Starting a new primary school in 2020
Guide for parents

* Apply online, apply on time
* Name three preferences
* Include your catchment school

Online only applications from 1 September 2019
Deadline for applications is 15 January 2020

www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions
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A message from Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director for Learning and Early Support

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. Our aim is to develop young people that will have the skills needed for a successful future.

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 peoples’ own commitment and talent and also 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 also the skills which create an environment for business growth in Kirklees, therefore improving the economy of the district even more.

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 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 helping 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, www.kirklees.gov.uk, the process is quick, easy and secure and please do remember to make your application before the deadline on 15 January 2020, 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 visit schools before you express 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 2020.

Please read pages 2 and 3 for important dates and a summary of key information

See page 4 for a full contents list

See page 30 for details of all Kirklees schools providing primary education

See page 42 for summaries of all primary school admission policies
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The information in this guide is for the school year starting in **September 2020**.

It is correct on 31st August 2019, but there may be changes before or after September 2020 and we aim to update the website to reflect any changes.

This **Guide for Parents – starting a new primary school in 2020** is available to download as a pdf file or a paper copy may be obtained on request from:

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**Kirklees Pupil Admissions**

- Website: [www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions)
- Telephone 01484 225007
- Email pupiladmissions@kirklees.gov.uk
- Postal address only: Kirklees Pupil Admissions, Kirkgate Buildings, Byram Street, Huddersfield HD1 1BY

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**Important dates for starting a new primary school/ transferring to Junior/Middle School in September 2020**

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| **Wednesday 15 January 2020** | The closing date for applications  
Remember - a late application can severely reduce your chances of obtaining a place at your preferred school. |
| **Thursday 16 April 2020**    | Email offers are sent to applicants                                  |
| **Monday 18 May 2020**        | The last day for requesting an appeal for starting community and voluntary controlled schools in September 2020. Academies, free schools, trust schools and voluntary aided schools may have different closing dates for appeals. You must contact them directly. |
| **June 2020 onwards**        | Appeal hearings take place                                           |
| **Thursday 31 December 2020** | Waiting lists close for community and voluntary controlled schools.  
(see section 8b) Academies, free schools, trust schools and voluntary aided schools may have different closing dates for waiting lists. Please contact them directly. |
Summary

Kirklees organises admissions for young people starting a primary school for the first time in September 2020, 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.

Applications must be made online to Kirklees Pupil Admissions by the closing date of Wednesday 15 January 2020

Kirklees residents must apply online at www.kirklees.gov.uk

Kirklees Council will send all Kirklees parents/carers an offer of one school place on the National Offer Day – 16 April 2020. 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. A contact list for neighbouring Local Authorities is included on page 29.

Important - is your child at a school nursery*?

- A place in a school nursery does not give you a place in the Reception class at a school.
- Children who attend the 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.

You must make a separate application for a place in a reception class.

* nursery, early years or foundation stage unit
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#### 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
- Beaumont Primary Academy
- Beech Primary School - part of Royds Hall Community
- Birdsedge First School
- Birstall Primary Academy
- Boothroyd Primary Academy
- Brambles Primary Academy
- Christ Church CE Academy
- Cowlersley Primary School
- Diamond Wood Community Academy
- Fieldhead Primary Academy
- Field Lane J I & N School
- Healey J I & N School
- Heaton Avenue Primary Academy
- Helme Church of England Academy
- Kirkburton Middle School*
- Lindley CE Infant School
- Lindley Junior School
- Marsden Junior School
- Meltham Moor Primary School
- Millbridge J I & N School
- Netherton I & N School
- Orchard Primary Academy
- Overthorpe CoE Academy
- Royds Hall Community School
- Scissett CE Academy
- Scissett Middle School*
- Shelley First School
- Skelmanthorpe Academy
- St Aidan’s CE Academy
- Thornhill J & I School
- The John Curwen Co-operative Primary Academy

