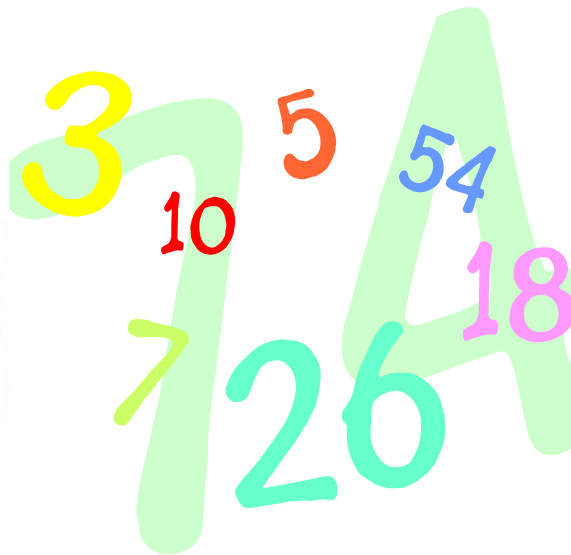




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Applying for Primary School 2020-21



Information for Parents and Carers

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Tel: 0161 217 6022

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Please make sure you apply by the closing date

15th January 2020

To maximise your chance of a place at one of your preferred schools, **always name 6 schools**, also consider your catchment area school where you may be higher in the oversubscription criteria and it is close to your home.



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Welcome to Stockport Admissions

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's a significant time for any parent when their child first goes to school. It is important that you are sure that you have all the information necessary for you to make your selection of preferred schools and give yourself the best opportunity to gain a preferred school place for September 2020.

This booklet, along with the information on the website are here to help you make these important decisions, taking you step by step through the process of applying for a place for your child at your preferred schools in September 2020. If you have any further questions or concerns, you can contact our Frontline Team at the Contact Centre on 0161 217 6022 who will be happy to help or alternatively you can visit www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions for information.

Stockport is proud to be able to offer a range of primary schools and details of the different types are discussed in this booklet. Our schools work hard to ensure that their pupils enjoy their learning and that they and their families are well supported. Educational achievement remains a high priority but is well balanced with personal and social development.

We hope that your child will settle down happily in his or her new school and will enjoy the new, exciting opportunities opening up to them.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Beswick
Director of Education

Dates for your Diary...

15th August 2019

Online application system becomes available. Apply online at:
www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

15th January 2020

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS.

16th April 2020

Emails will be sent to applicants informing them of the outcome of their application. Letters will also be sent by **2nd class post** on this date and should arrive within 2-3 days.

19th May 2020

Last date for appeals to be lodged.

Summer Term 2020

Appeals heard.

7th September 2020

Children start school in reception.

Applications received after the **closing date of 15th January 2020** will be ranked in the last category of the oversubscription criteria for all primary schools, so it is important to make sure you complete your application by the closing date to ensure the best possible chance of gaining a place at one of your preferred schools in September 2020.

What can primary schools in Stockport offer my Child?

Learning

Schools in Stockport have a strong tradition of providing a broad curriculum, offering their pupils a stimulating, challenging and enjoyable programme of study. Learners are encouraged to work hard and thrive at school through a supportive and caring environment which is tailored to individual needs. Highly trained teachers continuously monitor the progress of each child to ensure that they are challenged, engaged and are developing their skills and understanding.

Stockport schools are judged to be amongst the best in the country in terms of achievement with most schools judged by Ofsted as Good or Outstanding. Stockport schools are at the leading edge of national developments and their work is shared with schools across the country.

Working as a team

Schools in Stockport work to provide an inclusive environment in which all children are able to enjoy full access to the curriculum and a wide range of available opportunities to develop. Some schools may have additional subjects in their curriculum in addition to the required National Curriculum, which is provided for all children. Some children may need the curriculum adjusted slightly to meet their individual needs.

Our schools are supported by teams of professionals; including Education Advisers, Psychologists, Early Years and Curriculum Experts, Welfare Officers and a number of other agencies in order to support each school as fully as possible. Stockport aims to ensure that all young people are safe, healthy, well-educated and become rounded individuals as they grow and learn. Governors represent and strategically lead the school to the benefit of the community.

The strong network of support that our schools enjoy allows them to give your child the best education possible, focussing on progress in all aspects of their development.

An All-Round Learning Environment

Learning and development is not all about academic progress. Of course, this is an enormous part of your child's school career, but Stockport's schools also aim to help children develop socially and physically into mature young people who can make a positive contribution to their communities and to Stockport in general. Pupils will pick up skills in a wide range of areas, have the chance to engage in many valuable opportunities and learn important values.

Choosing Schools to apply for...

What different types of schools are available?

There are 85 maintained primary provisions in Stockport, including several different types:

Community Schools

A community school is one that is wholly maintained by the Local Authority, who are also responsible for admissions. There are 53 community primary schools in Stockport, some of which are split into Infant and Junior schools.

Academies

Academies are publicly funded independent schools, free from local authority and national government control. These schools are their own admissions authority and employ their own staff. However, all of Stockport's Academies currently use the LA admissions process; therefore applications should still be submitted to the Admissions Support and Advice team using the online application system.

Voluntary Controlled (VC) Schools

Voluntary Controlled schools are those for whom the Local Authority provides for all maintenance and running costs, including building improvements and repairs. These schools also adhere to the Local Authority admissions policy. However, the premises are owned by a Diocesan Board. There are 8 of these schools in Stockport, all of which are Church of England Schools.

Voluntary Aided (VA) Schools

There are 17 Voluntary Aided primary schools in Stockport, (15 Catholic, 2 Church of England, 1 Jewish Primary, Infant or Junior schools) which are maintained by the Local Authority but a Diocesan Board is responsible for external building improvements/repairs. The School Governors agree the individual admissions policies for these schools, which can be found at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Applications should be made via the Local Authority online application form.

Independent Schools

Independent schools are not maintained by the Local Authority. Parents are usually charged tuition fees, although bursary schemes may be operated. The Local Authority does not have responsibility for these schools or their admissions and applications should be made directly to the school.

Elective Home Education

Elective Home Education is a term used by the Department for Education to describe parents' decisions to provide education for their children at home instead of sending them to school. (This is different to home tuition provided by a local authority or education provided by a local authority other than at school).

Schools in Other Local Authority Areas

These are schools maintained by another Local Authority. Stockport has no responsibility for admissions to these schools; however you must still apply through Stockport Local Authority if you live in Stockport.

How can I find out more about a school?

Most parents will chose to send their children to a local school, however you may wish to find out more about some other schools before making your decision about which ones to apply for.

Each school has a website which will give you some more information, for example about policies, results etc. and you can also make an appointment to go into school where you will usually be shown around and have an opportunity to raise any other questions.

You can also find useful information on the Department for Education website; www.education.gov.uk including Ofsted reports and school profiles.

Ofsted reports and school profiles can also be viewed at www.schoolfinder.direct.gov.uk.

What are the chances of getting my preferred school?

Stockport has always maintained a consistently high rate of meeting parental preferences (over 80%) although it is very difficult to predict from year to year. It is not possible to guarantee places at any school; however the higher the category in a school's oversubscription criteria your child is in, the more chance you have of gaining a place. See page 13 for Community or VC school criteria. For VA schools, the individual admissions policies are available to view or download at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

We strongly recommend that you use your six preferences to **name six different schools** in order to maximise your opportunity of gaining a place at one of your preferred schools. Only including one preference or naming a school more than once does not increase your chances of getting that school. Although you don't need to include your catchment area school in your selection, please consider that you may be in a higher category for that school than other preferred schools.

Pages 15 - 19 look at the answers to some frequently asked questions which will help you to further understand the application process. See also 'how places are allocated?' on p13.

Details of the outcome of the admissions process for September 2019/20 admissions will be available to view on the Council's website www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions in September 2019.

Don't be late! – Apply by 15th January 2020

Every year some parents miss out on the opportunity of a preferred school place because they miss the closing date.

Applications received after the closing date are the last category to be considered for places, regardless of where they would fall in the oversubscription criteria had they applied on time.



Admissions Fraud

It is an offence to purposely mislead or misrepresent your circumstances to the Council in order obtain a school place.

