.

When there are more applicants than there are places available children are offered places by using the admission criteria which are considered in order. These criteria can also be called oversubscription criteria. Please follow this link for full details of the admission criteria for Kirklees admission policy for community and controlled schools 2027-28

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The Kirklees admission policy for community and controlled schools 2027-28. are:

- **Priority 1** children in public care (looked after children) and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be as a result of being adopted;
- **Priority 2** children who live in the school's Priority Admission Area (PAA) who have a brother or sister attending from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule);
- **Priority 3** children who live in the school's PAA;
- **Priority 4** children who live outside the school's PAA who have a brother or sister attending from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule);
- **Priority 5** children who live outside the school's PAA.

Community and voluntary controlled schools will admit children with Special Educational Needs where the school is named on the Education Health and Care plan.

A "looked after child" is defined as a child who, at the time of making the application is: in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) A "previously looked after child" is defined as a child: who was previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a Special Guardianship order or a Child Arrangements order, or who has been in state care outside of England and ceased to be so as a result of being adopted

If you are making an application under the priority for a previously looked after child, you will need to complete a Previously looked after child Supplementary Information Form (PLAC) SIF available online under Section 7 Guidelines for applying. This should be submitted, with a copy of the court order, so the Local Authority can verify this priority.

8.3 Does the school a child currently attends affect which school will be allocated?

In most cases NO. The allocation of places at Kirklees schools that use the admission criteria outlined above, is based on the child's permanent home address and whether they will have any siblings attending the school at the date of their admission.

If a sibling is attending a junior school linked to an infant school, the sibling link *may* be applicable.

Table 6 Linked Infant and Junior schools

Infant school	Junior School
Berry Brow I & N Academy*	Newsome Junior Academy*
Birkby I & N School	Birkby Junior School
Diamond Wood Community Academy*	Ravensthorpe CE(VC) Junior School
Earlsheaton Infant School	Bywell CE(VC) Junior School
New Mill Infant School*	New Mill Junior School*
Lindley CE Infant School*	Lindley Junior School*

Infant school	Junior School
Manorfield I & N School*	Staincliffe CE(VC) Junior School
Marsden I & N School	Marsden Junior School*
Netherhall St James CofE (VC) Infant & Nursery School	Netherhall Learning Campus Junior School
Netherton I & N School*	South Crosland CE(VA) Junior School*
Pentland I & N School	Headfield CE(C) Junior School
Purlwell I & N School*	Hyrstmount Junior School*
Reinwood I & N School*	Reinwood Junior School*
Savile Town CE(VC) I & N School	Headfield CE(C) Junior School
Shaw Cross I & N School	Bywell CE(VC) Junior School
Thornhill Lees CE(VC) I & N School	Headfield CE(C) Junior School

* See the admission policy for each academy and CE (VA) school on our website

For linked infant and junior schools -

The Kirklees admission criteria for linked infant and junior, community and voluntary controlled schools:

- **Priority 1** children in public care (looked after children) and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be as a result of being adopted
- **Priority 2** children who live in the school's Priority Admission Area (PAA) who have a brother or sister attending either (infant or junior) school from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule)
- **Priority 3** children who attend a listed infant school (with priority for the linked junior school)
- **Priority 4** children who live in the school's PAA
- **Priority 5** children who live outside the school's PAA who have a brother or sister attending either (infant or junior) school from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule)
- **Priority 6** children who live outside the school's PAA

Schools will admit children with an Education, Health and Care plan where the plan names the school.

If one child is due to start full time school in September 2027 and a sibling is due to transfer to junior school in September 2027, allocations are run first for the transfer to junior school.

8.4 How are parents'/carers' preferences taken into account?

If a child qualifies for a place at only one of their preferred schools, parents/carers will be offered a place at that school.

If a child qualifies for a place at more than one of their preferred schools, parents/carers will be offered a place at the highest preference school where the child qualifies.

If a child does not qualify for a place at any of the preferred schools and they live in Kirklees, parents/carers will be offered a place at the Priority Admission Area/catchment school if places are available, or the next nearest available school (this is why you are strongly recommended to name your catchment school as one of your three preference schools).

8.5 When will parents/carers find out which school their child has been allocated?

Applicants will receive an email on 16 April 2027 and will also be able to view the offer online on their Parent Portal account on this date.

Kirklees Pupil Admissions cannot tell parents/carers over the telephone which school has been allocated.

After National Offer Day children are automatically placed on waiting lists for any higher preference Kirklees Community or Voluntary controlled schools where they have been refused a place – Can my child be placed on a school's waiting list?

8.6 What happens if a parent/carer moves house after places have been allocated?

If a parent/carer changes address after the offer of a school place then they can retain the place which has been allocated. If the school offered is no longer suitable parents/carers should contact Kirklees Pupil Admissions; Telephone 01484 225007 or Email pupiladmissions@kirklees.gov.uk to get information about schools with vacancies in the new area.

8.7 Can places be withdrawn?

Once a place has been allocated it is not usually withdrawn. However, occasionally it may become apparent that a mistake has been made during the allocation process, which has resulted in a place being offered to the wrong child. If a child has been disadvantaged by a mistake, it will be rectified. For example, if a child of a higher priority based on the oversubscription criteria for the school has not qualified for a place at a particular school but should have done, the mistake will be rectified, and a place will be offered to that child. This may not necessarily be the child who is top of the school's waiting list at that point – it would be offered to the child who should have qualified for the place had the mistake not occurred. It may also be necessary to withdraw the allocated place from the child who should not have qualified for that place based on the oversubscription criteria for the school. The School Admissions Codes states a place may be withdrawn if it has been offered in error. A place would not be withdrawn for this reason if the child has started at the school. If the authority does withdraw an offer of a place, parents will be offered an alternative school place and advised of the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel.

8.8 Can a child be educated at home?

Yes, parents can elect to educate their child at home. The law states that parents/carers must make sure the child receives a ‘sufficient full-time education suitable to their age, ability and aptitude and to any special educational needs they may have’. Kirklees Council has a duty to ensure that every child is receiving an efficient education and will contact families who have chosen to home educate. For more information please see; Elective Home Education.

9 What if I am not happy with the place I am offered?

9.1 What happens if my child does not qualify for a place at any of my preferred schools?

If your child does not qualify for a place at any of the schools you have named as a preference and you live in Kirklees, you will be allocated a place at the Priority Admission Area (PAA)/catchment school if places are available. If a place is not available at the PAA/catchment school, a place will be allocated at the nearest school where places are available (This is why you are strongly recommended to name your PAA/catchment school as one of your three preference schools).

9.2 Can my child be placed on a school's waiting list?

Your child's name will automatically be placed on the waiting list for any Kirklees community or voluntary controlled school where they have been refused a place.

Waiting lists for Kirklees community or voluntary controlled schools will be kept open until 31 December 2027. Waiting lists include on time and late applicants, in strict priority order according to the school's published admission criteria and not according to when their application was received.