#### Community schools – Kirklees Council is responsible for deciding who gets a place.

- Almondbury Community School
- Ashbrow School
- Berry Brow I & N School
- Birkby I & N School
- Birkby Junior School
- Carlinghow Princess Royal J I & N School
- Carlton J & I School
- Clough Head J & I School
- Crossley Fields J & I School
- Dalton School
- Denby Dale F & N School
- Earlsheaton Infant School
- Eastborough J I & N School
- Emley First School
- Fixby J & I School
- Gomersal Primary School
- Grange Moor Primary School
- Hade Edge J & I School
- Hartshead J & I School
- Hepworth J & I School
- High Bank J I & N School
- Hightown J I & N School
- Hillside Primary School
- Hinchcliffe Mill J & I School
- Holme J & I School
- Holmfirth J I & N School
- Hopton Primary School
- Howard Park Community School
- Hystermost Junior School
- Kaye’s F & N School
- Kirkheaton Primary School
- Kirkroyds Infant School
- Linthwaite Clough J I & EY School
- Lydgate J I & School
- Manorfield I & N School
- Marsden I & N School
- Mill Lane Primary School
- Moldgreen Community Primary School
- Moorlands Primary School
- Mount Pleasant Primary School
- Netherhall Learning Campus – Rawthorpe Junior School
- Netherthong Primary School
- Newsome Junior School
- Nield J I & N School
- Nollisthorpe J I & School
- Old Bank J I & N School
- Park Road J I & N School
- Pentland I & N School
- Purlwell I & N School
- Reinwood Community Junior School
- Reinwood I & N School
- Rowley Lane J I & N School
- Scapegoat Hill J & I School
- Scholes J & I School (Holmfirth)
- Scholes Village Primary School
- Shaw Cross I & N School
- Shepley First School
- Spring Grove J I & N School
- Upperthong J & I School
- Warwick Road J I & N School
- Wellhouse J & I School
- Westmoor Primary School
- Wilberlee J & I School
- Wooldale Junior School

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Apply online at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions)  Apply on time by 15 January 2020
**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 | Golcar J I & N School | Heckmondwike Primary School | Littletown J I & N School | Paddock J I & N School |

**Voluntary aided schools** – the governing body is responsible for deciding who is given a place.

| All Hallows’ Primary CE (VA) School | Kirkburton CE(VA) First School | Linthwaite Ardon CE(VA) J & I School | St Mary’s Catholic Primary School | St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School (Birstall) |
| Batley Parish CE(VA) J I & N School | Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School | South Crosland CE(VA) Junior School | St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School (Huddersfield) | St Paulinus Catholic Primary School |
| Cumberworth CE(VA) First School | St John’s CE(VA) J & I School | St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School (Dewsbury) | St Peter’s CE(VA) J I & EY School |
| Denby CE(VA) First School | St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School (Huddersfield) |
| Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School |

**Voluntary controlled schools** – Kirklees Council is responsible for deciding who gets a place.

| Battye ford CE(VC) Primary School | Headlands CE(VC) J I & N School | Highburton CE(VC) First School | Savile Town CE(VC) J I & N School |
| Brockholes CE(VC) J & I School | Lowerhouses CE(VC) J I & EY School | Meltham CE(VC) Primary School | St John’s CE(VC) Infant School |
| Bywell CE(VC) Junior School | Netherhall Learning Campus - Ravethorpe St James CE(VC) J I & N School | Oak CE (VC) Primary School | St Thomas CE(VC) Primary School |
| Crowlees CE(VC) J I & I School | Ravensthorpe CE(VC) Junior School | Roberttown CE(VC) J & I School | Staincliffe CE(VC) Junior School |
| East Bierley CE(VC) Primary School | | | Thornhill Lees CE(VC) J I & N School |
| Farnley Tyas CE(VC) First School | | | Thurstonland Endowed (VC) First School |
| Flockton CE(VC) First School | | | Whitechapal C of E Primary School |
| Gomersal St Mary's CE(VC) Primary School | | | Windmill CE(VC) Primary School |
| Hanging Heaton CE(VC) J & I School | | | |
| Headfield CE(VC) Junior School | | | |

*Middle schools admit children from Year 6 – Year 8*

**1c) What is the Published Admission Number (PAN)?** The PAN is the number of pupils admitted to each year in a school. The PANs for Kirklees schools are shown in the list of schools on [pages 30-39](#).

**1d) How do I know which schools are in my Priority Admission Area or ‘catchment’ area?**

All community and 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 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 [www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolcatchments](#) 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.
1e) 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 free from the school.
You may wish to visit a school. Please contact the school to request an appointment.

1f) Which junior schools are the infant schools linked to?
Every separate infant school in Kirklees is linked to a junior phase school. These are shown in the list below. The majority of children transfer from the infant school to the linked junior school. In order to strengthen the continuity for children to a level comparable to that in an all-through primary school there is an admission criterion for children at linked infant and junior schools (see section 7c)

Berry Brow I & N School and Newsome Junior School
Birkby I & N School and Birkby Junior School
Diamond Wood Community Academy* and Ravenstorpe CE(VC) Junior School
Earlsheaton Infant School and Bywell CE(VC) Junior School
Kirkroyds Infant School and Wooldale Junior School
Lindley CE Infant School* and Lindley Junior School*
Manorfield I & N School and Staincliffe CE(VC) Junior School
Netherhall Learning Campus - Rawthorpe St James CE(VC) I & N School and Rawthorpe Junior School
Netherton I & N School and South Crosland CE(VA) Junior School*
Pentland I & N School and Headfield CE(VC) Junior School
Purlwell I & N School and Hystormount Junior School
Reinwood I & N School and Reinwood Community Junior School
Saville Town CE(VC) I & N School and Headfield CE(VC) Junior School
Shaw Cross I & N School and Bywell CE(VC) Junior School
St John’s CE(VC) Infant School and Westmoor Primary School
Thorhill Lees CE(VC) I & N School and Headfield CE(VC) Junior School
*please see the admission policy for each academy and CE (VA) school on our website