Admissions Fraud can be characterised as:

- Declaring residence at an address which neither the Child / Principal parent lives at
- Misrepresentation of child care arrangements including custody, contact and those possessing parental responsibility
- False claims about a child's religion, siblings or public care status

In all cases of suspected fraud:

- The application will be suspended
- Any school place offered will be withdrawn immediately and held for a limited time
- Applicants will be required to prove their circumstances within a set timeframe leaving the Council in no doubt
- If satisfactory evidence is provided within a set timeframe then the application will be progressed/offer of school place reinstated
- If satisfactory evidence is not provided within the timeframe or doubt remains about the applicant's circumstances then the Council will determine what it deems are the correct circumstances (based upon an absence of information or using information held by the Council and/or other Government Departments). Applications will be progressed using the circumstances determined by the Council, an offer of a school place will only be reinstated if the applicant is still entitled to that place according to the school's oversubscription criteria and other ranked applicants.
- Advice will be taken to determine whether an offence has been committed and where necessary the case will be forwarded to the relevant authorities

Help us ensure the admissions process is fair for everyone

If you suspect anyone who is intending to or has obtained a school place using false information then

Call us: 0161 217 6022

Email us: admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk

All information shared will be treated in confidence

The Application Process for entry to Reception Class

IMPORTANT

Alongside the information contained in this section you should also read Stockport's full School Admissions Policy document which is available to view or download at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions or on request from the Admissions Support & Advice Team (see details on page 2).

Some items in this booklet have been marked with an asterisk * which means they are explained in more detail in the above document.

How does it work?

The admissions process for primary schools is '**co-ordinated**'*, which means that all Local Authorities work together to make sure parents receive the offer of 1 school only **and** the process is similar for all parents, regardless of where they live or which school they wish to apply for.

- If you live in Stockport, you **must** make your application to Stockport Council, even if you wish to apply for schools in a different Local Authority area. You must apply using the online admissions system available at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions.
- If you live outside of Stockport but wish to apply for a school in the Stockport area, you must make your application to your own Local Authority, who will liaise with Stockport about your child's application.

You will receive the offer of only 1 school place.

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, you **need to** apply for a primary school place for the school year beginning September 2019 **no later than 15th January 2020**.

You **must** apply using the online system from **15th August 2019**. To apply, visit www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you will find step by step instructions.

When you apply you will need to answer questions about your child including name, address, date of birth, and other questions about your relationship to the child, religion, medical / social issues, other children in the family attending your preferred schools (siblings*). It's important to include sibling details because it can place your application in a higher oversubscription category at the relevant schools.

If you are applying for a Catholic school you will be asked if your child has been Baptised Catholic or not. **Please note** you should only answer **yes** if your child's Baptism has actually taken place, as intention to have your child Baptised Catholic at a later date will not be considered. If a place is allocated on the basis of a declaration on your application that your child is Baptised Catholic and it is subsequently found that the Baptism hasn't taken place, the place may be withdrawn.

All applications are based on the child's Principal Parental Home Address*. This must be where the child and parents are normally resident. A temporary or relative/friend/childminder's address **cannot** be used, see page 18 for further details.

You can apply for up to 6 schools and give your reasons for wanting a place at a particular school. **We strongly recommend** that you use your six preferences to **name six different schools** in order to maximise your opportunity of gaining a place at one of your preferred schools. Also please consider that you may be in a higher category for your catchment area school than other preferred schools when making your selection.

You will have the opportunity to give your reasons for applying for a particular school, however, no places can be guaranteed at any school and parents should not make assumptions about entitlement to a place. **In very limited circumstances** some applications may be considered as having highly exceptional medical/social reasons* (see page 16). Any supporting evidence you have **must** be submitted to the Admissions Support and Advice Team **by the closing date 15th January 2020 at the latest**. This can be sent by post to the address provided at the end of this document. If you do not provide evidence by this date **it will not be considered**.

Please be aware that a place in the nursery class of a particular school will not be considered as part of your application for a reception class place at that school.

If your address/circumstances change* – If the details you have declared on your application change at any time you **must** inform the Admissions Support and Advice Team **immediately**. All changes will be assessed according to the oversubscription criteria for each school you have named. If the changes occur after places have been offered it will be necessary to reassess your application using the new details to see if your child is still entitled to a place, this may result in one of the following:

- The offer is confirmed because your child is still entitled to the place.
- Your child's name is placed higher or lower on the waiting lists for your preferred schools based on your new circumstances.
- The original offer made based on your old circumstances is withdrawn because you no longer qualify for the place offered using your new circumstances and the offer of a new place will be made.

The Council reserves the right to seek further information in order to determine the outcome of your application.

Children do not have to be in education until the term following their fifth birthday. However, in Stockport arrangements are made for ALL children to start school in one single reception intake in the September following their fourth birthday. If you do not wish your child to start school in September, it may be possible to defer your child's entry to school (see below). This must be done with the agreement of the headteacher of the school where your child is allocated a place. **This means you must still apply for a place by the closing date, 15th January 2020.**

- *Deferring entry cannot be done without first applying and being allocated the school place within the normal timescale appropriate to the child's date of birth*
- *A child's entry to primary education as described above may be deferred if the child is under compulsory school age, without loss of the allocated place*
- *A place can be deferred up to the term following the child's fifth birthday, **but not beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted***
- *Exceptions can apply. Individual circumstances will be considered in every case.*

Don't miss the closing date - It is essential that we receive your application before the prescribed closing date. All applications submitted after that date will be ranked using the oversubscription criteria, and will **only** be considered **after** all those received before that date.

The closing date is 15th January 2020.

The Admissions Policies Explained...

IMPORTANT

Alongside the information contained in this section you should also read **Stockport's full School Admissions Policy document which is available to view or download at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions** or on request from the Admissions Support & Advice Team (contact details on page 2).

Some items in this booklet have been marked with an asterisk * which means they are explained in more detail in the above document.

The information provided is correct at the time of publication (August 2020)

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Places cannot be guaranteed at any school.

If there are more applications than places available according to the School's Published Admission Number (PAN), applications within each Admissions Policy category are ordered on the basis of straightline distance* from the school, starting with the shortest and places will then be allocated up to the PAN* of the school. Distance is measured using the Council's computerised measuring system*. If there are two or more applications with distances which are exactly the same competing for a final place **random allocation** will be used to determine which applicant will be allocated the final place. There are, however, regulations in place which mean that places must initially be provided for pupils with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan which names the school.

Change of address or other circumstances

If the details you have declared on your application change at any time you **must** inform the Admissions Support and Advice Team **immediately**. All changes will be assessed according to the oversubscription criteria for each school you have named. If the changes occur after places have been offered it may result in the withdrawal of the offer made based on your old circumstances and the offer of a new place will be made. This may not necessarily be at your preferred school – see also page 11.

Applications received after the closing date (15th January 2020)

Any applications submitted after the closing date, will **only** be considered **after** all those received by the closing date. Applications received after the closing date will be ranked in the oversubscription criteria and distance order, not by the date received. As there will only be the facility to apply online, the system will reopen later on in **January 2020** for those parents who did not apply before the closing date.

Capacity

Since 2008 there has been an increase in the demand for primary places, particularly in the reception year. In order to meet this demand, additional places in reception classes may be created where there is thought to be insufficient capacity within an area and where there is the potential for increased capacity on individual sites after the publication of this brochure.

Looked After Children

Regulations determine that Looked after children and previously looked after children (see Glossary of Terms document) **must** be given the highest priority in Admissions Policy criteria. In the case of faith schools the Governors may give priority to Looked after children and

previously looked after children of the appropriate faith ahead of other Looked after children and Previously Looked after children

Admissions Policy Criteria - Catholic Primary Schools and North Cheshire Jewish Primary School - To view the policies for Voluntary Aided schools, please visit: www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions Policies and Procedures 2020 – 21 from page 29.

Admissions Policy Criteria – Community (Excluding Westmorland, Norris Bank and Tithe Barn Primary) and Voluntary Controlled C of E Schools, Mellor Primary (Academy), Gatley Primary (Academy), St Matthews CE Primary (Academy) and some C of E Voluntary Aided schools.