Kirklees Pupil Admissions will contact you if a place becomes available for your child. We will ask you to complete and return a reply slip within 10 days to confirm whether you wish to accept the place offered. If you do not return your reply slip within 10 days we will assume that you wish to accept the place offered and we will withdraw the school place previously allocated.

The academies, free schools, trust schools and voluntary aided schools in Kirklees and schools in other local authorities may have different procedures for their waiting lists. You should obtain this information directly from the school or the local authorities.

9.3 Are other places available?

If you are not happy with the school allocated and want to ask for an alternative, please contact Kirklees Pupil Admissions; Telephone 01484 225007 or Email pupiladmissions@kirklees.gov.uk for details of schools with vacancies.

You are strongly advised not to decline the school place allocated without first securing a place at an alternative school.

9.4 Can I change the schools I named a preference for after national offer day?

After national offer day there is a ‘two week window’ where Kirklees parents can email pupiladmissions@kirklees.gov.uk and change the school preference(s). We call this the re-allocation period.

If you do not live in Kirklees but would like to change your school preferences to include a Kirklees school, you will need to contact your home local authority (the one you live in) for advice.

After the two weeks have passed all the changes of school preference received during the two weeks are processed together in one ‘batch’ so that any places that may have become available at a school are offered to the child(ren) that qualify against the published admissions criteria for the school.

Kirklees Pupil Admissions will write to parents with the outcome of their change of preference. The process can take several weeks depending on the number of changes of preference received.

Change of preferences or late applications received after the first two weeks are then processed in ‘weekly batches’.

9.5 How do I make a change of school preference after national offer day?

Changes of school preferences should be made in writing by email to Kirklees Pupil Admissions pupiladmissions@kirklees.gov.uk

You should include your child’s initials, your child’s date of birth, your child’s address, what your original school preferences were and in what preference order, and what you are changing your preference schools to, and in what preference order you want them to be considered.

In Kirklees you can name three preference schools.

We advise that the allocated school remains one of your preferences as we strongly advise against declining the school place offered without first securing a place at an alternative school.

If the school offered was not one of your original preferred schools, you do not need to make this school one of your change of preference schools.

If your change of preference no longer includes a school for which you have lodged an appeal, the appeal will be considered withdrawn.

9.6 Can I appeal to obtain a place at a preferred school?

You can appeal to an independent appeal panel to try to secure a place at any school you were refused.

Community and voluntary controlled schools - Details of how to appeal can be found at appeal online.

If all three preferences have been refused, it is possible to appeal for each of them. There would be a separate hearing for each school that you were appealing.

Academies, free schools, trust schools and voluntary aided schools - contact the school to enquire about the appeal process.

Schools outside Kirklees - Contact list for neighbouring Local Authorities to enquire about the appeal process.

10 How does an admissions appeal work?

10.1 The notice of admissions appeal

If you miss the last date to ask for an appeal it may result in a delay in hearing your appeal. For dates see Kirklees Council about admission appeals.

You must appeal online.

The Kirklees Governance and Commissioning Team will arrange the appeal hearing and will write to you approximately two weeks ahead of your appeal to advise of the date and time of your hearing. It is very important for you to stay within any timetable given for your appeal process and that you state all the information on which your appeal is based in your written statement of appeal.

10.2 The appeal hearing

The clerk of the appeal panel will email you about the appeal hearing and explain the procedures. An independent appeal panel hears appeals. It is made up of three people, including: at least one 'lay' member (a member of the public with no specialist education experience) and at least one 'independent' person who has experience in education and who is familiar with educational conditions in our area or who is a parent of a registered pupil at a school.Appeal hearings will take place from June 2027 onwards. Further information about the appeal hearing can be found on the Kirklees Council about admission appeals.

10.3 Appeal decisions

The clerk of the appeal panel will email you to tell you the decision. The independent appeal panel's decision is final and binding on the admission authority, the school and the parent. It is not possible to have a second appeal for the same school in the same year unless there has been a significant and material change in circumstances since the original appeal. Kirklees Pupil Admissions cannot tell parents/carers the outcome of appeals over the telephone.

10.4 How does infant class size affect the allocation of places and admission appeals?

Government legislation rules that no infant child can be taught in a class of more than 30 children with a single qualified teacher. The number of places available for each school (the PAN) is determined to ensure that infant class sizes do not exceed 30 children.

The infant class size limit may affect how an appeal against refusal of admission to a school might be considered.

If you would like further information about the infant class size legislation please refer to Kirklees Council about admission appeals or the Department of Education Guidance Advice for parents and guardians on school admission appeals.

11 Can my child change schools during the school year?

11.1 A school transfer during the school year is known as an in-year admission

There are two different types of in-year admission:

- When parents/carers are moving house and want their child to move to a school closer to their new home.
- When parents/carers are not moving house, or whose change of address is not a significant one, (i.e. over 2 miles for Key Stage 1 or 3 miles for Key Stage 2 and above), but would like their child to change school.
- Key Stage 1: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- Key Stage 2: Years 3 to 6

Transferring a pupil from one primary school to another can be unsettling for friendship groups, can disrupt attendance and can break the continuity of learning as schools are likely to have differing curriculum patterns.

An application for an in-year admission can be made at any time during the school year, but no earlier than one school term in advance of when the school place is required.

A child usually starts at a new school at the beginning of a term unless their home address has changed significantly/they are new to Kirklees.

All in-year applications for Kirklees schools, including those from parents/carers living outside Kirklees, must be made online; Changing school during the school year.

11.2 The Kirklees In-Year Fair Access Protocol

All local authorities must have a Fair Access Protocol, which exists to ensure that unplaced children, especially the most vulnerable, are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible.

All Kirklees Schools must participate in the Kirklees Fair Access protocol which is intended to act as a safety net for the most vulnerable children who are having difficulty in securing a school place through the normal in-year admission process. Fair Access may only be used to place the described categories of children as shown in the protocol and where a child is having difficulty in securing a school place in-year, and it can be demonstrated that reasonable measures have been taken to secure a place through the in-year admissions process.

12 Other information

12.1 Support with travel/bus passes and home-to-school transport

Some children and Young People can receive subsidised travel, which is assessed under the criteria set out in the current Home to School Travel Policy. Pupils are reassessed if their circumstances change, including, for example when there is a change of address or school, or a change in financial circumstances (if eligibility is assessed under low-income criteria). You may wish to bear this in mind when choosing a school for your child.

For further information please refer to the Kirklees Home to School Transport Policy which can be accessed on the School transport page.

Bus passes contact: email School Bus Pass Team or telephone 01484 221000 (ask for School Bus Pass Team).