1g) Which middle schools are first schools linked to?
The schools in the Denby Dale, Kirkburton and Shelley area of Kirklees are organised in a “3-tier” system of first, middle and high schools with transfers between schools at ages 10 and 13. The first schools are linked to the two middle schools, as shown in the table below. Almost all children transfer from a first school to a middle school at age 10. As this age of transfer only applies to the schools in the Denby Dale, Kirkburton and Shelley area of Kirklees, and to maintain continuity for children in the system, there is an additional admission criterion specifically for children attending first schools (see section 7c)

Kirkburton Middle School
Emley First School
Farnley Tyas CE (VC) First School
Highburton CE (VC) First School
Kirkburton CE (VA) First School
Shelley First School
Shepley First School
Thurstonland Endowed (VC) First School

Scissett Middle School
Birdsedge First School
Cumberworth CE (VA) First School
Denby CE (VA) First School
Denby Dale First & Nursery School
Flockton CE (VC) First School
Kaye’s First & Nursery School
Scissett CE Academy
Skelmanthorpe Academy
St Aidan’s CE Academy

*Middle schools admit children from Year 6 – Year 8

1h) What changes to schools are proposed for 2020?
Changes can happen throughout the year and for the most up to date information please visit the school organisation section of the Kirklees website: www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolorganisation
1) Who can help me with the process?

- You can ask your local Kirklees school for help
- Kirklees Customer Service Centres
- Your local Library and Information Centre (LIC). Find your local LIC at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/index.aspx](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/index.aspx)
- 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
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STEP 2 - 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 2015 and 31 August 2016 can start full-time school in September 2020.

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 shown in the table below.

| Children born between 1 Sep 2015 & 31 Dec 2015 | Can wait to start full time school or request to attend part time until the start of the Spring term on 4 January 2021 |
| Children born between 1 Jan 2016 & 31 Mar 2016 | Can wait to start full time school or request to attend part time until the start of the Summer term on 12 April 2021 |

You must apply online for a reception place by 15 January 2020, no matter when your child will start reception during the 2020-2021 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 feel that your ‘summer-born’ child’s needs are such that they would benefit from starting school a year later please refer to DfE guidance and Kirklees guidance for further information.

Important - is your child at a school nursery*

- A place in a school nursery does not give you a place in the Reception class at a school.
- Children who attend the 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.

You must make a separate application for a place in a reception class.

*nursery, early years or foundation stage unit
3a) 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 2019, over 98% of local families were allocated places at one of their preferred primary schools. 92.6% were allocated their first preference for Reception. For transfers to junior or middle school, 98.2% were allocated their first preference.

3b) 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.
If you name one school more than once it is treated as a single 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.

3c) 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 completely 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.

3d) 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.

3e) 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 on 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.

3f) Do I have to include the linked junior or middle school in my preferences? (see 1f and 1g above)
No, but your child may have a higher priority at the linked school. (See section 7c)

3g) Are there disadvantages in applying for a school outside the Priority Admission 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.

3h) What are realistic preferences?
The admission policy for all Kirklees schools (see pages 42 to 46) and the number of preferences from the previous year pages 30-39 will help you to judge if your application is likely to be successful.
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.
A breakdown of how places are allocated in previous years can be found on our website.

Apply online at www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions Apply on time by 15 January 2020
Starting a new primary school in September 2020

Kirklees Parents/carers must make an application online between 1 September 2019 and 15 January 2020

4a) Applying online is quick, secure and easy
- apply online on our website
- access the website using your smartphone, tablet or computer
- access the website at a Kirklees library and Information Centre (LIC) or Kirklees Customer Service Centre at http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/customerservice
- 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 or visit a Kirklees Customer Service Centre. 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 2019 to 15 January 2020
- 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 offer is sent on 16 April 2020 (national offer day) – you will also be able to view your offer by logging into your Kirklees Parent Portal account from 08:30 am on this date

4b) 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 (if you have not already done so in a previous year)
- Stage 3
  Add your three preference schools. Check the application and then submit the application.

4c) Responsibilities
Kirklees LA will:
- ensure the information parents need to apply is in this guide for parents and that the guide for parents is available on their website
- ensure that the Parent Portal is set up and working from 1 September for the relevant years to apply
- 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 – see 1b in this guide for 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 2020)
- Completing all 3 stages of the online application on the Parent Portal. (please see section 4b)
- Providing correct information on their application (please see section 5j) - fraudulent applications
- Keeping pupil admissions informed of any changes in circumstances, such as a change of address
### 5a) Which schools require extra information as well as the Kirklees Parent Portal application?

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

### 5b) 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 Kirklees Pupil Admissions. Information about the school’s admission criteria will be available on the school website and on the website of the local authority. 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.
5c) 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.

5d) 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.