The policy for allocating places to the above schools in 2020/21 is set out below:

NB: Categories A – G apply to applications received by the closing date of **15th January 2020**

A. Looked after children and previously looked after children* (See definition in our Glossary of terms in Policies and Procedures 2020/21, please visit www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions)
B. Children considered to have highly exceptional medical / social reasons
C. Children who live in the catchment area* of the school and will have a sibling* at the school at the time of admission
D. Children who live in the catchment area* of the school
E. Children who live outside the catchment area* of the school and will have a sibling* at the school at the time of admission
F. Any other applicants, in order of straightline distance* measured between home and the school
G. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A – F above
<p>* Definitions of terms used within the oversubscription criteria can be found in the Glossary of Terms document found on the School Admissions website; www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions alternatively, these definitions can be found in the Policies and Procedures 2020/21 document also located on the School admissions website.</p> <p>Some Church of England Schools may have an additional category based on denomination. Applications meeting this criteria would be considered after those in category F above. Please refer to the Policies and Procedures 2020/21 document located on the School admissions website for further details. There may also be additional supplementary information required by some of these schools.</p>

Admissions Policy Criteria – Norris Bank, Tithe Barn and Westmorland Primary School.

The policy for allocating places to the above schools in 2020/21 is set out below:

NB: Categories A – G apply to applications received by the closing date of **15th January 2020**

A. Looked after children and previously looked after children* (See definition in our Glossary of terms in Policies and Procedures 2020/21, please visit www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions)
B. Children considered to have highly exceptional medical / social reasons
C. Children who live in the catchment area* of the school and will have a sibling* at the school at the time of admission
D. Children who live in the catchment area* of the school
E. Children who now live outside of the catchment area due to the changes to catchment from 2016/17(Norris Bank and Tithe Barn) and 2017/18 (Westmorland), with a sibling on roll at the time of admission and fulfils one of two criteria: 1. Sibling originally admitted to the school as a child resident within catchment area 2. Sibling originally admitted to the school as a sibling resident within catchment area AND The family's address has not changed since the sibling on roll was admitted to the school.
F. Children who live outside the catchment area* of the school and will have a sibling* at the school at the time of admission
G. Any other applicants, in order of straightline distance* measured between home and the school
H. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A – G above
<p>* Definitions of terms used within the oversubscription criteria can be found in the Glossary of Terms document found on the School Admissions website; www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions alternatively, these definitions can be found in the Policies and Procedures 2020/21 document also located on the School admissions website.</p> <p>Some Church of England Schools may have an additional category based on denomination. Applications meeting this criteria would be considered after those in category F above. Please refer to the Policies and Procedures 2020/21 document located on the School admissions website for further details. There may also be additional supplementary information required by some of these schools.</p>

Admissions Policy Criteria – Cheadle Hulme Primary School (Academy)

The policy for allocating places to the above schools in 2020/21 is set out below:

NB: Categories A – G apply to applications received by the closing date of **15th January 2020**

A. Looked after children and previously looked after children*
B. Children considered to have highly exceptional medical / social reasons*
C. Children with a sibling* at Cheadle Hulme Primary School at the time of admission
D. Children with a sibling at Cheadle Hulme High School at the time of admission
E. Children of staff employed to work at Cheadle Hulme Primary School who are in a shortage subject.
F. Other children
G. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A – F above
<p>* Definitions of terms used within the oversubscription criteria can be found in the Glossary of Terms document found on the School Admissions website; www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions alternatively, these definitions can be found in the Policies and Procedures 2020/21 document also located on the School admissions website.</p>

How are places allocated?

The statutory 'equal preference system' is used to allocate school places. This means that:

- All preferences you have stated are initially looked at individually, regardless of the order in which you have ranked the schools.
- The order you have ranked your preferences becomes important when it is possible to allocate a place for your child at more than one of your preferred schools. In this instance you will be offered a place at the available school you have ranked the highest.
- It is possible, for example, that applicant (A) who ranked a school as a lower preference, could be allocated a place ahead of other applicants who ranked the same school as a higher preference, if s/he (A) meets one of the higher oversubscription criteria.

The places are allocated according to the school's admissions policy criteria, which are referred to on page 13 and above.

Co-ordinated admission arrangements - Different Local Authorities communicate with one another to ensure parents receive a single offer of a school place which is the highest ranked preference possible.

Please note that places cannot be guaranteed at any school. Each school has a Published Admission Number (PAN) for the reception intake. If there are more applications for a school than places available, places will be allocated to children up to the PAN using the Admissions Policy oversubscription criteria. The names of children within each category are ordered by straight-line distance from home to school starting with the shortest distance. If there are two or more applications with distances which are exactly the same competing for a final place **random allocation** will be used to determine which applicant will be allocated the final place.

Whilst every effort will be made to place your child in one of your preferred schools, **no places can be guaranteed**, regardless of where you live or which nursery your child has attended. It is, therefore, very important to apply for **six different schools**. **We strongly recommend** that you use your six preferences to **name six different schools** in order to maximise your opportunity of gaining a place at one of your preferred schools. If your first preference cannot be offered and you have not indicated another option, your child will be allocated the nearest available school with a place. Unfortunately, this may not be in your immediate locality. **We suggest you consider including your catchment area school** as you will be higher in the oversubscription criteria than you may be for other schools you have named.

PLEASE NOTE

Any applications submitted after the closing date **15th January 2020** will be placed in the last of the oversubscription categories for all schools and therefore, will **not** be considered until after all applications received by the closing date have been allocated. Those applications received after the closing date will be ordered by the published admissions oversubscription criteria (see page 13).

The names of children not allocated a place at their preferred school will be kept on a waiting list until the end of the academic year 2020/21. If a place becomes available at that school during that period, parents will be contacted and given the opportunity to accept the place. Waiting lists cease to be maintained beyond the academic year of application. Parents wishing to have their child's name included in the waiting list the following academic year must apply on line – the on

line system for in- year admissions for the academic year 2020/21 will be available from June 2020.

If your address/circumstances change – If the details you have declared on your application change at any time you **must** inform the Admissions Support and Advice Team **immediately**. All changes will be assessed according to the oversubscription criteria for each school you have named. If the changes occur after places have been offered it may result in the withdrawal of the offer made based on your old circumstances and the offer of a new place will be made. This may not necessarily be at your preferred school.

My Application - Frequently Asked Questions

We recommend that you read the following frequently asked questions and their answers. This will help you to judge which schools you are most likely to gain a place at before making your application. It will also be helpful to read Stockport's full School Admissions Policy document which is available to view or download at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions or is available on request from the Admissions Support and Advice Team (contact details on page 2).

Can I choose the school I want my child to go to?

The law, through the School Admissions Code, does not give you a right to choose a school for your child; however it does entitle you to express a preference for the school you would like your child to attend. You also have the right to give the reasons for your preferences and the opportunity to have each of your preferences considered equally in line with the School's Admissions Policy oversubscription criteria.

How many schools can I apply for?

By law, you have the right to express at least three preferences. In Stockport, you can apply for up to six schools on your application form, in your preferred order. **We strongly recommend** that you use your six preferences to **name six different schools** in order to maximise your opportunity of gaining a place at one of your preferred schools. **We also suggest** you consider naming your catchment area school as one of your preferences because you will be higher in the oversubscription criteria than you may be for other schools you have named.

If your preferred schools cannot be allocated and you have not shown any other preferences, you will be allocated the nearest school with a place available. This may not necessarily be in your immediate locality as the closest schools may have already been filled to the PAN*. Using all six of your preferences **does not** affect your chance of getting your first preference.

What is a catchment* school?

Each Community and Church of England primary school in Stockport has a geographical area around it called the catchment area*. Every address in Stockport falls within the catchment area* of only one school. **Maps of these areas can be found at :** www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

- Your catchment area* school may not always be your nearest school although it will be close to your home
- At the time of writing this all the above schools operate a catchment area system. Any schools that become academies at a later stage may choose to operate a different model.

Am I entitled to a place at my catchment area* school?

No. National Legislation stipulates that parents are not guaranteed a place at the catchment* school or any other school. Being resident within the catchment area* of a school would place you within one of the higher categories of the Admission Policy oversubscription criteria (see page 13).

While you must apply for any school you wish to be considered for, you do not have to include your catchment* school, neither will you automatically be allocated this school if you do apply. **However, you may wish to consider including your catchment school** as one of your preferences as it will be in your locality. Whilst living in the catchment area* of a school may place your child in a higher category, the allocation of a place at the school is also dependent on the combined number of siblings in catchment* or catchment area* category applications there are in total. Where the number of these exceeds the PAN*, applications will be ordered by straightline distance*.