12.2 Other information available for parents on the Kirklees website

- School Transport & Bus passes
- Complaints and compliments
- Employment of school children and entertainment licences
- Governors and governing bodies
- Health and the school health team
- Meals at school and free school meals
- Free Milk
- Re-organisation of schools
- Special educational needs and disabilities

13 Terms used in this guide

- **Academy** – An independent school funded by the government. The governing body/academy trust of an academy decides its own policy on admissions and has responsibility for deciding who is given a place. Places at the school are offered by the local authority on behalf of the governing body/academy trust.
- **Admission appeal** - Where a parent is not offered a place at a school for which they have expressed a preference, they have a legal right for their preference to be further considered by an independent appeal panel.
- **Admission criteria** - The rules which govern who should and should not be offered a place at an oversubscribed school.
- **Admission authority** - The body responsible for determining the admission arrangements for a school. This can be the local authority (LA) or the governing body/academy trust of a school.
- **Community and voluntary controlled school** - Funded by Kirklees Council. The council sets the admission policy and offers places.
- **Foundation school** - funded by Kirklees Council. The governing body of the school decides its admission policy and has responsibility for deciding who is given a place at the school. Places at the school are offered by Kirklees on behalf of the governing body.
- **Free school** – A free school is an academy – an independent school funded by the government. The governing body/academy trust of the free school decides its admission policy and has responsibility for deciding who is given a place at the school. Places at the school are offered by Kirklees on behalf of the governing body/academy trust.
- **In-Year Common Application Form (ICAF)** The online form to be completed when applying for a Kirklees school during the school year.
- **Maintaining authority** - The local authority in which a school is located, and which has responsibility for it.
- **National Offer Day** The day each year when an authority's single offer of a primary school place is sent to parents. For children starting in a reception class or transferring to a junior or middle school in September 2027, National Offer Day is **16 April 2027.**
- **Net capacity** -The total number of pupil places available in a school.
- **Notice of appeal** - The form to be completed by a parent/carer and submitted to the authority to request an independent appeal for a school at which they have not been offered a place.
- **Order of preference** - The order in which parents have to list up to three preferences to enable the local authority to determine the single offer of a school place.
- **Oversubscribed** - Where the number of applications for the year group exceeds the PAN.
- **PAN** - Published Admission Number. A PAN is determined in consultation with each school based on the net capacity. This is the number of pupils that must be admitted to a school if sufficient applications are received.
- **Preferences** - The schools which parents indicate to the local authority they would wish their child to attend above all others.

- **Qualify for a school place** – When a child can be offered a place at a school either because; the number of applications for the school is below the published admission number or it is oversubscribed but the child has priority under the admission criteria.
- **Sibling** - a sibling is your child's brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters, stepbrothers and sisters, adoptive brothers and sisters and fostered children living with the same family at the same address). Please note that cousins do not count as siblings.
- **Single offer of a school place** - The one offer of a school place at the highest preference school where the child qualifies.
- **Summer born child** – child born between 1 April and 31 August.
- **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** - All parents/carers must list their preferred schools on the online application to make a valid application. A SIF is an additional form that some schools require to enable the governing body to apply the school's admission criteria. SIFs can be obtained from the schools.
- **Trust school** - Funded by Kirklees Council. A trust school is a foundation school supported by a charitable trust. The governing body of the trust school decides its own admission policy and has responsibility for deciding who is given a place at the school. Places at the school are offered by Kirklees on behalf of the governing body.
- **Voluntary aided school** - Jointly funded by Kirklees Council and a voluntary organisation, usually a church diocesan board. The governing body of the school decides its own admission policy and has responsibility for deciding who is given a place at the school. Kirklees offer places at the school on behalf of the governing body.

14 Useful addresses and contact information

14.1 OFSTED reports and school performance table information

Access OFSTED reports at Ofsted - GOV.UK or directly from the school concerned. School and college achievement and attainment tables are available on the DfE website Individual schools will also provide information about their own results.

14.2 Kirklees SEND Information, Advice and Support Service

A free, independent and totally confidential service supporting parents/carers of children and young people who have already been identified as having special educational needs or a disability. Visit the Kirklees SEND Information, Advice and Support Service or telephone 0300 330 1504.

14.3 Contact details for neighbouring local authorities

- **Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council,** School Admissions, PO Box 634, Barnsley S70 9GG
  Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, School Admissions admissions@barnsley.gov.uk or telephone: 01226 773677

- **City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council,** School Admissions, Britannia House, Hall Ings, Bradford, BD1 1HX
  City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, School Admissions
  primaryadmissions@bradford.gov.uk or telephone: 01274 439200

- **Calderdale Council,** Admissions Team, Town Hall, Halifax HX1 1UJ
  Calderdale Council, Admissions Team
  cyps.admissions@calderdale.gov.uk or telephone 01422 392617

- **Leeds City Council,** School Admissions, Calverley Street, Leeds LS1 1UR
  Leeds City Council, School Admissions
  startingprimary@leeds.gov.uk or telephone: Tel: 0113 222 4414

- **Oldham Council,** School Admissions, Spindles Shopping Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1HD
  Oldham Council, School Admissions
  ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk or telephone: 0161 770 4213

- **Wakefield Council,** School Admissions, PO Box 700, Burton Street, Wakefield, WF1 2EB
  Wakefield Council, School Admissions
  admissions@wakefield.gov.uk or telephone: 01924 306052

15 Kirklees schools providing primary education

15.1 Primary & Infant schools – Reception entry

Table 7 Primary & Infant Schools

School name	Head Teacher	Age Range	Estimated on Roll September 2026 (Rec – Y6)	Published Admission Number (PAN)	On-time First Preference Applications September 2026
All Hallows' Primary CE (VA) School (VA) Longcroft, Almondbury, Huddersfield HD5 8XW	Mrs S Wilson	3 – 9	176	30	22
Ashbrow School (C) Ash Meadow Close, Sheepridge, Huddersfield HD2 1EX	Ms L Kent	3 - 11	382	60	27
Batley Grammar School (Primary Phase) (F) Carlinghow Hill, Batley, WF17 0AD	Mr J Hughes	3 - 18	202	27	32
Batley Parish CE Primary Academy (A) Stocks Lane, Batley WF17 8PA	Ms L Sennett	3-11	186	30	25
Battyeford CE(VC) Primary School (VC) Nab Lane, Mirfield, WF14 9QH	Miss R Batty	3-11	379	60	51
Beaumont Primary Academy (F) Dryclough Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 5JA	Ms A Mather	4-11	637	90	83
Berry Brow I & N Academy (A) Birch Road, Berry Brow, Huddersfield HD4 7LP	Ms E Rockey	3-7	99	30	24