5e) What is considered to be a child’s permanent home address?
A child is normally regarded as living with a parent or carer and the parent/carer’s address will be used for admissions purposes. The parent/carer’s address is the one you live in. 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 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 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 Documentary evidence will be requested to support information given about the above.

5f) Which parent/carer should apply?
It doesn’t matter which parent/carer applies however, the parent/carer who does apply must have legal parental responsibility for the child. It must be agreed which parent/carer will apply as you can only submit one application for each child. If more than one application is submitted this may reduce your chances of getting your preferred school. If it cannot be agreed which parent/carer will apply you may need to seek legal advice. The allocation of a school place MUST be based on the child’s permanent address. [Please see section 5e]

5g) 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 specialist provision at a mainstream school you will need to contact your child’s SEND 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 Special Educational Needs Disability Assessment & Commissioning Team will assess whether the school is suitable to meet your child’s needs.

If your child has special educational needs or 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.

5h) What happens if I apply after the deadline of 15 January 2020?
Applications submitted to Kirklees Pupil Admissions after the closing date will be considered as a late application unless, in Kirklees’ judgment, 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.

Apply online at www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions
Apply on time by 15 January 2020
5j) Can my child be educated outside their chronological age group?

You can request a place for your child outside their normal chronological age group, for example, if your child is a Summer born child, if your child is gifted and talented or your child has experienced problems such as ill health.

All requests are considered individually, however it is the view of Kirklees LA that wherever possible, children should be educated with their chronological peers. Parents are asked to provide evidence to support their request so that the admission authority can consider requests based on the circumstances of each individual case.

The legal school-leaving age is not affected by early transfer.

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 2019 and before 15 January 2020. Further advice can be found at Kirklees Pupil Admissions.

5j) 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.
STEP 6 After the application – can I change my preferences?

6a) Can I change my mind after I have completed my application form?
Up to the closing date of 15 January 2020, you may change your preferences in 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 pupiladmissions@kirklees.gov.uk
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. See section 8d for details of how to change school preferences after national offer day.

6b) 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 in early March 2020 which means that the latest reasonable date for evidence of a significant house move will be Friday 14 February 2020.

If you move between this date and the National Offer Date (16 April) you must inform 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.

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.
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.

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. If property has been rented out then evidence will be required to provide the end of tenancy agreement as documentary evidence.

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.

OR;

Confirmation of child benefit can be obtained from HMRC – using the Child Benefit online service at www.gov.uk/topic/benefits-credits/child-benefit

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

**Important:** if you change your address on the Parent Portal after you have submitted your application you **MUST** also contact Pupil Admissions for advice. Changes on the Parent Portal after an application has been submitted **DO NOT** automatically update on your application.
7a) **Who administers the applications?**

All the preferences named on the application will be assessed to decide which schools a child qualifies for a place 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 Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to provide additional information used by the governing body to apply the school admission criteria. Batley Grammar School requires parents to complete a Registration form. (See section 5a above).

Kirklees Pupil Admissions does not disclose a parents’ 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.

7b) **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. Full details of the admission criteria for Kirklees community and voluntary controlled schools can be found on pages 44 to 46. See pages 30 to 39 for the list of schools providing primary education in Kirklees.

### The Kirklees admission criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools are:

- **Priority 1** children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after.

- **Priority 2** children who were previously in state care outside of England and ceased to be as a result of being adopted;

- **Priority 3** children who live in the school’s Priority Admission Area (PAA) who have a brother or sister attending the school from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule).

- **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 the 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.

Full details of the Kirklees admission criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools are on page 44.
7c) Does the school a child currently attend 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.

The two exceptions to this are:

* in the Denby Dale - Shelley area where higher priority is given under each admission criterion 3 – 6 listed above (up to the PAN) to children attending a first school in the middle school’s PAA (see section 1g above and Admission Arrangements on the Kirklees website).
* for linked infant and junior schools (see section 1f above)

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

**Priority 1** children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after.

**Priority 2** children who were previously in state care outside of England and ceased to be as a result of being adopted;

**Priority 3** 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 4** children who attend a listed infant school (with priority for the linked junior school).

**Priority 5** children who live in the school’s PAA.

**Priority 6** 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 7** 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 2020 and a sibling is due to start in September 2020, allocations are run first for the transfer to junior school in.

7d) How are parent/carer 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 PAA 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).

7e) When will parents/carers find out which school their child has been allocated?

Applicants will receive an offer email on Thursday 16 April 2020 and will also be able to view the offer online 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. (see section 8b).
7f) 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 to get information about schools with vacancies in the new area.

7g) Can places be withdrawn?
Once a place has been allocated it is not usually withdrawn. However, occasionally it becomes clear that a mistake was made during the allocation process, which has resulted in a child being allocated a place to the detriment of other children of a higher priority. In such circumstances it may be necessary for the place to be withdrawn. A place would not normally be withdrawn for this reason if the child had started at the school. The resulting vacancy would be reallocated to the child who should have qualified for the place, had the mistake not been made. This may not necessarily be the child who is at the top of the school’s waiting list at the point when the place is withdrawn.