You will always be allocated the school you have ranked the highest if a place is available.

What are Highly Exceptional Reasons*?

Although not statutory, Stockport Local Authority and the Governing Bodies of some Academies have included a category for highly exceptional medical/reasons in the oversubscription criteria for their schools. Only **in very limited circumstances** will some applications be considered as having highly exceptional medical/social reasons. As such applications in this category would be placed in a higher category of the admissions oversubscription criteria for a particular school than they would be otherwise.

Where applicants feel this may be the case they **must** indicate this by ticking the boxes provided on the application and state the nature of the condition and/or circumstances. The applicant **must subsequently provide** written evidence from a recognised professional such as a consultant, doctor or social worker in support of their application. **The supporting evidence must relate specifically to the child or family and the school for which the application is being made and must clearly demonstrate why it is the only school that could cater for the child's specific requirements/needs. It should also explain any difficulties that would arise if the child has to attend any alternative school.**

This evidence must be submitted to the Admissions Support & Advice Team either with the application OR by the closing date for applications at the latest. If the required evidence is not provided, the Local Authority will not give further consideration to any unsubmitted circumstances.

This category is not intended to replace or supplement the well-established system in Stockport for identifying, supporting and providing for families with children who have varying degrees of Special Educational Needs. **As such, very few applications are considered under this category in any one year.**

The Admissions Support & Advice Team **will not** (a) respond to applicants who have included reasons for a particular preference (b) seek further clarification of stated circumstances or (c) contact any party which the applicant may suggest.

Who counts as a sibling*?

A sibling for the purpose of allocating a school place means one who is still in attendance at the school at the time the younger child starts and is resident in the same household. For a full definition of a sibling, please see the Local Authority's full Policy and Procedures document available to view at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

What if I have twins or triplets?

If you have children from a multiple birth, the Admissions Support and Advice Team will place them together. Where only one place is available in a school, the Admissions Code of Practice allows an exception to infant class size limitations where children from multiple births would otherwise be separated.

Can I apply for a faith school if I am not a part of that faith?

Yes – you can apply to any school regardless of denomination. However, faith schools are often Voluntary Aided and so determine their own admissions policies, in which children Baptised into the faith fall into a higher category.

In Stockport these are largely Roman Catholic schools but there are a few exceptions - please check page 22-27 to check what type of school your preferred school is. Admissions policies for Voluntary Aided schools are available to view or download at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Can I apply for a school outside Stockport?

Yes. If you live in Stockport and wish to apply to a school in another Local Authority, you **must** apply through Stockport's online system, and include the school in your selection. You are advised to also apply for a school in Stockport, in case your preferred school cannot be allocated in another Local Authority.

What if I am not allocated a place at any of my preferred schools?

Where it has not been possible to allocate a preferred school place for your child you will be offered a place at the nearest school with a place available. This may not necessarily be your closest school, because places cannot be guaranteed and closer schools may have already been filled with applicants who named the school as one of their preferences. This is explained in more detail on page 20.

How do I apply for an independent (fee paying) school?

You would need to contact the school directly. If a place in an independent school has not been confirmed, **we strongly recommend** that you apply to a school in Stockport as well until you are certain of the place in the independent school. **Do not** include an independent school as one of your six preferences. If you are successful in gaining a place at an independent

school, please let the Admissions Support and Advice Team know as soon as possible, to allow spare places to be allocated to other children.

Can I apply from any address?

You can only apply from the address that is the child's principal parental home, i.e.; where the child usually resides. **You cannot**, for example, use a temporary address, a childminder's address, the address of a grandparent or anyone else who looks after the child during the day or apply from a property you own but do not live in. Equally, if you own a property and temporarily rent another property, the Council would need to be satisfied this wasn't simply for the purpose of obtaining a school place.

In cases where parents have shared responsibility for a child but do not live together, **only 1 address can be used**. The address used will usually be the one considered to be where the child is normally resident. Further advice is contained in the Local Authority's School Admissions Policy document available to view at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Please bear in mind that addresses will be checked and you will be asked for evidence to verify your residence and/or parental responsibility.

Places allocated on the basis of an address declared on the online application form, which is subsequently found not to be the child's principal parental home, will be withdrawn, subject to further investigation. **It is also important to inform us if you change address after you have applied.**

What if I am moving to a new address or my circumstances change?

If you are moving to or within the Stockport area, you should apply for your preferred school from your current address by the closing date (**15th January 2020**); and contact the Admissions Support and Advice Team as soon as you have a confirmed date for your move into your new address.

The Admissions Support and Advice Team cannot allocate a place on the basis of an address until you are permanently residing there or there is substantial confirmation of an imminent move. If you change address or other circumstances change, for example a change of custody arrangements, you **must** tell the Admissions Support and Advice Team **immediately**. **Please refer to Stockport's full School Admissions Policy document** available to view or download at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions or is available on request from the Admissions Support and Advice Team (contact details on page 2).

If the change in circumstance requires a change to the preferences you have expressed, you will be given the opportunity to make these alterations, provided you have told the Admissions Support and Advice Team about your change in circumstances.

All changes will be re-assessed according to the oversubscription criteria for each school you have named. If the changes occur after places have been offered it may result in the withdrawal of the original offer made based on your old circumstances, and a new offer being made. This may not necessarily be at your preferred school- see also page 11.

Places allocated on the basis of circumstances declared on the online application form, which are subsequently found to have changed without notifying the Admissions Support and Advice Team, will be withdrawn, subject to further investigation.

What if I want to change my preferences?

You can make these changes online at any time up to the closing date.

If you decide to change your preferences after the closing date, these **cannot** be accepted as on time unless there are exceptional reasons for doing so.

What if I don't live in Stockport?

You can still apply for a place at a school in Stockport if you live in a different Local Authority area – you should apply to your own Local Authority using their application system, who will liaise with Stockport to find out if there is a place available at your preferred school.

The national closing date is **15th January 2020**. You are advised to apply for a school in your own Local Authority area as well in case a place at your preferred school in Stockport cannot be allocated.

What happens if I miss the closing date?

Missing the closing date may severely affect your chances of getting a place at one of your preferred schools for your child. Places will already have been allocated to parents who applied by the closing date 15th January 2020.

The online application system will close at midnight on **15th January 2020** and you will not be able to use the system to apply at this time. Following this, the system will reopen later to give those parents who have missed the closing date the opportunity to apply. Any applications made in this second period will only be considered after all those who applied by the closing date. If there are exceptional reasons why you could not have applied by the closing date, you should indicate these to the Admissions Support and Advice Team and these will be considered in deciding whether your application should be considered as received on time. Please note that only extremely exceptional circumstances will be considered.

If you apply after the closing date, your application will be considered after all those applications received by the closing date. Your application will then be processed along with any others received after the closing date using the oversubscription criteria and not using the date your application was received. **This applies even if you would have met the requirements of a higher category had you applied on time.**

What if I still have a question?

Have you checked our website www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions? If you still have questions, call the Admissions support & Advice Team, Upper Ground Floor Stopford House, Stockport SK1 3XE T: 0161 217 6022 F: 0161 953 0012.

After the closing date

Offers of school places

After the closing date for applications, the Admissions Support & Advice Team apply the Published Admissions Policy oversubscription criteria for each of the preferences you have expressed on your application form to decide which children can be allocated places at each school. Applications for schools outside Stockport are sent to the Local Authority where they are located who undertake the same process in their area and let Stockport know the outcome. **This is referred to as co-ordinated admissions.**

The Admissions Support and Advice Team then check your preferences to see where your child can be offered a place. If it is possible to offer more than one school, the one you have ranked the highest will be offered.

Parents will receive an e-mail of the outcome of their application on **16th April 2020**. Notification letters will also be sent out to all parents by second class post on **16th April 2020**. Please do not telephone the Admissions Support and Advice Team on this date as no information can be given regarding which school your child has been allocated. Email notifications will arrive between 12am and 2pm on the offer date; letters are posted on this date and should arrive in 2-3 days. Parents can also log back into their online application and view the school offered.

- If you live in Stockport you will be allocated a school place, although this is not guaranteed to be one of your preferred schools.
- If you live outside Stockport you will receive notification from your own Local Authority telling you whether or not we have been able to offer your child a school place.

What if I don't get a place at my preferred school(s)?

In all cases you have the right to appeal against the refusal of a school place you have applied for, see the following page.

