

Primary School Admissions – Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Do I need to express a preference for more than one school?*

You can express a preference for as many schools as you like. The application can include schools outside Flintshire and we will notify the relevant Local Authority of your application. (However Cheshire West and Chester Council ask that you use their application form for schools in their area) Also if you include a denominational (Church) or foundation school on your application it will be forwarded to the relevant school as the LA is not the admitting authority for these schools.

It will always be our intention to allocate to your 1st preference but if there are more applications than the number of places available, the oversubscription criteria will be applied and if you do not meet the criteria we can consider your 2nd preference and so on until we are able to offer your child a place. If only one school is specified we will only be able to consider that school. Please note that listing the same school multiple times will not result in a better chance of being offered a place at that school.

2. *What happens if I do not get my 1st preference?*

All preferences are collated and you will receive an offer of a place at the highest ranked preference at the school where a place is available. Therefore, if your 1st preference is unsuccessful your 2nd preference is treated as your 1st preference equally with other 1st preferences for that school and so on until we are able to offer your child a place at a school.

3. *What if all my preferences are unsuccessful?*

Your child's name can be put on a waiting list, you can accept a place at an alternative school with available places and you have the right of appeal.

4. *How important is the closing date?*

Your application **must** be received by the closing date otherwise it will be considered after those received on time. All on-line applications are dated and timed on receipt.

5. *Where can I find the oversubscription criteria?*

All the details are available on our website www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

6. Do I need to send my form in quickly to ensure I am offered my 1st preference?

All applications are considered after the closing date not by date received, unless the application is late. The time given to parents, approximately 6 weeks, is intended for careful consideration of your preferences.

7. When will I be notified which school my child has been allocated to?

You will be notified by email on the offer date which is April 16th 2018 and no details will be given before that date.

8. Will my child get free school transport to my preferred school?

The transport policy is available on www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

9. What if I move house after the closing date?

As long as details of any changes to your preferences and proof of house move are provided before 2nd March 2018 we will make changes for you.

Timetable for admissions for primary schools

Admission forms available to parents	Parents' consideration period	Closing date for receipt of forms	Allocation places period	Parents informed by:
02/10/17	02/10/17- 24/11/17	24/11/17	27/11/17 – 02/03/18	16/04/18