7h) Can a child be educated at home?
The law allows parents/carers to educate a child at home. However, the law states that parents/carers must make sure the child gets “sufficient full-time education suitable to their age, ability and aptitude and to any special educational needs they may have”. If a parent/carer wishes to educate a child at home Kirklees must be informed as the local authority has a duty to ensure that a child is receiving efficient education. Further information can be found at Elective Home Education. Please contact Kirklees Pupil Admissions.
STEP 8 What if I am not happy with the place I am offered?

8a) What happens if a child does not qualify for a place at any of the 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 PAA school if places are available. If a place is not available at the PAA school, a place will be allocated at the nearest school where places are available (This is why you are strongly recommended to name your catchment school as one of your three preference schools).

8b) 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 2020. 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 direct from the school or the local authorities.

8c) 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 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.

8d) 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 write to Kirklees Pupil Admissions 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’.

8e) How do I make a change of school preference after national offer day?
Changes of school preferences should be made in writing to Kirklees Pupil Admissions (by email or letter).
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 preferences 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 that you have lodged an appeal for the appeal will be considered withdrawn.
8f) 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 the other local authority to enquire about the appeal process.
9a) 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. You must appeal online. The Kirklees Legal and Governance Team will arrange the appeal. 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.

9b) The appeal hearing
The clerk of the appeal panel will write to 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 2020 onwards. Further information about the appeal hearing can be found on the Kirklees website.

9c) Appeal decisions
The clerk of the appeal panel will write to 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.

9d) 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 our pupil admission appeals process or the Department of Education website.
10 Can my child change schools during the school year?

10a) 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. 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.

All applications for Kirklees schools, including those from parent/carers living outside Kirklees, must be made on the Kirklees In-Year Common Application Form (ICAF). If you wish to make an application to more than one school, you will need to complete a separate ICAF for each application. The completed ICAF should be returned directly to the school/academy you name on the form.

The ICAF and guidance notes can be obtained:
- from schools in Kirklees
- from the Kirklees Council website, www.kirklees.gov.uk
- by calling Kirklees Pupil Admissions on 01484 225007 and the ICAF and guidance notes can be posted to you

In-Year applications are expected to move to online only. Updates will be published on our website.

10b) The Kirklees In-Year Fair Access Protocol

All local authorities have an In-Year 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 participate in the protocol, which provides a safety net for those children for whom the normal admission arrangements are not appropriate.
11 Other information

11a) Support with travel/bus passes and home-to-school transport
Following a consultation process, Kirklees Council’s Cabinet agreed in January 2018 to develop a new Home to School Transport policy which reverts the service to statutory provision only. Work is now underway to scope out further engagement and actions that the Council want to undertake to develop that new policy.

To make sure there is enough time to undertake the more detailed work, the new School Transport policy will not be in place immediately. This means that the **existing** travel policy will continue to apply for all parents and carers making decisions about school preferences this Autumn, for admissions in September 2020. Children and Young People will receive subsidised travel assessed under the existing criteria, and will continue to do so even when the new policy is subsequently introduced, unless:

- they change address
- they change schools
- or, if their pass is based on their financial circumstances, where there is a relevant change of circumstances.

You may wish to bear this in mind when choosing a school for your child.

**Bus passes** contact: email - free.buspases4schools@kirklees.gov.uk  tel 01484 221000 (ask for School Bus Pass Team)

**Home to school transport** contact: email - school.transport@kirklees.gov.uk  tel 01484 221000 (ask for School Transport Department)

For further information please refer to the Kirklees Home to School Transport Policy which can be accessed on the Kirklees Council website [Kirklees Council](https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/)

11b) Special educational needs and disabilities in schools

**What is a special educational needs or disabilities (SEND)**
Children and young people with SEND all have learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for them to learn than most children and young people of the same age. These children and young people may need extra or different help from that given to others.

**What you should do if you suspect your child has a special educational need or disability (SEND)**
If your child is of school age, you should first discuss this with your child's teacher. They will listen and explain what they think and what will happen next.

If your child is pre-school, there is Early Years support for children from birth to age 7 with special educational needs provided by the Educational Psychology and Early Years Team. You can contact them via email dewsbury.psychology@kirklees.gov.uk or telephone 01924 483744.

Parents/carers can also access independent information, advice and support be contacting Kirklees Information Advice and Support Service (KIAS) - [http://www.kias.org.uk/contact-us/](http://www.kias.org.uk/contact-us/)

For further information about the support and services that children and young people aged 0-25, who have special educational needs and disabilities and their families can get, please visit the Kirklees Local Offer at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/specialeducation](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/specialeducation).