Your child's name will remain on the waiting list for your preferred school(s) until the end of the academic year 2020/21. If a place becomes available at that school during that period, you will be contacted and given the opportunity to accept the place. Parents wishing to have their child's name included in the waiting list the following academic year must apply on line – the on line system for in- year admissions for the academic year 2020/21 will be available from June 2020.

If you have not been offered any of your preferred schools, or have only indicated one preference which we cannot allocate, **your child will be allocated a place at the nearest available school with a place at that time.** If your child is baptised Catholic and you have applied for a Catholic school, you will be allocated a place at the nearest Catholic school with a place, if one is available, otherwise a place will be allocated at the nearest non-Catholic maintained school with a place available at the time. Please bear in mind that this may not necessarily be your closest school, as schools may fill up with children whose parents have named it as one of their preferences. For this reason we **strongly recommend** that you use your six preferences to **name six different schools** in order to maximise your opportunity of gaining a place at one of your preferred schools.

How to appeal against being refused a place at your preferred school(s)

If you are unhappy with the school your child has been allocated you may wish to appeal against the outcome to an Independent Appeals Panel. This means that the panel that makes the decision is entirely independent from the Admissions Service.

If you wish to appeal against the decision, you must contact the Clerk to the Independent Appeals Panel to obtain an 'appeal request form' or download a form from www.stockport.gov.uk/admissionappeals. Before deciding whether or not to appeal, you are advised to think about:-

- (i) The school's policy for admitting pupils and whether there are limits imposed by infant class sizes of 30.
- (ii) Your reasons for wanting your child to attend the school and the strength of your case.

The appeal request form is available for download from the Council's website at www.stockport.gov.uk/admissionappeals and can be returned by email to admission.appeals@stockport.gov.uk.

For further information on the process and how to appeal, please visit www.stockport.gov.uk/admissionappeals.

Please note that if you applied and were unsuccessful for a place at an academy school you still have the right to appeal to an Independent Panel, which the Academy has to establish under the National Appeals Code of Practice. The school concerned will have details of the process and contacts involved.

It will be helpful to read Stockport's full Admissions Policy and Procedures and related documents which are available to view or download at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions or are available on request from the Admissions Support and Advice Team (contact details on page 2).



The Schools...

Key:	C	= Community School	VC	= Voluntary Controlled
	VA	= Voluntary Aided	A	= Academy
	#	= Primary & Infant schools with a nursery class		
	PAN	= Published Admission Number		

The location of schools within the Borough can be found on page 28. Individual catchment area maps for Community Schools, Cheadle Hulme High School, Hazel Grove High School, Kingsway and Reddish Vale Technology College (Academies) can be viewed at:
www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

* The number of the school used by the Department for Education has been included in the list below to assist with **online application**.

School & (DfE number)	Type	Headteacher	Address	Tel. No.	PAN
Abingdon Primary (2082)	C	Ms C Flanders (Acting Headteacher)	Abingdon Road, Reddish, Stockport SK5 7ET	480 4531	60
# Adswood Primary (2000)	C	Ms M Smart	Garners Lane, Adswood, Stockport SK3 8QJ	483 5003	45
Alexandra Park Primary (2284)	C	Mr P Brooke	Bombay Road, Edgeley, Stockport SK3 9RF	480 5557	60
All Saints CE Primary (Marple) (3000)	VC	Ms H Morton Ms H Gaynor Co Headteachers	Brickbridge Road, Marple, Stockport SK6 7BQ	427 3008	30
# All Saint's CE Primary (Stock.) (3001)	VC	Mr J Roper	Churchill Street, Heaton Norris, Stockport SK4 1ND	285 7373	30
# Arden Primary (2114)	C	Miss N Haddock	Osbourne St, Bredbury, Stockport SK6 2EX	430 2675	90
# Banks Lane Inf (2005)	C	Ms L Newson	Hempshaw Lane, Stockport SK1 4PR	480 9252	90
Banks Lane Jnr (2006)		Mr E Milner	As above	480 2330	90
Bolshaw Primary (2007)	C	Ms L Brown	Cross Road, Heald Green, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 3LW	437 6886	30
# Bradshaw Hall Primary (2116)	C	Mr C Bagnall	Vernon Close, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 6AN	282 7858	60
# Bredbury Green Primary (2109)	A	Ms S Stewart (Acting Headteacher)	Clapgate, Romiley, Stockport, SK6 3DG	430 3078	45

School & (DfE number)	Type	Headteacher	Address	Tel. No.	PAN
Bredbury Green Nursery Unit			Overdale Centre, Powicke Drive, Romiley, Stockport SK6 3DG		
# Bridge Hall Primary (2012)	C	Ms H Styan	Siddington Avenue, Bridge Hall, Stockport SK3 8NR	480 7889	30
# Broadstone Hall Primary (2015)	C	Mr S Langley	Broadstone Hall Rd, Heaton Chapel, Stockport SK4 5JD	432 1916	75
Brookside Primary (2017)	C	Mr R Tavernor	Ashbourne Drive, High Lane, Stockport SK6 8DB	01663 763943	30
# Cale Green Primary (2105)	C	Mr D Marshall	Shaw Road, Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8JG	480 2715	45
# Cheadle Primary (2021)	C	Ms K Leech	Ashfield Road, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 1BB	428 5026	40
# Cheadle Heath Primary (2120)	C	Miss C Meekley	Edgeley Road, Stockport SK3 0RJ	428 2476	60
# Cheadle Hulme Primary School (2013)	F	Mrs E Drake	Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5GB	485 7201	60
# Cheadle Catholic Inf (3500)	VA	Ms P Glynn (Acting Head)	Conway Rd, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 6DB	485 8733	90
Cheadle Catholic Jnr (3501)	VA	Ms R Fender	Conway Rd, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 6DB	485 3754	90
Dial Park Primary (2027)	C	Mr J Clark	Half Moon Lane, Offerton, Stockport, SK2 5LB	483 1445	45
# Didsbury Road Primary (2112)	C	Ms G Collins	Didsbury Rd, Stockport SK4 3HB	432 2240	60
# Etchells (2030)	C	Ms C Beddows	East Avenue, Finney Lane, Heald Green, Cheadle SK8 3DL	437 1792	60
# Fairway (The) Primary (2032)	C	Mr M Carroll	The Fairway, Offerton, Stockport SK2 5DR	483 1873	30
# Gatley Primary (2035)	A	Ms V McManus	Hawthorn Road, Gatley, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 4NB	428 6180	60
# Great Moor Inf (2037)	C	Mrs Debbie Furness Ms Yvonne Dobson (Co-Heads)	Southwood Road, Great Moor, Stockport SK2 7DG	483 0242	78