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Birdsedge First School (A) Penistone Road, Birdsedge HD8 8XR	Ms D Barker	4-10	64	15	13
Birkby I & N School (C) Blacker Road, Birkby, Huddersfield HD1 5HQ	Ms P Manser	3-7	352	120	105
Birkenshaw CE(C) Primary School (VC) Station Lane, Birkenshaw, BD11 2JE	Mrs R Martin	3-11	424	60	70
Birstall Primary Academy (A) Chapel Lane, Birstall, Batley WF17 9EJ	Mrs N Hannam	4-11	186	30	29
Boothroyd Primary Academy (A) Temple Road, Dewsbury WF13 3QE	Mr A Strafford	4-11	528	90	76
Brambles Primary Academy (A) Cemetery Road, Huddersfield HD4 5JA	Miss A Inns	4-7	378	60	39
Brockholes CE(VC) J & I School (VC) Brockholes Lane, Brockholes, Holmfirth HD9 7EB	Mrs H Sutcliffe	4-11	210	30	28
Carlinghow Academy (A) Ealand Road, Carlinghow, Batley WF17 8HT	Mr A Midgley	3 -11	270	50	29
Carlton J & I School (C) Off Upper Rd, Batley Carr, Dewsbury, WF13 2DQ	Ms R Mahmood-Ahmed	3 - 11	221	30	73
Christ Church CE Academy (A) Deighton Road, Deighton, Huddersfield HD2 1JP	Ms M Farrell	3-11	197	30	23
Clough Head J & I School (C) Bolster Moor Rd, Golcar, HD7 4NW	Mrs C Kenworthy	4-11	75	12	13

School name	Head Teacher	Age Range	Estimated on Roll September 2026 (Rec – Y6)	Published Admission Number (PAN)	On-time First Preference Applications September 2026
Co-op Academy Smithies Moor (A) Leeds Old Road, Heckmondwike WF16 9BB	Mrs C Watkiss	3-11	129	30	15
Crossley Fields J & I School (C) Wellhouse Lane, Mirfield, WF14 0BE	Mrs Howard & Mrs Shepherd	4-11	461	60	45
Crow Lane Primary and Foundation Stage School (T) Crow Lane, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield HD3 4QT	Mr M Vayro	3-11	188	30	20
Crowlees CE(VC) J & I School (VC) Springfield Park, off Parker Lane, Mirfield, WF14 9PD	Mrs K Woods	4-11	419	60	74
Cumberworth CE (VA) First School (VA) Cumberworth Lane, Upper Cumberworth HD8 8NU	Mrs F Claxton	4-10	98	20	10
Dalton School (C) Mayfield Avenue, Dalton, Huddersfield HD5 9HN	Mr I Richardson	3-11	455	60	55
Denby CE (VA) First School (VA) Goose Green, Upper Denby HD8 8UN	Mrs L Wagstaff	4-10	50	10	10
Denby Dale First & Nursery School (C) Gilthwaites Lane, Denby Dale HD8 8SG	Mr G Billing	3-10	107	30	18
Diamond Wood Community Academy (A) North Road, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury WF13 3AD	Mrs B Price	3-7	288	120	89
Earlsheaton Infant School (C) Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury WF12 8JF	Ms S Senior	4-7	75	40	24
East Bierley CE (VC) Primary School (VC) South View Road, East Bierley. BD4 6PH	Mrs V Meek	4-11	200	30	19

School name	Head Teacher	Age Range	Estimated on Roll September 2026 (Rec – Y6)	Published Admission Number (PAN)	On-time First Preference Applications September 2026
Eastborough Academy (A) Rockley Street, Dewsbury WF13 1NS	Mrs S Merrick	3-11	190	30	23
Emley First School (C) School Lane, Emley HD8 9RT	Mrs H Cameron	4-10	135	25	23
Farnley Tyas CE(VC) First School (VC) Butts Road, Farnley Tyas HD4 6TZ	Mrs L Wagstaff	4-10	59	10	11
Field Lane Junior Infant & Nursery School (A) Albion St, Batley WF17 5AH	Mr A Lorgat	3-11	211	30	45
Fieldhead Primary Academy (A) Charlotte Close, Birstall, Batley, WF17 9BX	Mrs D Popek	3-11	163	30	25
Fixby J & I School (A) Lightridge Road, Fixby, Huddersfield HD2 2HB	Mrs C Allen	4-11	304	45	54
Flockton CE(VC) First School (VC) Barnsley Road, Flockton WF4 4DH	Miss E Taylor	4-10	89	15	17
Gomersal Primary School (C) Oxford Road, Gomersal, BD19 4JR	Ms M Cox	3-11	391	60	50
Gomersal St Mary's CE (C) Primary School (VC) Shirley Ave, Gomersal, BD19 4NA	Miss J Barker	3-11	162	30	9
Grange Moor Primary School (A) Liley Lane, Grange Moor, WF4 4EW	Miss D Barker	4-11	65	15	13
Hade Edge J & I School (C) Greave Road, Hade Edge HD9 2DF	Mr N Codling	4-11	66	14	5

School name	Head Teacher	Age Range	Estimated on Roll September 2026 (Rec – Y6)	Published Admission Number (PAN)	On-time First Preference Applications September 2026
Hanging Heaton CE(VC) J & I School (VC) High Street, Hanging Heaton, Batley WF17 6DW	Mrs S Caspell	4-11	131	20	13
Hartshead J & I School (C) School Lane, Hartshead, Liversedge WF15 8AW	Ms S Shaw	4-11	86	12	16
Headlands CE(VC) J I & N School (VC) Headlands Rd, Liversedge WF15 6PR	Mrs H Lord	3-11	304	60	36
Healey J I & N School (A) Healey Lane, Batley WF17 8BN	Ms L Lang	3-11	361	55	48
Heaton Avenue, A SHARE Primary Academy (A) South Parade, Cleckheaton, BD19 3AE	Mrs S Quinn	3-11	262	45	8
Heckmondwike Primary Academy (A) Cawley Lane, Heckmondwike WF16 0AN	Mr J Singh	3-11	380	60	54
Helme Church of England Academy (A) Helme, Meltham HD9 5RW	Ms G Spooner	4-11	134	20	14
Hepworth J & I School (A) Main Gate, Hepworth HD9 1TJ	Mr M Crouch	4-11	112	16	18
High Bank J I & N School (C) Eighth Avenue, Liversedge, WF15 8LD	Mrs S Tai	3-11	112	20	12
Highburton CE First Academy (A) Northfield Lane, Highburton HD8 0QT	Mr C Johnson	4-10	154	30	21
Hightown Primary School (A) Hightown Road, Liversedge, WF15 8BL	Mr R Ingleby	3-11	199	30	17

