

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)

It will always be our intention to allocate to your 1st preference but if the year group is full and 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 listing the same school multiple times will not result in a better chance of being offered a place at that school.

Only use the Flintshire application form if you are resident in Flintshire or your child attends a Flintshire primary school. Otherwise please apply to your own local authority.

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

All preferences are received and you will get 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 accept a place at an alternative school with available places and you do have 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. Who is considered to be a sibling?

A sibling is defined as a full, half, step, foster or adopted brother or sister living together as one household at the same address and where the elder sibling is of statutory school age . i.e.Years 7 – 11, and will still be registered at the preferred school when the younger child is eligible to attend.

Siblings entering Yr 12/13 when the younger sibling is starting in Yr 7 will not be considered under the sibling rule.

7. 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 the date received. The time given to parents for applications is approximately 9 weeks, this is intended for careful consideration of your preferences.

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

You will be notified on the offer date which is March 1st and no details will be given before that date.

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

The transport policy is available in the 'Guide to Education Services' available on www.flintshire.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissions

10. 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 11th January 2019 we will make changes for you.

Timetable for admissions for secondary schools

Application forms available to parents	Parents' consideration period	Closing date for receipt of forms	Allocation places period	Parents informed by:
10/09/2018	10/09/18-09/11/18	09/11/2018	12/11/18 - 11/01/2019	01/03/2019