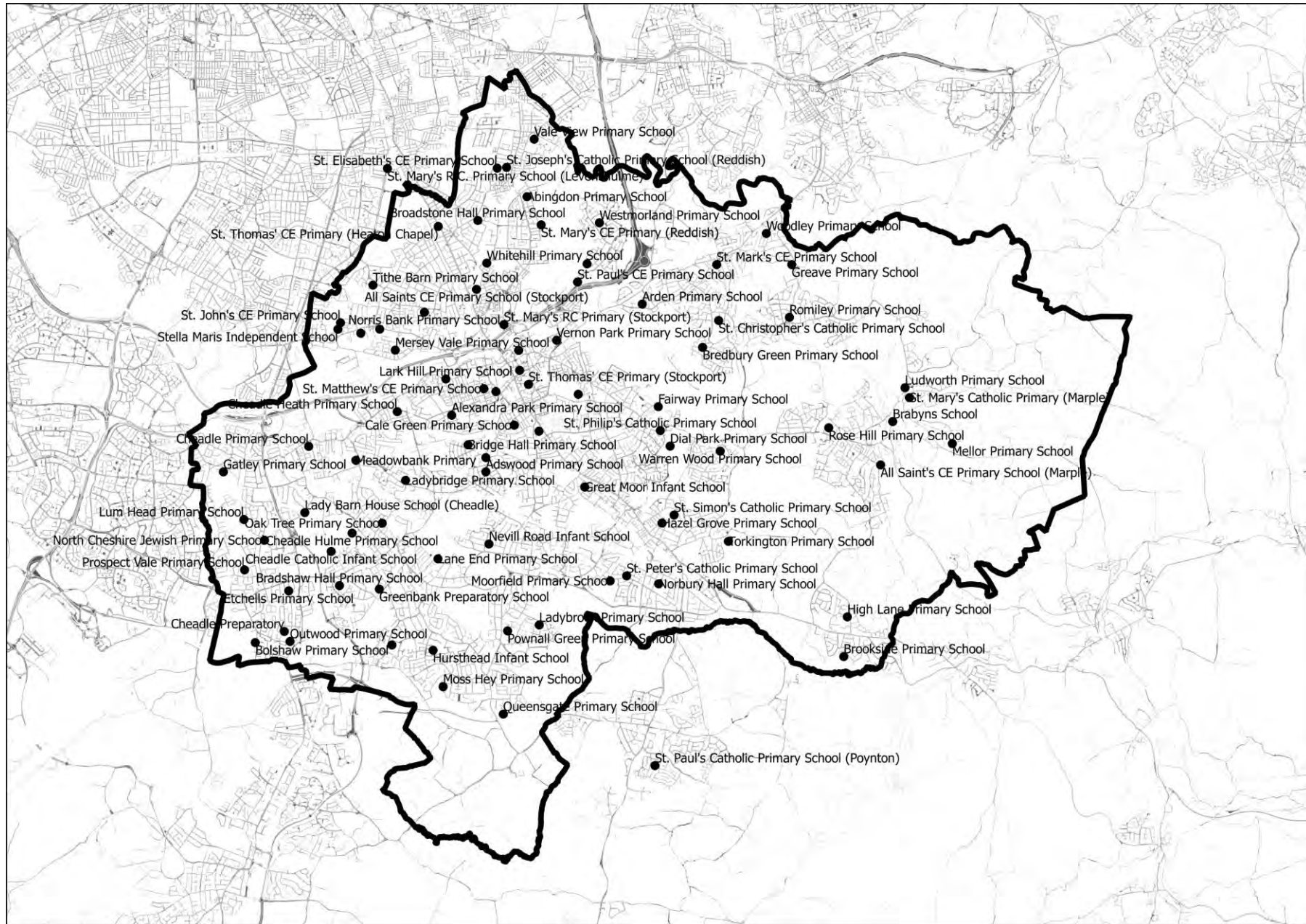
School & (DfE number)	Type	Headteacher	Address	Tel. No.	PAN
Great Moor Jnr (2038)	C	Mr Peter Berry Ms K Bushaway	Southwood Road, Great Moor, Stockport SK2 7DG	483 4987	78
Greave Primary (2039)	C	Ms J Williams	Werneth Road, Greave, Woodley, Stockport SK6 1HR	430 6318	45
# Hazel Grove Primary (2113)	C	Ms A Roche	Chapel Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 4JH	483 3699	60
# High Lane Primary (2044)	C	Ms A Humphries	Andrew Lane, off Buxton Road, High Lane SK6 8JQ	01663 762378	30
Hursthead Inf (2046)	C	Mrs J Driscoll	Kirkstead Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, SK8 7PZ	439 2238	90
Hursthead Jnr (2047)	A	Ms E Losse	As above	439 6961	90
# Ladybridge Primary (2048)	C	Ms Emma Hill	Councillor Lane, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 2JF	428 5445	30
# Ladybrook Primary (2049)	C	Ms D Presswood	Gleneagles Close, Seal Road, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 2LT	439 8444	30
Lane End Primary (2111)	C	Ms C Love	Ramillies Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle SK8 7AL	485 8071	30
Lark Hill Primary (2052)	C	Mr S Kelly	Northgate Road, Edgeley, Stockport SK3 9PH	480 6295	30
Ludworth Primary (2053)	C	Ms V Walker	Lower Fold, Marple Bridge, Stockport SK6 5DU	427 1446	45
Lum Head Primary (2107)	C	Ms G Holmes	Troutbeck Road, Gatley, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 4RR	428 7992	30
# Meadowbank Primary (3528)	A	Mrs J Appleton	Councillor Lane, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 2LE	428 6286	60
# Mellor Primary (2057)	A	Mr J Nicholson	Knowle Road, Mellor, Stockport SK6 5PL	427 1052	30
# Mersey Vale Primary (2058)	C	Ms J Mullane	Valley Rd, Heaton Mersey, Stockport, SK4 2BZ	442 7535	30
Moorfield Primary (3526)	C	Ms J Ames (Acting Headteacher)	Lyndhurst Avenue, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 5HP	483 4521	60

School & (DfE number)	Type	Headteacher	Address	Tel. No.	PAN
Moss Hey (2104)	C	Ms E Meesham	Eskdale Ave, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 1DS	439 5114	30
# Nevill Road Inf (2063)	C	Mrs A Marshall	Nevill Rd, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 3ET	439 4817	90
Nevill Road Jnr (2064)		Ms J Cliff	As above	439 4598	90
# Norbury Hall Primary (2066)	C	Ms J Ames	Shepley Drive, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 6LE	483 1786	60
Norris Bank Primary (2067)	C	Ms E Posner	Green Lane, Heaton Norris, Stockport SK4 2NF	432 3944	60
North Cheshire Jewish Primary (3505)	VA	Mr M Wolf	St Ann's Road North, Heald Green, Cheadle SK8 4RZ	282 4500	30
Oak Tree Primary (2081)	C	Mrs C Slater	Buckingham Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle SK8 5NA	485 1453	90
Our Lady's Catholic Primary (3506)	VA	Mrs C Beswick	Old Chapel Street, Stockport SK3 9HX	480 5345	30
# Outwood Primary (2108)	C	Ms J Maude	Outwood Road, Heald Green, Cheshire SK8 3ND	437 1715	30
Pownall Green Primary (2103)	C	Ms J Kersh	Bramhall Lane South, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 2EB	439 1105	60
# Prospect Vale Primary (2079)	C	Mr P McDowell	Prospect Vale, off Brown Lane, Heald Green, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 3RJ	437 4226	30
# Queensgate Primary (2080)	C	Ms N Hitchcock	Albany Rd, off Meadway, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 1NE	439 3330	30
# Romiley Primary (2083)	C	Mr J Tomlinson	Sandy Lane, Romiley, Stockport SK6 4NE	430 3101	60
# Rose Hill Primary(2084)	C	Ms H Mastronalardo	Elmfield Drive, Rose Hill, Marple, Stockport SK6 6DW	427 1432	75
# St. Ambrose Catholic Primary (3507)	VA	Ms H Hilton	Rostrevor Rd, Adswold, Stockport SK3 8LQ	480 8466	30
# St. Bernadette's	VA	Ms S Jones	Gorseway, off Foliage Rd,	430	30

School & (DfE number)	Type	Headteacher	Address	Tel. No.	PAN
Catholic Primary (3509)			Brinnington, Stockport SK5 8AR	4601	
St. Christopher's Catholic Primary (3510)	VA	Ms M Waters	Warwick Rd, Romiley, Stockport SK6 3AX	430 4473	30
# St. Elisabeth's CE Primary (3010)	VC	Mrs B Burrows	St Elisabeth's Way, Reddish, Stockport SK5 6BL	432 5785	45
St. George's CE Primary (3524)	VA	Mrs D Grindrod	Buxton Road, Stockport SK2 6NX	480 8657	60
St. John's CE Primary (3005)	VC	Mr P Rayner	Poplar Street, Heaton Mersey, Stockport SK4 3DG	442 7424	30
St. Joseph's Catholic Primary Stockport (3515)	VA	Mrs A Hamilton	St Petersgate, Stockport SK1 1EF	480 5029	25
# St. Joseph's RC Primary, Reddish (3530)	VA	Ms R Vayro	Higginson Road, Reddish, Stockport SK5 6BG	432 5689	70
# St. Mark's CE Primary (3002)	VC	Mrs A Whitehead	Redhouse Lane, Bredbury, Stockport, SK6 1BX	430 3418	45
St. Mary's CE Primary (Redd) (3006)	VC	Ms L Irvin	Broomfield Drive Sth. Reddish, Stockport SK5 7DR	480 4736	30
# St. Mary's Catholic Primary (Marple) (3516)	VA	Mr S Murphy	Lowry Drive, Marple Bridge, Stockport SK6 5BR	427 7498	30
# St. Mary's RC Primary (Sto.) (3517)	VA	Mr P Towey	Roman Rd, Stockport, SK4 1RF	480 5319	24
# St. Matthew's CE Primary (3007)	A	Ms J Bond	Bowdon Street, Edgeley, Stockport SK3 9EA	474 7110	30
# St. Paul's CE Primary (3008)	VC	Miss J Harrington	Brinnington Rise, Stockport SK5 8AA	480 5403	60
St. Peter's Catholic Primary (3518)	VA	Ms C Finan	Carisbrooke Avenue, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 5PL	483 2431	30
St. Philip's Catholic Primary (3519)	VA	Mrs C Hogan	Half Moon Lane, Offerton, Stockport SK2 5LB	483 0977	30
# St. Simon's Catholic Primary	VA	Ms R Crisp	Bosden Ave, off Bosdenfold Ave, Hazel	483 9696	30