**Meeting special educational needs and disabilities in schools and settings (SEND)**
Most children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) will have their needs met by support that is usually available in local mainstream early years settings, schools or colleges. This is called **SEND Support** and more information on this can be found on the Kirklees Local Offer - [www.kirklees.gov.uk/specialeducation](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/specialeducation) (**special educational needs and disabilities support in schools (SEND)**). Schools, settings and colleges can ask for support from services across education, health and social care to help them to meet SEN. All education settings should use their ‘best endeavours’ to meet the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.
Starting a new primary school in September 2020

Schools must involve the student and their parents or carers to agree how the young person's needs will be met, draw up a plan of what is expected and of the support that the school and any other relevant agencies will give and review progress at least once a term.

Moving up through school
Choosing a school can be difficult. Secondary schools can be big and you may have concerns about this so it is important that you find out all you can before you make your choice. Your local school could be an Academy, a Free school, a Trust school or a Church school. Whatever kind of school it is, it will have a Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO).

What is a SENCO?
The SENCO is responsible for making sure that all pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) have the provision they need in order to thrive and make progress.

Discovery
Find out more about the school you have in mind for your child to see if what they offer meets you and your child’s needs. You can visit the school website, request a prospectus (if they do one) and also make a visit in person.

Talk to the Head Teacher or SENCO about any particular questions you may have. You could ask them about how they will support your child in their learning, how much knowledge of SEND the staff have, how many subjects your child would take, or the after school clubs that are available.

It will also give you the chance to look around the classrooms, meet the staff, and think about how your child would travel there each day. When you have decided upon a school you would like, you must apply for a place there.

Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans
If your child has an Education Health and Care Plan, the process of applying for a school place happens through the legal EHC needs assessment, planning and review process rather than through the normal admissions process. Your Casework Officer from the SEND Assessment and Commissioning Team (SENDACT) will work with you on this. You can contact the SEND Assessment and Commissioning Team (SENDACT) by email SENACT@kirklees.gov.uk or telephone: 01484 221000 asking for SENDACT.

11c) 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.

Apply online at www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions  Apply on time by 15 January 2020
In-Year Common Application Form (ICAF) The form is to be completed when applying for a Kirklees school during the school year. The ICAF is available from all Kirklees schools or from Kirklees Pupil Admissions.

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 secondary school place is sent to parents. For children transferring starting in a reception class, or transferring to a junior or middle school in September 2020, National Offer Day is Thursday 16 April 2020.

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 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 downloaded from Apply for a primary school place | Kirklees Council or 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.
11d) Other information for parents on the Kirklees website

- Bus passes – www.kirklees.gov.uk/schooltransport
- Complaints and how to complain – http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/complaints
- Employment of school children and entertainment licenses –
- Governors and governing bodies – www.kirklees.gov.uk/governors
- Health and the school health team – www.locala.org.uk/your-healthcare/schools-nursing/kirklees-school-nurses/
- Milk – www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolmeals
- Re-organisation of schools – www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolorganisation
- Special educational needs and disabilities – www.kirklees.gov.uk/specialeducation
- Transport for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities – www.kirklees.gov.uk/schooltransport
12 Useful addresses and contact information

12a) The Advisory Centre for Education - provides free independent advice on the admissions process and education issues including bullying, exclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and attendance. For advice, call free on 0300 0115 142 Mon-Wed 10.00am-1.00pm term time only for further information visit www.ace-ed.org.uk

12b) 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.

12c) 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. Email: kias@kirklees.gov.uk Tel: 01484 225422

12d) Contact details for neighbouring local authorities

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, School Admissions, Directorate for Children, Young People and Families, PO Box 634, Barnsley S70 9GG. www.barnsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Email: admissions@barnsley.gov.uk Tel: 01226 773588 / 3677 / 3502

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, School Admissions, Margaret McMillan Tower, Princes Way, Bradford, BD1 1NN. www.bradford.gov.uk/admissions
Email: primaryadmissions@bradford.gov.uk Tel: 01274 439200

Calderdale Council, Admissions Team, Directorate for Children and Young People’s Services Westgate House Halifax HX1 1PS www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions Email: cyps.admissions@calderdale.gov.uk Tel: 01422 392617

Leeds City Council, School Admissions, PO box 837 Leeds LS1 9PZ Tel: 0113 222 4414 www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-places
Email: education.annual.cycle@leeds.gov.uk Please note; Leeds LA advise that there are plans later in the year to change their email address to startingprimary@leeds.gov.uk

Oldham Council, School Admissions, Level 8, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham. OL1 1XJ www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions Email: ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk Tel: 0161 770 4213

Wakefield Council, School Admissions, Room 42 County Hall, Bond Street, Wakefield, WF1 2QL www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/schools/admissions
Tel: 01924 306 052 Email: admissions@wakefield.gov.uk
## 13 Kirklees schools providing primary education

### 13a) primary, middle and all-through schools

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KS1 - Key Stage 1 (Reception)

KS2 - Key Stage 2 (Year 3)
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**13b) special schools with provision for primary aged children**

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 and agreement between parents/carers, an education psychologist, the head teacher of the school and the Kirklees SEND Assessment & Commissioning Team (SENDACT).