School name	Head Teacher	Age Range	Estimated on Roll September 2026 (Rec – Y6)	Published Admission Number (PAN)	On-time First Preference Applications September 2026
Hillside Primary School (A) Headfield Road, Newsome, Huddersfield HD4 6LU	Mrs N Ismail	3-11	289	45	32
Hill View Academy (A) Fernside Avenue, Almondbury Huddersfield HD5 8PQ	Mr K Pritchard	3-11	194	30	22
Hinchliffe Mill J & I School (C) Waterside Lane, Holmbridge HD9 2PF	Mr D Bond	4-11	48	16	7
Holme J & I School (C) Meal Hill Rd, Holme HD9 2QQ	Mr D Bond	4-11	31	6	7
Holmfirth J I & N School (C) Cartworth Rd, Holmfirth, HD9 2RG	Mr J Rose	3-11	189	30	15
Holy Spirit Catholic Primary Academy (A) Bath Road, Heckmondwike, WF16 9EA	Mrs C Bass	4-11	209	30	25
Honley CE(VC) Junior, Infant & Nursery School (VC) School Street, Honley HD9 6AU	Ms N Burns-Keane	4-11	367	60	45
Hopton Primary School (C) Woodend Road, Lower Hopton, Mirfield, WF14 8PR	Mr B Smith	3-11	269	45	25
Howard Park Community School (C) St. Peg Lane, Cleckheaton, BD19 3SD	Mr J Pickles	3-11	211	30	42
Kaye's Academy (A) Holmfield, Clayton West HD8 9LZ	Mrs J Dearnley	3-10	140	30	19
Kirkburton CE (VA) First School (VA) School Hill, Kirkburton HD8 0SG	Mr W Adams	4-10	114	24	17

School name	Head Teacher	Age Range	Estimated on Roll September 2026 (Rec – Y6)	Published Admission Number (PAN)	On-time First Preference Applications September 2026
Kirkheaton Primary School (A) New Road, Kirkheaton, HD5 0HR	Mr C Duffy	3-11	294	30	25
Lepton CofE Primary Academy (A) Station Road, Lepton, HD8 0DE	Mrs R Brook	3-11	170	30	24
Lindley CE Infant School (A) East Street, Lindley, Huddersfield HD3 3NE	Ms K Goddard	4-7	355	120	122
Linthwaite Ardron CE (VA) J & I School (VA) Church Lane, Linthwaite. HD7 5TA	Mrs J Travis	4-11	203	30	35
Linthwaite Clough Primary School (A) Chapel Hill, Linthwaite. HD7 5NJ	Mr J Roberts	3-11	215	30	17
Littletown J I & N School (T) Bradford Road, Liversedge. WF15 6LP	Mrs C Howarth	3-11	166	25	25
Lowerhouses CofE Primary School (A) Lowerhouses Lane, Almondbury, Huddersfield HD5 8JY	Mrs R Shaw	3-11	174	30	14
Luck Lane, A SHARE Primary Academy (A) Luck Lane, Paddock, Huddersfield, HD3 4HA	Mrs N Azam	4-11	312	45	29
Lydgate J & I School (C) Lydgate Road, Soothill, Batley WF17 6EY	Mrs A Kishore	4-11	300	45	43
Manor Road Academy (A) Manor Road, Golcar HD7 4QE	Ms S Gallant	3-11	404	60	58
Manorfield I & N School (A) Manor Way, Staincliffe, Batley. WF17 7DQ	Mrs K Ellis-Holmes	3-7	172	60	42

School name	Head Teacher	Age Range	Estimated on Roll September 2026 (Rec – Y6)	Published Admission Number (PAN)	On-time First Preference Applications September 2026
Marsden I & N School (C) Brougham Rd, Marsden. HD7 6BL	Mrs N Jablonski	3-7	101	60	26
Meltham CE Primary School (VC) Holmfirth Road, Meltham. HD9 4DA	Mr P Gibbins	4-11	381	60	49
Meltham Moor Primary School (A) Birmingham Lane, Meltham. HD9 5LH	Mrs L Woodfield	3-11	169	30	22
Mill Lane Primary School (C) Mill Lane, Batley, WF17 6EG	Miss C Barlow	3-11	159	25	21
Millbridge, A SHARE Primary Academy (A) Vernon Rd, Liversedge, WF15 6HU	Mrs R Pleasant	3-11	232	45	20
Moldgreen Community Primary School (C) The Avenue, Moldgreen, Huddersfield, HD5 8AE	Mrs H Pearson	3-11	337	60	53
Moorlands Primary School (A) Moorlands Road, Mount, Huddersfield, HD3 3UH	Mrs A Denney	4-11	628	90	104
Mount Pleasant Primary School (C) Lockwood Road, Lockwood, Huddersfield, HD1 3QR	Mrs N Nazir	3-11	602	90	82
Netherhall St James CofE (VC) I & N School (VC) Rawthorpe Lane, Rawthorpe, Huddersfield, HD5 9NT	Mrs K McGrath	3-7	160	55	43
Netherthong Primary School (C) School Street, Netherthon, HD9 3EB	Mr M Bradbury	4-11	211	30	38
Netherton I & N School (A) Netherton Moor Road, Netherton, HD4 7JE	Ms E Barker	3-7	172	60	51

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New Mill Infant School (A) Kirkroyds Lane, New Mill, Holmfirth HD9 1LS	Mrs E Barrow	4-7	100	60	29
Nields Academy (A) Nields Rd, Slaithwaite, HD7 5HT	Miss D Mahon	3-11	137	30	20
Norristhorpe J & I School (C) School Street, Norristhorpe, Liversedge, WF15 7AW	Mrs C Lyles	4-11	413	60	57
Oak CofE (VC) Primary School (VC) Dryclough Road, Crosland Moor, HD4 5HX	Mrs M Garlick	7-11	331	60	32
Old Bank Academy (A) Taylor Hall Lane, Mirfield, WF14 0HW	Mr P Brook	3-11	95	15	17
Orchard Primary Academy (A) Princess Rd, Chickenley, Dewsbury WF12 8QT	Mr M Carbutt	3-11	320	52	37
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary Academy (A) Bradley Boulevard, Huddersfield, HD2 1EA	Mrs K Gait	3-11	203	30	45
Overthorpe CofE Academy (A) Edge Top Road, Thornhill, Dewsbury, WF12 0BH	Ms L McCarthy	3-11	173	30	18
Paddock J I & N School (T) Heaton Road, Paddock, Huddersfield, HD1 4JJ	Mrs K Pearson	3-11	277	50	28
Park Road J I & N School (C) Park Road, Batley, WF17 5LP	Ms J Hampson	3-11	198	30	22
Pentland I & N School (C) Pentland Road, Dewsbury WF12 9JR	Miss F Farooq	3-7	102	30	36