School & (DfE number)	Type	Headteacher	Address	Tel. No.	PAN
(3520)			Grove SK7 4LH		
St. Thomas' CE Primary (Heaton Chapel) (3521)	VA	Ms K Morris	Wellington Rd North, Heaton Chapel, Stockport SK4 4QG	432 6809	90
# St. Thomas' CE Primary (Marriot Street) (3009)	VC	Mrs J Gray	Marriott Street, Stockport, SK1 3PJ	480 4742	30
St. Winifred's RC Primary (3522)	VA	Ms A M O'Dwyer	Didsbury Rd, Stockport SK4 3JH	432 5782	60
# Thorn Grove Primary (2087)	C	Ms S Denford	Woodstock Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 7LD	485 1177	30
Tithe Barn Primary (2088)	C	Ms K Muncaster	Mauldeth Rd, Heaton Moor, Stockport SK4 3NG	432 4941	30
# Torkington Primary (2089)	C	Mr A Buckler	Torkington Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 6NR	483 2188	30
Vale View Primary (3529)	C	Ms H Hannah	Mill Lane, North Reddish, Stockport SK5 6TP	221 0118	75
# Vernon Park Primary (2090)	C	Ms C Lee	Peak Street, Stockport SK1 2NF	480 4378	45
Warren Wood Primary (2091)	C	Mrs E Reyes	Turnstone Road, Offerton, Stockport SK2 5XU	456 8171	60
# Westmorland Primary (2119)	C	Mr M Henderson	Westmorland Drive, Brinnington, Stockport SK5 8HH	406 9405	75
# Whitehill Primary (2092)	C	Mr S Hall	Whitehill Street West, Heaton Norris, Stockport SK4 1PB	480 2142	30
# Woodley Primary (3525)	C	Ms E Richardson	Sherwood Rd, Woodley, Stockport SK6 1LH	430 6609	60

Location of Primary Schools in Stockport



Other Frequently Asked Questions

What if my Child has Special Educational Needs?

Primary schools always endeavour to meet the needs of individual children and most will find their needs can be met within a mainstream school. Some children however may have additional needs which require additional support; for example when children have a learning difficulty or a disability that means they find it harder to learn than other children in their age group. Children may have a range of needs, including physical or sensory difficulties, language difficulties and emotional/behavioural difficulties. The network of services that work with schools in Stockport means that each child's needs can be addressed with additional support to overcome the barriers they face.

All schools have a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) who can help you with any concerns during your child's school career. If you would like any information or advice about special educational provision you can also talk to the Services to People Directorate's Special Education Section who work within the Children and Young People's Disability Partnership and can be contacted on 0161 249 4453 or the Parent Partnership Worker on 0161 286 4230.

How are children cared for at school?

All Stockport's schools operate a pastoral system, which operates to make sure that young people are happy and that any problems they have are sorted out straight away. Schools also have policies on how children will be treated by staff and other children. If you ever have any concerns about your child in school, you should make an appointment with the Headteacher who will do everything possible to help. All schools keep in touch with parents through newsletters and parents evenings, to ensure that you are kept up to date with your child's progress and are aware of what is happening in school.

What if I am unhappy with my child's school once they have started?

If you are worried about how your child is settling into school you should in the first instance make an appointment to discuss your concerns with the Headteacher, who will do everything they can to help resolve the situation. Moving schools can be unsettling for children and this is advised only as a very last resort.

Will my child need a uniform?

All schools request that children wear a uniform. The uniform will be available from high street shops and often from the school itself.

Other useful information

Sustainable Modes of School Travel Strategy

Local Authorities are now required to promote the use of sustainable modes of travel and transport and to publish a Sustainable School Travel Strategy on an annual basis.

The draft version of the Stockport Sustainable Modes of School Travel Strategy can be viewed at:

<http://www.stockport.gov.uk/services/education/educationtrainingandemployment/schooladmissions/additionalinformation/sustainableschooltravel>

The strategy sets out what has been achieved to encourage more children and young people to use sustainable modes of travel to school such as walking, cycling or public transport and also the extended right to free transport to pupils from low income backgrounds. The document also sets out what work will be undertaken in the years to follow in order to meet the requirements of Education and Inspection Act 2006 – Home to School Travel and Transport Guidance.

School Travel

Due to the number of schools in Stockport, most children will live within 2 miles of their local community school and the area is generally well served by public transport. Stockport MBC actively supports environmentally friendly and safe walking routes to school as part of the Cleaner, Greener, Safer, Stronger campaign. Children under 16 can travel on buses at a concessionary rate.

The Free School Transport policy has changed and this may affect your child's eligibility. For further details visit: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/travel-to-school>.

Some children may qualify for free travel passes on the basis of distance between home and school, if parents are in receipt of qualifying benefits or if transport is considered necessary to facilitate school attendance.

Applications for free school travel will be assessed and approved if one of the following sets of conditions apply:

(a) Standard Eligibility Criteria

where the distance between home and the nearest suitable school with availability in Stockport exceeds 2 miles, for a child aged up to 8 years or 3 miles for a child aged 8 years and over (the statutory minimum distance)

and

where the distance between the home and the school attended (if in Stockport) also exceeds the statutory minimum distance.

(b) Extended Eligibility Criteria Where Parents are in Receipt of Qualifying Low Income Benefits

Parent/Carer is in receipt of and has supplied documentary evidence confirming:

- Income Support
- Jobseekers Allowance (Income Based)
- Child Tax Credit but not entitled to Working Tax Credit and whose income does not exceed £16,190*
- Working Tax Credit

and

the school attended is one of 3 nearest suitable schools whose distance between home and that nearest suitable school is between 2 and 6 miles

or

the distance between home and school attended is between 2 and 15 miles and the school attended is deemed the nearest suitable school, suitability determined on the denomination of the school and the religious beliefs of the child's parents.

Exceptions apply, including consideration of denominational reasons. Parents are advised to read fully the Free School Transport 2020-2021 policy available at; www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The Council reserves the right to review a route used for measurement purposes at any time and may withdraw passes in cases which subsequently fail to qualify.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of Income Support, Income-Based Job Seeker's Allowance, Income related You can get free school meals if you are responsible for a child (for example, you receive Child Benefit for them) who is still at school - including nursery children who attend full days and sixth form students - as long as you get one of these qualifying incomes:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit (provided your earned income is no more than £616.67 in the last Universal Credit assessment period)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Schools cannot provide free meals to children until authorisation has been made.

For more information or to complete an application form please go to www.stockport.gov.uk/services/advicebenefitsgrants/benefits/freeschoolmeals/

Applying for a place in another year group

All requests for primary school places will be considered for the year group appropriate to the age of your child, the number of pupils on roll and the Published Admission Number of the Year Group.

You must apply on line – the on line system for in- year admissions for the academic year 2020/21 will be available from June 2020.

www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmission

If you are unsuccessful and you have recently moved into the Stockport area a place for infant age children will normally be made available within a 2 mile walking distance of your home. To discuss this contact the Admissions Support and Advice Team on 0161 217 6022

In – year fair access protocol (IYFAP)

All Local Authorities are required to have an IYFAP. This is used to find school places for children who have had significant problems finding a place and have been out of school for a long time. Children without a school place will take precedence over children on a waiting list attending another school when considered by IYFAP.

You can find out more information by contacting the Inclusion Team Tel: 0161 474 3972 or 3971.

The Ethnic Diversity Service (EDS)

EDS provides specialist English language teachers and bilingual teaching assistants who work in partnership with schools to meet the needs of pupils from minority ethnic backgrounds, particularly those developing English as an additional language. The Traveller Education Service is also part of EDS. Specialist teachers offer advice and training on language development, curriculum, and teaching and learning strategies that are beneficial for all pupils in the classroom.