Contact the SENDACT team for further information

- by phone 01484 221000
- by email SENACT@kirklees.gov.uk

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| Specialist school for children and young people with autism | **Woodley School** - Dog Kennel Bank, Huddersfield HD5 8JE.  
Tel: 01484 223937 [www.woodleyschool.org.uk](http://www.woodleyschool.org.uk)  
Head teacher: Mrs A. Lawton  
Age range: 5-19 |
| for children and young people with complex needs  | **Southgate School** - Southfield Road, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD5 8TJ  
Tel 01484 504544 [http://www.southgateschool.co.uk/classes/](http://www.southgateschool.co.uk/classes/)  
Email: office@southgate.co.uk  
Acting Head teacher: Mr P Evans  
Tel: 01924 456811 [www.ravenshallschool.org.uk](http://www.ravenshallschool.org.uk)  
Head teacher: Mrs J. Tate  
Age range: 5-19 |
| for children and young people with severe and profound needs | **Castle Hill School** - a Specialist College for Communication & Interaction  
Newsome Road South, Newsome, Huddersfield HD4 6JL  
Tel: 01484 544558 [www.castlehillschool.org.uk](http://www.castlehillschool.org.uk)  
Head teacher: Mr S. Perren  
Age range: 3-19 |
| for children and young people with behavioural, emotional and social needs | **Fairfield School** - White Lee Road, Batley, WF17 8AS  
Tel: 01924 326103 [https://www.fairfieldschool.uk/](https://www.fairfieldschool.uk/)  
Acting Head teacher: Mr John Page  
Age range: 3-19 |
| for children and young people with autism        | **Joseph Norton Academy** - Busker Lane, Scissett, HD8 9JU  
Tel: 01484 868218 [https://www.josephnorton.co.uk/](https://www.josephnorton.co.uk/)  
Head teacher: Ms S. Wilson  
Age range: 7-16 |
| for children and young people with autism        | **Primary Pupil Referral Service / Engate Academy** – Park Road, Batley, WF17 5LP  
Head teacher: Ms. Alison Ward  
Age range: 4-11 |
### 13c) Specialist provision in Kirklees primary schools

Some Kirklees primary schools have specialist provision for children and young people with an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP). Admission to a specialist provision follows consultation and agreement between parents/carers, an education psychologist, the head teacher of the school and the Kirklees SEND Assessment & Commissioning Team (SENDACT).

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<td>Sensory Impairment</td>
<td>Dalton School, Huddersfield Lowerhouses CE (VC) J I &amp; EY School, Huddersfield</td>
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Apply online at www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions  
Apply on time by 15 January 2020

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14 Admission arrangements 2020 -21 for Kirklees schools providing primary education

The 2020-21 admission arrangements for Kirklees schools providing primary education can be found on our website. For own admission authority schools, you can find their admission arrangements below:

Kirklees admission policy for community and controlled schools for 2020/21 (listed on pages 6&7) including linked infant and junior schools (listed on page8).

All Hallows’ Primary CE (VA) School
Batley Grammar School
Batley Parish CE(VA) J&N School
Beaumont Primary Academy
Birdsedge First School
Birstall Primary Academy
Boothroyd Primary Academy
Brambles Primary Academy
Christ Church CE Academy
Cowlersley Primary School
Crow Lane Primary and Foundation Stage School
Cumberworth CE(VA) First School
Denby CE(VA) First School
Diamond Wood Community Academy
Field Lane J I & N School
Fieldhead Primary Academy
Golcar J I & N School
Healey J I & N School
Heaton Avenue Primary School Academy
Heckmondwike Primary School
Helme CE(VA) J&I School
Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School
Kirkburton CE(VA) First School
Kirkburton Middle School
Lindley CE Infant School
Lindley Junior School
Linthwaite Ardron CE(VA) J&I School
Littleton J I & N School
Marsden Junior School
Millbridge J I & N School
Orchard Primary Academy
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School
Overthorpe CofE Academy
Paddock J I & N School
Royds Hall Community School, including Beech Primary School
Scissett CE Academy
Scissett Middle School
Shelley First School
Skelmanthorpe Academy
South Crosland CE(VA) Junior School
St Aidan’s CE Academy
St John's CE(VA) J&I School
St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School (Dewsbury)
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Huddersfield)
St Mary’s Catholic Primary School
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Birstall)
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Huddersfield)

Note: Special Educational Needs and Education Health and Care Plans

The Children & Families Act (2014) came into force on 1 September 2014. An assessment for special educational needs could now lead to a young person having an Education Health and Care Plan which is the replacement for a statement of special educational needs (see section 11b on page 25).

Previous statements have now been replaced by Education Health and Care Plans.