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Purlwell I & N School (A) Purlwell Lane, Batley, WF17 7PE	Ms S Gallivan	3-7	183	60	4532
Reinwood I & N School (A) Burfitts Road, Oakes, Huddersfield HD3 4YL	Ms M Symonds	3-7	265	90	73
Roberttown CE(VC) J & I School (A) Church Rd, Roberttown, Liversedge, WF15 8BE	Miss L Horsfall	4-11	231	30	49
Rowley Lane J I & N School (C) Rowley Lane, Lepton, HD8 0JD	Miss J Shore	3-11	376	60	46
Savile Town CE(VC) I & N School (VC) Warren St, Savile Town, Dewsbury, WF12 9LY	Mrs D Douglas	3-7	78	30	25
Scapegoat Hill J & I School (C) School Rd, Scapegoat Hill, Golcar, HD7 4NU	Ms N Shackleton	4-11	74	12	13
Scholes (Holmfirth) J & I School (A) Wadman Road, Scholes, HD9 1SZ	Mrs L Pugh	4-11	140	30	19
Scholes Village Primary School (C) Old Popplewell Lane, Scholes, Cleckheaton BD19 6DN	Mrs R Martin	3-11	198	30	22
Scissett CE Academy (A) Wakefield Road, Scissett, HD8 9HR	Mr B Cunningham	4-10	179	30	32
Shaw Cross I & N School (C) Leeds Rd, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury, WF12 7HP	Mrs A Pickup	3-7	171	60	58
Shelley First School (A) School Terrace, Shelley HD8 8HU	Mrs L McLoughlin	4-10	161	30	26

School name	Head Teacher	Age Range	Estimated on Roll September 2026 (Rec – Y6)	Published Admission Number (PAN)	On-time First Preference Applications September 2026
Shepley First School (C) Firth Street, Shepley HD8 8DD	Mrs B Adams	4-10	174	30	28
Skelmanthorpe Academy (A) Elm Street, Skelmanthorpe HD8 9DZ	Ms S Senior	3-10	113	30	19
Slaithwaite CE(VC) J & I School (VC) Holme Lane, Slaithwaite HD7 5UG	Mrs C Fowler	4-11	170	23	31
Spring Grove J I & N School (A) Water Street, Huddersfield, HD1 4BJ	Mrs S Azhar	3-11	210	30	41
St Aidan's CE Academy (A) Smithy Close, Skelmanthorpe HD8 9DQ	Mrs A Walshe	4-10	131	30	20
St John's CE (VA) J & I School (VA) Fieldhead, off Leymoor Rd, Golcar, HD7 4QQ	Mrs J Grindley	4-11	208	30	38
St John's CE (C) Primary School (A) Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury, WF13 2LP	Mr A Blackburn	4-9	239	30	32
St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy, Dewsbury (A) Healds Road, Dewsbury, WF13 4HY	Mrs C Bulloch	4-11	207	30	29
St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy, Hudds (A) Grosvenor Road, Dalton, Huddersfield, HD5 9HU	Mr D Marshall	3-11	287	45	20
St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy (A) Upton St, Batley, WF17 8PH	Mr P Glover	3-11	256	45	35
St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy, Birstall (A) Nova Lane, Birstall, Batley, WF17 9LQ	Mrs C Moulding	3-11	204	35	14

School name	Head Teacher	Age Range	Estimated on Roll September 2026 (Rec – Y6)	Published Admission Number (PAN)	On-time First Preference Applications September 2026
St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy, Huddersfield (A) George Avenue, Birkby, Huddersfield HD2 2BJ	Ms R Holmes	4-11	389	60	47
St Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy (A) Temple Road, Dewsbury, WF13 3QE	Mrs E McDonagh	3-11	321	60	33
St Peter's CE (VA) J I & E Y School (VA) Fieldhead Lane, Birstall, Batley, WF17 9HN	Mrs L Evans	3-11	178	30	27
St Thomas CE(VC) Primary School (A) Sherwood Ave, Bradley, Huddersfield HD2 1RQ	Mrs K Meade	3-11	364	60	34
Thornhill J & I School (A) Edge Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury WF12 0QT	Miss J Rylance	4-11	336	60	43
Thornhill Lees CE(VC) I & N School (VC) Slaithwaite Rd, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, WF12 9DL	Ms D Douglas	3-7	225	90	61
Thurstonland Endowed (VC) First School (VC) Marsh Hall Lane, Thurstonland HD4 6XD	Mrs L Wagstaff	4-10	66	12	9
Upperthong J & I School (C) Burnlee Road, Holmfirth, HD9 2LE	Mr N Cox	4-11	205	30	27
Warwick Road Primary School (C) Warwick Road, Batley WF17 6BS	Mrs S Qureshi	3-11	347	48	48
Wellhouse J & I School (C) Lower Wellhouse, Golcar, HD7 4ES	Mrs C Kenworthy	4-11	71	12	6
Westmoor Primary School (C) Church Lane, Dewsbury, WF13 4EW	Mrs K Lonnergan	3-11	376	60	47

School name	Head Teacher	Age Range	Estimated on Roll September 2026 (Rec – Y6)	Published Admission Number (PAN)	On-time First Preference Applications September 2026
Whitechapel Church of England Primary School (VC) Whitechapel Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 6HR	Mrs J Burden	4-11	414	60	57
Wilberlee J & I School (C) Heys Lane, Wilberlee, Slaithwaite, HD7 5UX	Mrs C Kenworthy	4-11	78	12	7
Windmill CE(VC) Primary School (C) Upper Batley Lane, Batley, WF17 0NP	Mr D Foulke	4-11	419	60	62
Woodside Green, A SHARE Primary Academy (A) Main Avenue, Cowlersley, Huddersfield HD4 5US	Mr A Quinn	3-11	163	30	20

15.2 Special schools with provision for primary aged children and young people

Places in special schools are reserved for children and young people with an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP).

Admission to a special school follows consultation as detailed in what should I do if my child has special education needs (SEN) or disability?

Contact the EHCP team for further information telephone EHCP.Team@kirklees.gov.uk or telephone: 01484 2456888.

Table 8 Special schools with provision for primary aged children and young people

SEN Provision	School
For children and young people with autism	**Woodley School** Dog Kennel Bank, Huddersfield HD5 8JE Age range: 5-19 Woodley School Website
For children and young people with complex needs	**Southgate School** Southfield Road, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD5 8TJ Age range: 5-16 Southgate School Website **Ravenshall School** Ravensthorpe Road, Dewsbury WF12 9EE Age range: 5-19 Ravenshall School Website

SEN Provision	School
For children and young people with severe and profound needs	**Castle Hill School** Newsome Road South, Newsome, Huddersfield HD4 6JL Age range: 3-19 Castle Hill School Website **Fairfield School** White Lee Road, Batley, WF17 8AS Age range: 3-19 Fairfield School Website
For children and young people with behavioural, emotional and social needs	**ETHOS Academy Trust** Park Road, Batley WF17 5LP Age range: 4-11 ETHOS Website

15.3 Additionally Resourced Provision in Kirklees primary schools

Some Kirklees primary schools have provision for children and young people with an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP)

Admission to an additionally resourced provision follows consultation and agreement between parents/carers, an education psychologist, the head teacher of the school and the Kirklees EHCP Team.

Contact the EHCP team for further information EHCP.Team@kirklees.gov.uk or telephone: 01484 456888.