Another aspect of work is supporting schools in the area of race equality, offering advice and training on how to make education more inclusive and providing cultural talks and demonstrations in schools. These talks and training sessions promote mutual respect and understanding. EDS also runs the Schools Linking Project which brings together children and young people from different parts of Stockport and surrounding areas to explore identity and diversity.

Stockport Interpreting Unit (SIU) is also a part of the Ethnic Diversity Service. SIU has trained interpreters in over 30 languages, and works in partnership with a range of statutory and non-statutory organisations such as the NHS, schools and other Council services. Interpreters work face-to-face or over the telephone to enable school staff to communicate with parents and children who speak languages other than English. There is also a translation service available.

EDS offers a range of training courses to become a bilingual teaching assistant, interpreter or cultural talks speaker. Parents who are bilingual or able to deliver a talk about another culture or religion are encouraged to contact the Service.

Contact Details: 0161 477 9000

Email: eds.admin@stockport.gov.uk

For more information, you can also visit the website: www.stockport.gov.uk

Pastoral Care

The Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group and individual schools share responsibility with parents for the health and wellbeing of children. Services to People staff work closely with schools in order to support families and resolve difficulties that may affect a child's progress in school. Schools also have an important role to play in the safety of children and protection from abuse. All schools have a trained, designated teacher with responsibility for child protection.

Parents should be aware that if child abuse is suspected, schools are required to follow Stockport's child protection procedures. This is not a matter for the discretion of individual members of staff or headteachers.

School Inspection and Performance

All schools are subject to inspection every four years by OfSTED. A copy of the report will go out to all parents and can also be viewed at www.ofsted.gov.uk. Progress is also closely monitored by the school and the LA. Schools publish information on pupil's performance in their school prospectuses or parent's information booklets. The DfE publishes details of Key Stage 2, 3 and 4 assessment and outcomes on their website; www.education.gov.uk .

Attendance at School

Regular and punctual attendance in school is vital in ensuring that pupils get the maximum benefit from their education. Services for Young People work on behalf of the Local Authority to promote good attendance at school by all children and young people. Services for Young People operate a referral system for schools, parents/carers and other professionals. After a referral is made, an officer will make a home visit to discuss reasons for absence and offer strategies to improve attendance, involving other agencies where appropriate. Where supportive strategies are unsuccessful, in some cases parents may be prosecuted for failing to ensure their child's regular attendance at school.

Parents are strongly encouraged to take family holidays in the school holidays. Although schools may sometimes allow holidays to take place in term time if special circumstances exist, it is likely that permission will rarely be granted because of the harmful effect that missing school has on pupils' learning.

Parents may also be subject to Education Penalty Notices for the unauthorised absence of their child from school. These are issued by post and will be £50 if paid within 28 days of issue and £100 if paid between 29 and 42 days of issue. For further information or to request a leaflet, please contact the Legal Liaison Officer on 0161 474 2503.



School Term & Holiday Dates 2020/21

AUTUMN TERM 2020 – (76 / 195 school days)	
Tuesday 1 September 2020 – Tuesday 22 December 2020	
Autumn Term Holidays 2020	
Half-term	Monday 26 October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020
Public Holidays	
Christmas Day 25 Dec 2020	Boxing Day 26 Dec 2020

SPRING TERM 2021 – (52 / 195 school days)	
Thursday 7 January 2021 – Friday 26 March 2021	
Spring Term Holidays 2021	
Half – term	Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021
Easter break	Monday 29 March 2021 to Friday 09 April 2021
Public Holidays	
Good Friday 2 April 2021	Easter Monday 5 April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021 – (67 / 195 school days)	
Monday 12 April 2021 – Wednesday 21 July 2021 (secondary)	
Monday 12 April 2021 – Wednesday 28 July 2021 (primary)	
Summer Term Holidays 2020	
Half – term	Secondary – Tuesday 1 June 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021 Primary – Tuesday 1 June 2021 to Friday 11 June 2021
Public Holidays	
May Day 3 May 2021	Spring Bank 31 May 2021

This calendar applies to community and voluntary controlled (including special) schools. Terms dates may differ for Voluntary Aided schools and schools with Academy status, as these schools are their own admissions authority and are able to set their own calendar. Further information can be obtained from the individual schools direct.

- Secondary school term dates differ slightly at summer half term and at the end of the summer term 2020
- Schools also have up to 5 days per academic year for staff training. Individual schools will notify parents of when these days will be taken and children will not be in school.

Useful Contacts

Local Authorities		
Cheshire East	Delamere House, Delamere St, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 2LL	T: 0300 123 5012 E: admissions@cheshireeast.gov.uk
Cheshire West and Chester	Wyvern House, The Drumber, Winsford CW7 1AH	T: 0300 123 7039 E: admissions@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Derbyshire	Admissions & Transport Team, Council House, Seltergate, Chesterfield, S40 1LF	T: 01629 537 479 E: admissions.transport@derbyshire.gov.uk
Manchester Education Dept.	Integrated Admissions PO Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 2LA	T: 0161 245 7166 E: School.admissions@manchester.gov.uk
City of Salford Children's Services	Unity House, Chorley Road, Swinton, Salford, M27 5AW	T: 0161 909 6508 E: helennicolle@salford.gov.uk
Tameside Education Team	Shirley House, 5 Oldham Street, Hyde, SK14 1LJ	T: 0161 342 3204 E: schooladmissions@tameside.gov.uk
Trafford	4th Floor, Waterside House, Waterside, Sale M33 7ZF	T: 0161 912 5007 E: schooladmissions@trafford.gov.uk

Diocesan Authorities		
Chester Diocesan Board of Education	Director of Education, Church House, Lower Lane, Aldford, Chester CH3 6HP	01244 620 444 Jeff.turnbull@chesteranglican.org
Nottinghamshire Schools Commission	Diocesan Centre, Mornington Cres, Mackworth, Derby, DE22 4BD	01332 293 833 neil.weightman@nottinghamdes.org.uk
Shrewsbury Education Service	Diocesan Education Office 2 Park Road South Birkenhead Merseyside L43 4UX	0151 652 9855 education@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
Salford	Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford M3 6DP	0161 817 2222 information@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Other contacts		
Ofsted	Royal Exchange Buildings, St. Anne's Sq, Manchester, M2 7LA	0845 640 4045 www.ofsted.gov.uk enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk
Department for Education (DfE)	London SW1P 3BT	www.education.gov.uk
ISCIAS (Independent Schools Council Information and Advice Service)	St. Vincent House, 30 Orange St, WL2H 7HH	T: 0845 724 6657 E: information@isc.co.uk W: www.isc.co.uk
Out of School Care	Childcare	www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare

Welfare Rights		0161 474 3093
Parent Partnership		0161 477 6648 parentpartnership@togethertrust.org
Advisory Service, for Education (ACE)	1c Aberdeen Studios, 22 Highbury Grove, London N5 2DG	0808 800 5793 www.ace-ed.org.uk enquiries@ace-ed.org
Office of the Schools Adjudicator	Mowden Hall Staindrop Road Darlington DL3 9BG	Tel 01325 735303 Fax 01325 391313 Email OSA.TEAM@osa.gsi.gov.uk



Checklist – Have you...?

✓	Checked your child's details are correct including date of birth and address?
✓	Named the schools you want to apply for in the order of your preference? Remember to name six schools in order to maximise your opportunity of gaining a place at one of your preferred schools.
✓	Considered your catchment school in your selection? You may be higher in the oversubscription criteria than for other schools.
✓	Checked the full name of the school you are applying for (some can have very similar names) <u>and</u> the name of the Local Authority where it is located if it isn't in Stockport?
✓	Put the details of any brothers or sisters attending one of your preferred schools by the name of the school?
✓	Included any evidence, if required, relating to your preferences (e.g. medical evidence). (Please see page 16).
✓	Checked all the details before submitting your application online? N.B. please keep the email receipt for your application safe.
✓	Submitted the form via the online application system and received an email receipt? OR Applied to you own Local Authority if you do not live in Stockport?

Remember the closing date is **15th January 2020**

Applying for a Primary School: The Important Dates

15th August 2019 – Apply online at
www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

15th January 2020 – Last date to apply
for a place

16th April 2020 – Offer Date

If you have any problems or queries, please
telephone our frontline team at the
Contact Centre:

0161 217 6022

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