

Preparing to apply for secondary school



Key dates and information

Applications:

- **Open 15 July 2024**
- **Close 31 October 2024**
- **Notification 3 March 2025**

Some facts:

- It is NOT first come first served
- You can (and should) apply for up to 6 places.
- Only applying for one school does not make it more likely that you will get a place there. It means that if you do not get a place at that school, the council will choose a school for you because you did not specify a second, third, fourth etc choice of school. .
- You apply to the council you live in. This includes if you are applying for a school in a neighbouring borough.
- Only list a grammar school as a preference if your child has sat the entrance test (results in October 2024). Deadline to register 28 June 2024.
- **Form cannot be changed once submitted.**



How to apply

- Check the admissions policy for each school
- Available via each school's website (check policies section)
- Check if your child meets the criteria
- Look out for any additional requirements
- For example: Sandwell Academy, Shireland Collegiate Academy and West Bromwich Collegiate require your child to sit a non-verbal reasoning test after applications are submitted

How to apply

- www.sandwell.gov.uk
- Click – schools and learning
- Click – apply for a school place
- Account requires an email address to set up / log in
- Enter parent details, child details, add one school at a time
- DO NOT submit until you are 100% sure.

Welcome to the Sandwell Parent Portal

If you have previously registered with the Sandwell Admissions online system prior to 15/07/19 - [you will need to re-register.](#)

To use this portal you must [create an account](#)

What's available :

[LOGIN](#) to :

Apply for a Reception, Junior (Year 3), or Secondary (Year 7) school place.

Apply for a mid year school transfer.

Sandwell schools with additional application forms

Aptitude:

- George Salter (Arts Aptitude)
- Shireland Collegiate Academy (Arts Aptitude)
- Wood Green Academy (Sporting Aptitude)
- Sandwell Academy (Sporting Aptitude)
- Shireland CBSO (Musical Aptitude)
- Windsor Olympus (Sporting Aptitude)

Denominational grounds

- St Michael's COFE High School
- Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School

Medical grounds:

- Holly Lodge High School
- Oldbury Academy
- Ormiston Community Sandwell Academy
- Ormiston Forge Academy
- Perryfields Academy
- The Phoenix School
- Wodensborough Ormiston Academy

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What else to consider



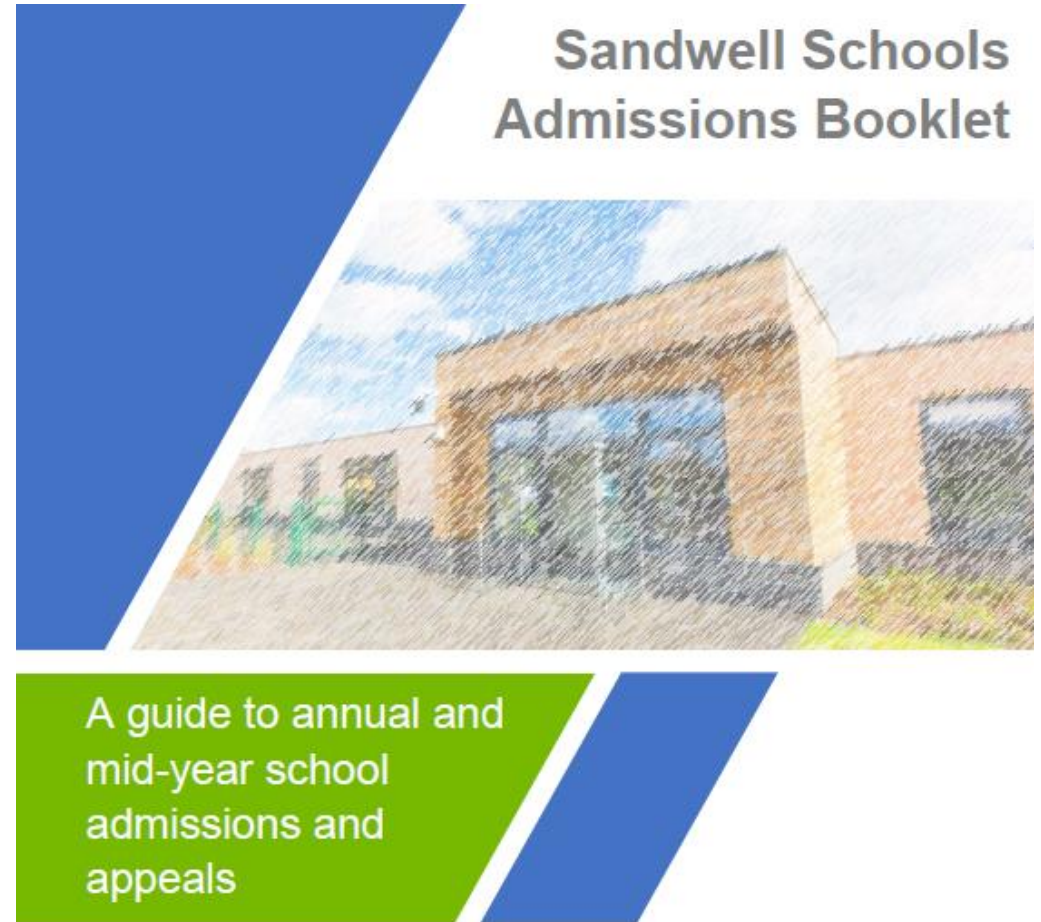
Appealing a school place

If you do not get the school you wanted:

- Accept the place you have been given, even if it is not the school you want.
- Download, complete and post appeals form (sandwell.gov.uk)
- **or** appeal the decision online (My Sandwell)
- You can only appeal for a place at a school that you put on your preference list
- To appeal for Sandwell Academy, contact them directly
- To appeal for a school outside of Sandwell you will need to contact the relevant local authority

For more details

- 2024/25 Sandwell School Admissions Booklet available on the [sandwell.gov.uk](https://www.sandwell.gov.uk) website:
- [Sandwell Schools Admission Booklet | Sandwell Council](#)



Sandwell Schools
Admissions Service



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Questions