Table 9 Additionally Resourced Provision in Kirklees primary schools

Additionally Resourced Provision	Primary School
Cognition and Learning	Old Bank Academy, Mirfield
Complex communication and interaction	Windmill CofE Primary School, Batley Netherhall St James CE (VC) Infant & Nursery School, Huddersfield
Hearing Impairment	Lowerhouses CofE Primary School, Huddersfield
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	Beaumont Primary Academy, Huddersfield Carlinghow Academy, Batley
Visual Impairment	Dalton School, Huddersfield

16 Admission arrangements 2027-28 for Kirklees schools providing primary education

The 2027-28 admission arrangements for Kirklees schools providing primary education can be found on Admissions Policies and publications

For the following own admission authority schools, you can find their admission arrangements on the individual school/academy website.

16.1 Academies and free schools

State schools that are independent of the local authority. The governing body or academy trust is responsible for deciding who is given a place.

- Batley Grammar School
- Batley Parish C of E Primary Academy
- Beaumont Primary Academy
- Berry Brow Infant & Nursery Academy
- Birdsedge First School
- Birstall Primary Academy
- Boothroyd Primary Academy
- Brambles Primary Academy
- Carlinghow Academy
- Christ Church CE Academy
- Co-op Academy Smithies Moor
- Diamond Wood Community Academy
- Eastborough Academy
- Field Lane Junior Infant & Nursery School
- Fieldhead Primary Academy
- Fixby Junior & Infant School
- Grange Moor Primary School
- Healey J I & N School
- Heaton Avenue, A SHARE Primary Academy
- Heckmondwike Primary Academy
- Helme Church of England Academy
- Hepworth Junior & Infant School

- Highburton CE First Academy
- Hightown Primary School
- Hill View Academy
- Hillside Primary School
- Holy Spirit Catholic Primary Academy
- Kaye's Academy
- Kirkheaton Primary School
- Lepton CE Primary Academy
- Lindley CE Infant School
- Linthwaite Clough Primary School
- Lowerhouses CofE Primary School
- Luck Lane, A SHARE Primary Academy
- Manor Road Academy
- Manorfield I & N School
- Meltham Moor Primary School
- Millbridge, A SHARE Primary Academy
- Moorlands Primary School
- Netherton Infant and Nursery School
- New Mill Infant School
- Nields Academy
- Old Bank Academy
- Orchard Primary Academy
- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary Academy
- Overthorpe CofE Academy
- Purlwell Infant & Nursery School
- Reinwood Infant & Nursery School
- Scholes J & I School (Holmfirth)
- Scissett CE Academy
- Shelley First School
- Skelmanthorpe Academy
- Spring Grove Junior, Infant and Nursery School
- St Aidan's CE Academy
- St John's CE Primary School
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy (Dewsbury)
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy (Huddersfield)

- St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy
- St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy (Birstall)
- St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy (Huddersfield)
- St Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy
- St Thomas CE Primary School
- Thornhill J & I School
- Woodside Green, A SHARE Primary Academy

16.2 Trust schools

Foundation schools supported by a charitable trust. The governing body is responsible for deciding who is given a place.

- Crow Lane Primary & Foundation Stage School
- Littletown J I & N School
- Paddock J I & N School

16.3 Voluntary aided schools

The governing body is responsible for deciding who is given a place.

- All Hallows' CE (VA) Primary School
- Cumberworth CE (VA) First School
- Denby CE (VA) First School
- Kirkburton CE (VA) First School
- Linthwaite Ardron CE(VA) J & I School
- St John's CE (VA) J & I School
- St Peter's CE (VA) J I & EY School

17 Kirklees admission policy for community and controlled schools 2027-28

This admission policy applies to the community and controlled schools which make some educational provision for primary age children and young people.

17.1 Admission Criteria

If there are fewer applicants than there are places available, everyone who applies will be offered a place. When there are more applicants than there are places available there has to be a way of deciding which children are offered places. This is done by having admission criteria, also known as oversubscription criteria, which are considered in order. The Kirklees admission criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools are:

1. children in public care (looked after children) and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be as a result of being adopted;

2. children who live in the school's Priority Admission Area (PAA) who have a brother or sister attending from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule);

3. children who live in the school's PAA;

4. children who live outside the school's PAA who have a brother or sister attending from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule);

5. children who live outside the school's PAA.

Community and voluntary controlled schools will admit a child with Special Educational Needs where the school is named on the Education Health and Care Plan.

Linked infant and junior schools
There are several combinations of infant and junior schools in Kirklees. These are shown in the list below. The majority of children transfer from the infant school to the linked junior school. It is included to strengthen the admissions criteria for linked infant and junior schools to increase the continuity for children to a level comparable to that in an all-through primary school.

Table 10 Linked Infant and Junior schools

Infant school	Junior School
Berry Brow I & N Academy*	Newsome Junior Academy*
Birkby I & N School	Birkby Junior School
Diamond Wood Community Academy*	Ravensthorpe CE(VC) Junior School
Earlsheaton Infant School	Bywell CE(VC) Junior School
New Mill Infant School*	New Mill Junior School*
Lindley CE Infant School*	Lindley Junior School*

Infant school	Junior School
Manorfield I & N School*	Staincliffe CE(VC) Junior School
Marsden I & N School	Marsden Junior School*
Netherhall St James CofE (VC) Infant & Nursery School	Netherhall Learning Campus Junior School
Netherton I & N School*	South Crosland CE(VA) Junior School*
Pentland I & N School	Headfield CE(C) Junior School
Purlwell I & N School*	Hyrstmount Junior School*
Reinwood I & N School*	Reinwood Junior School*
Savile Town CE(VC) I & N School	Headfield CE(C) Junior School
Shaw Cross I & N School	Bywell CE(VC) Junior School
Thornhill Lees CE(VC) I & N School	Headfield CE(C) Junior School

* See the admission policy for each academy and CE (VA) school on our website

Admission criteria for linked infant and junior schools

If there are fewer applicants than there are places available, everyone who applies will be offered a place. When there are more applicants than there are places available there has to be a way of deciding which children are offered places. This is done by having admission criteria, also known as oversubscription criteria, which are considered in order.