In all the admission policies in this section, the term Statement of Special Educational Needs should be read as Education Health and Care Plan.
St Paulinus Catholic Primary School
St Peter's CE(VA) JI&YE School
The John Co-operative Primary Academy
Thornhill J & I School
Kirklees admission policy for community and controlled schools 2020-21

This admission policy applies to the community and controlled schools listed on pages 6 and 7 which make some educational provision for primary age children and young people.

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:
- children in public care (looked after children) or a child who was previously looked after in England;
- children who were previously in state care outside of England and ceased to be as a result of being adopted;
- 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);
- children who live in the school’s PAA;
- 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);
- children who live outside the school’s PAA.

Community and voluntary controlled schools will admit children with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named on the 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 proposed 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.

Berry Brow I & N School and Newsome Junior School
Birkby I & N School and Birkby Junior School
Diamond Wood Community Academy* and Ravensthorpe CE (VC) Junior School
Earlsheaton Infant School and Bywell CE (VC) Junior School
Kirkroyds Infant School and Wooldale Junior School
Lindley CE Infant School* and Lindley Junior School*
Manorfield I&N School and Staincliffe CE (VC) Junior School
Netherhall Learning Campus - Rawtherope St James CE(VC) I & N School and Rawthorpe Junior School
Netherton I&N School and South Crosland CE (VA) Junior School*
Pentland I&N School and Headfield CE (VC) Junior School
Purlwell I&N School and Hyrstmount Junior School
Reinwood I&N School and Reinwood Community Junior School
Savile Town CE(VC) I & N School and Headfield CE (VC) Junior School
Shaw Cross I&N School and Bywell CE (VC) Junior School
St John's CE(VC) Infant School and Westmoor Primary School
Thornhill Lees CE(VC) I&N School and Headfield CE (VC) Junior School

*please see the admission policy for each academy and CE (VA) school which can be found 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, community and voluntary controlled schools are:

**Priority 1** children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after in England.

**Priority 2** children who were previously in state care outside of England and ceased to be as a result of being adopted.

**Priority 3** 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 4** children who attend a listed infant school (with priority for the linked junior school).

**Priority 5** children who live in the school’s PAA.

**Priority 6** 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 7** children who live outside the school’s PAA.

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

**Priority 1** children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after in England.

**Priority 2** children who were previously in state care outside of England and ceased to be as a result of being adopted;

**Priority 3** 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 4** children who attend a listed infant school (with priority for the linked junior school).

**Priority 5** children who live in the school’s PAA.

**Priority 6** 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 7** children who live outside the school’s PAA.

Schools will admit children with Education Health and Care Plans where the school is named on the plan.

Notes

The definition of a ‘looked after child’ 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 section 22 of the Childrens 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), residence 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.

Children in priority 1 above may be admitted above the PAN.

If we cannot agree to requests for admission in priorities 2 to 6 (7 for linked junior schools) 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 measure the distance to each site in a straight line from the applicant’s home address and the shortest distance will be used for admission purposes.

‘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.
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, which we will use 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.

For children transferring from first or middle schools, we will give preference in priorities 2-6 above (up to the PAN) to children attending a first or middle school in the middle or secondary school PAA.

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 Plan are admitted to mainstream schools, special units and special schools separately from the general admission policies.

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.

**Application procedures**

**Admission to full-time school for rising five year old children**

Kirklees residents will apply for admission to full-time school (rising five year old children) by using the online facility. The application period will run from the **1 September 2019**. The closing date for online applications will be **15 January 2020**.

**Transfer to junior or middle school**

Kirklees residents will apply for a junior or middle school place by using the online facility. The application period will run from the **1 September 2019**. The closing date for applications will be **15 January 2020**.

**Late applications** Any applications received after the appropriate 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 and the allocation process has not begun. **The latest reasonable date for evidence of a significant house move will therefore be Friday 14 February 2020.**

**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., Year 3 at junior school. The waiting lists will be held in admission criteria order and will close on the last school day in December. For in-year admissions, the waiting list will be held for the remainder of the term for which they have applied for a place.

**In-year admissions** Kirklees residents who wish to apply for a place in the first year at a school after the first school day in September 2020, or to any other age group at any time, will apply on the In-year Common Application Form (ICAF).

**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, for example, 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** Full time places will be available from the September following a child’s fourth birthday. Parents may defer their child’s entry until later in the school year and the allocated place will be held for the child. Parents may not defer entry beyond the beginning of the term in which the child reaches their fifth birthday, nor beyond the school year for which the original application was accepted. Parents can request that their child takes up the place part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

**Children of Service Personnel** 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 coordinated 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. If an alternative school place cannot be secured by normal processes, the application may be considered under Fair Access Protocol.

Children of service personnel and crown servants returning from overseas to live within Kirklees will be allocated a school place in advance of their arrival. The application must be accompanied by an official letter declaring the relocation date and postal address. The allocation will be based upon the anticipated postal address.