The Kirklees admission criteria for linked infant and junior, community and voluntary controlled schools:

- **Priority 1** children in public care (looked after children) and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be as a result of being adopted
- **Priority 2** children who live in the school's Priority Admission Area (PAA) who have a brother or sister attending either (infant or junior) school from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule)
- **Priority 3** children who attend a listed infant school (with priority for the linked junior school)
- **Priority 4** children who live in the school's PAA
- **Priority 5** children who live outside the school's PAA who have a brother or sister attending either (infant or junior) school from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule)
- **Priority 6** children who live outside the school's PAA

Notes

- A sibling is the child's brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters, stepbrothers and sisters, adoptive brothers and sisters and fostered children living with the same family at the same address). Please note that cousins do not count as siblings.
- The definition of a 'looked after child' in England is a person under the age of 18 who is provided with accommodation by a local authority, acting in its social services capacity, for a

continuous period of more than 24 hours, by agreement with the parents or in accordance with 5 section 22 of the Children Act 1989. Previously Looked After refers to those children who immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption order, (under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002), Child Care Arrangement Order (under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989), or specialist guardianship order (under Section 14A of the Children Act 1989). Children looked after under an agreed series of short-term placements (respite care) are excluded. If a request for admission to school is made under the previously looked after (PLAC) criteria, an online supplementary information form (SIF) will need to be completed on the Kirklees Pupil Admissions website

- Children in priority 1 above may be admitted above the PAN.
- A child is regarded as having been in 'state care outside of England' if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Evidence must be provided by parents of the child's adoption from state care outside England.
- If we cannot agree to requests for admission in priorities 2 to 6 above without exceeding the PAN, we will give priority up to the PAN to children living nearest the school.
- Distance is measured in a straight line from a child's home address to the school. Measurements are calculated using six-figure National Grid Co-ordinates from the National Land and Property Gazetteer. This grid reference relates to a point that falls within the permanent building structure corresponding to the address. The boundary of the building structure for the address is from Ordnance Survey's MasterMap. For smaller, residential properties the grid reference marks a point near the centre of the building. For larger properties like schools with, for example, multiple buildings and large grounds, the grid reference relates to a point inside the main addressable building structure. The distance calculated is accurate to within 1 metre.
- For all-through schools located on two different sites, Kirklees LA will calculate the distance in a straight line from the applicant's home address to both sites and the shortest distance will be used for admission purposes for applications for all year groups. The year group the application is for and where that year group is taught is not part of the consideration, as this is an operational decision down to Headteacher / Governing Body discretion and could change outside of the admission arrangements consultation and determination process.
- 'Live' means the child's permanent home at the date when applications close or, if a significant house move is involved, the latest reasonable date before the final allocation of places (see page 6).
- Where a child's parents live at different addresses and the child spends time at each address, we will consider the following when deciding on the address that will be used for admissions purposes:
    - the amount of time spent at each address
    - which parent has parental responsibility for the child
    - who receives child benefit for the child
    - where the child is registered for medical and dental care
    - any residency or custody orders made by the courts

We will ask for documentary evidence to support information given about the above points.

- A PAA means a geographical area determined by Kirklees in consultation with the governing body of the school. It is called this because children living there normally have priority for admission over children who live elsewhere. It is also referred to as the catchment area.
- Children with Education Health and Care Plans are admitted to mainstream schools, special units and special schools separately from the general admission policies, but we do ask families to complete the online application if they would like to name a mainstream school as one of their preferences.

It is important to note that attending a school nursery or pre-school setting on a school site does not give any priority for a place in that primary/infant school and there is no automatic transfer.

Late applications

Applications received after the ap

propriate closing date will be regarded as late unless, in Kirklees' judgment, there are significant and exceptional reasons for the lateness. Proof of special circumstances will be required. Late applications are not considered until all on-time applicants have been allocated places. Forms submitted after the closing date due to a significant house move will be regarded as on-time provided that documentary evidence to confirm the move is provided by the following deadlines in time for the allocation process. For Reception – **the latest reasonable date for evidence of a significant house move is 15 February 2027.**

Waiting lists

A child's name will automatically be placed on the waiting list for any Kirklees community or voluntary controlled school where they have been refused a place in the school's normal year of entry, e.g. Reception at primary school.

The waiting lists will be held in admission criteria order and will close on 31 December 2027.

For in-year admissions, the waiting list will be held for the remainder of the term for which they have applied for a place.

Admission appeal

Where a parent is not offered a place at a school for which they have expressed a preference, they have a legal right for their preference to be further considered by an independent appeal panel.

In-year admissions

Parents/carers who wish to apply for a place at a Kirklees School, in the first year at the school after the first school day in September 2027, or to any other age group at any time, will apply on the Kirklees Parent Portal.

Twins / multiple births

A twin or sibling from a multiple birth can be admitted as an excepted pupil into an infant class, where admission of more than one of the siblings would exceed the infant class size limit of 30 pupils, such cases would be examined on an individual basis.

Flats

In the event of two or more children living equidistant from the school, e.g. blocks of flats, the place will be decided by drawing lots, the first name drawn out of the bag will be offered the place.

Rising five year old children

All children are entitled to a full-time place in the September following their fourth birthday. However, the legal starting age for full time education is the start of the term following the child's fifth birthday and parents may request their child's entry is deferred until later in the same school year or until the term after which the child reaches compulsory school age. The allocated place will be held for the child until the beginning of the term following the child's fifth birthday, but not beyond the beginning of the summer term. Summer born children who do not take up their allocated place in Reception by the beginning of the summer term will have their place withdrawn and will need to reapply for a place in year 1 for September.

Parents can request that their child takes up the place part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Summer born children (children born between 1 April and 31 August)

The majority of parents apply and take up a reception place in the school year in which their child will reach the age of five (rising fives). All children are entitled to a full-time place in the September following their fourth birthday. However, the legal starting age for full time education is the start of the term following the child's fifth birthday and parents may request that their child's entry is deferred until later in the same school year or until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age.

Parents should still apply online in the normal admission round for 2027 and also email Pupil Admissions to make their request. The request will be considered by a panel of education experts after the relevant closing date for applications and the individual case will be considered. The panel will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Admission of children outside normal age group

It is the general view of Kirklees Council that all children and young people will complete their primary and secondary education in school year groups according to their normal age group. It is also the general view of the Local Authority that moving pupils into older or younger year groups is usually not in their best educational, social or emotional interests. This includes either early or late admission to primary school or early or late transfer to secondary school.

The National Curriculum sets out a clear, full and statutory entitlement to learning for all pupils. In addition, schools in Kirklees deliver an offer which supports access to high quality differentiated education. This should ensure that a pupil's curricular needs are met without either early or delayed transfer to the next phase of schooling being necessary other than in exceptional circumstances. A request may be made for a child to be admitted outside of their normal age group, for example if the child is gifted and talented, has experienced problems such as ill health or has already been taught out of chronological age.

Parents should still apply online in the normal admission round for 2027 and also write to or email Pupil Admissions to make their request. The request will be considered by a panel of education experts after the relevant closing date for applications and the individual case will be considered. The panel will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in

the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Children of UK Service Personnel and Crown Servants

Kirklees Council is signed up to the armed forces Community Covenant, which is a pledge made by the government to ensure that the armed forces and their families are not disadvantaged as a result of their service. As part of the co-ordinated process, applications from armed forces families are reviewed on an individual basis to ensure they are not disadvantaged and, Kirklees LA may ask schools to consider admission over PAN if this is felt to be necessary.

Children of UK service personnel and crown servants returning from overseas to live within Kirklees, will be allocated a school place in advance of their arrival (as long as one is available) provided that the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date. The address at which the child will live will be used when applying oversubscription criteria, as long as the parents provide some evidence of their intended address. A Unit or quartering address will be used as the child's home address when considering the application against oversubscription criteria, where a parent requests this.