



People's Services Department

Application for Admission to a St Helens Secondary School or Academy other than the Normal Age of Entry (In-Year Transfer)

Important

You should not withdraw your child from their current school before admission to another has been agreed. It is expected, therefore, that your child will continue to attend his/her current school whilst the in-year transfer application is being processed.

Please read the following notes **before** completing the attached In-Year Transfer Application Form.

Parental responsibility/One application per child

The application must be completed by a parent/carer who has parental responsibility. The Local Authority will only accept one application per child for school places. **Where parents disagree on school preferences for their child they must settle their differences between each other and submit only one form.**

Applications for schools outside St Helens

If you want to apply for a school outside St Helens, you need to contact the relevant Local Authority (contact details for neighbouring local authorities are on page 4).

Before you make an application

Many parents request a transfer because their child is unhappy or because there are problems with friendship groups or bullying at school. We ask that every possible step be taken to try to resolve these problems before a request is made to transfer schools. If, therefore, you wish to transfer your child to another local school (for reasons other than a change of address), we **strongly recommend** that you discuss the matter with the Head Teacher of your child's current school.

You should consider the decision very carefully, bearing in mind that the upheaval may damage your child's progress. There may be problems matching the curriculum, especially if the pupil is in Year 10 or 11 and has already begun option courses. In such cases you should make enquiries with your preferred school(s) as to whether they can accommodate chosen GCSE subjects and options.

Change of address

If moving address, please ensure that you state the date of the move on Section 2 of the in-year transfer application form. Please also attach **proof of your new address** e.g. Exchange of Contracts or Tenancy Agreement and also inform your child's current school of the move.

As it normally takes 10 school days to process an in-year application, you should submit your form prior to the move.

Applications for more than one child

Please complete a separate form for each child. Please be aware that if you are applying for more than one child, it may not always be possible for your preferred school to admit any or all of the children. In such cases the Local Authority will normally offer an alternative school, if you are a St Helens resident.

Families of UK Service personnel and other Crown servants

If the In-Year Transfer Application Form is accompanied by an official MOD, FCO or GCHQ letter declaring a relocation date, the Local Authority will process the application in advance of the relocation.

Asylum Seeker Applicants

If you are seeking asylum in the UK, please attach a copy of the UK Visas & Immigration letter confirming your Asylum Support arrangements.

Applications from parents coming from overseas

You should complete the transfer application form and attach a copy of your, and your child's, passport confirming that you have leave to enter or remain in the UK.

In-year transfer process

If you wish to transfer your child to a St Helens school or Academy school, you need to complete the attached In-Year Transfer Application Form. You can list up to three St Helens schools in order of preference and we will liaise with the relevant admission authority. All first, second and third preferences will be treated as equal regardless of parents' ranking. If your child qualifies for a place at more than one school, we will offer the school that you have ranked highest on the application form.

How places are allocated

All schools have an admission limit based on the physical capacity of their buildings. The number of places available is called the Published Admission Number (or PAN for short). If more applications are received than the number of places available, the relevant admission authority will apply their oversubscription criteria. If there are no available places, your application will be refused - see 'waiting-list' and 'appeals' below. In such cases the Local Authority will normally offer a place at the next nearest suitable school with available places, if you are a St Helens resident.

The Published Admission Number and oversubscription criteria for each St Helens secondary school and academy is published in the 'Information for Parents - Secondary Education' booklet which can be viewed online at: <http://admissions.sthelens.gov.uk>

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the School Admissions Team, telephone number 01744 671027, and a copy will be posted to you.

Fair Access Protocol

The Local Authority has a Fair Access Protocol the main purpose of which is to ensure that unplaced children, especially the most vulnerable, are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible. For such applicants, schools may be required to admit above their PAN or if the Fair Access Panel agrees; it is also possible that a school with available places may refuse admission. Further details will be provided if your child's application is to be considered under this Protocol. The School Admissions Code states that those allocated a place at a school in accordance with the Local Authority's Fair Access Protocol, must take precedence over those on a waiting list.

Decision Letters

You will normally receive a written response to your application within ten school days.

Applications for the start of the School Year

If you wish to transfer your child to a new school at the beginning of the autumn term, you should complete an application form early in June and return it as soon as possible.

Applications received during the summer holidays

Applications received during the summer holidays will be dealt with when schools re-open.

Waiting-List

If your preference for a St Helens school is refused, your child's name will be kept on the school's waiting-list for the remainder of the academic year. **If you wish your child to be added to the waiting list for the following academic year, you will need to re-apply at the beginning of June 2021.** Looked after children, previously looked after children and those allocated a place at the school in accordance with the Local Authority's Fair Access Protocol, will (in accordance with the School Admissions Code) take precedence over those on a waiting list.

Appeals

If your child is not offered a place at your preferred school, you have the right, under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, to appeal against that decision to a panel independent of the school and the Local Authority. Details of this procedure will be sent to you with the decision letter explaining the outcome of your application.

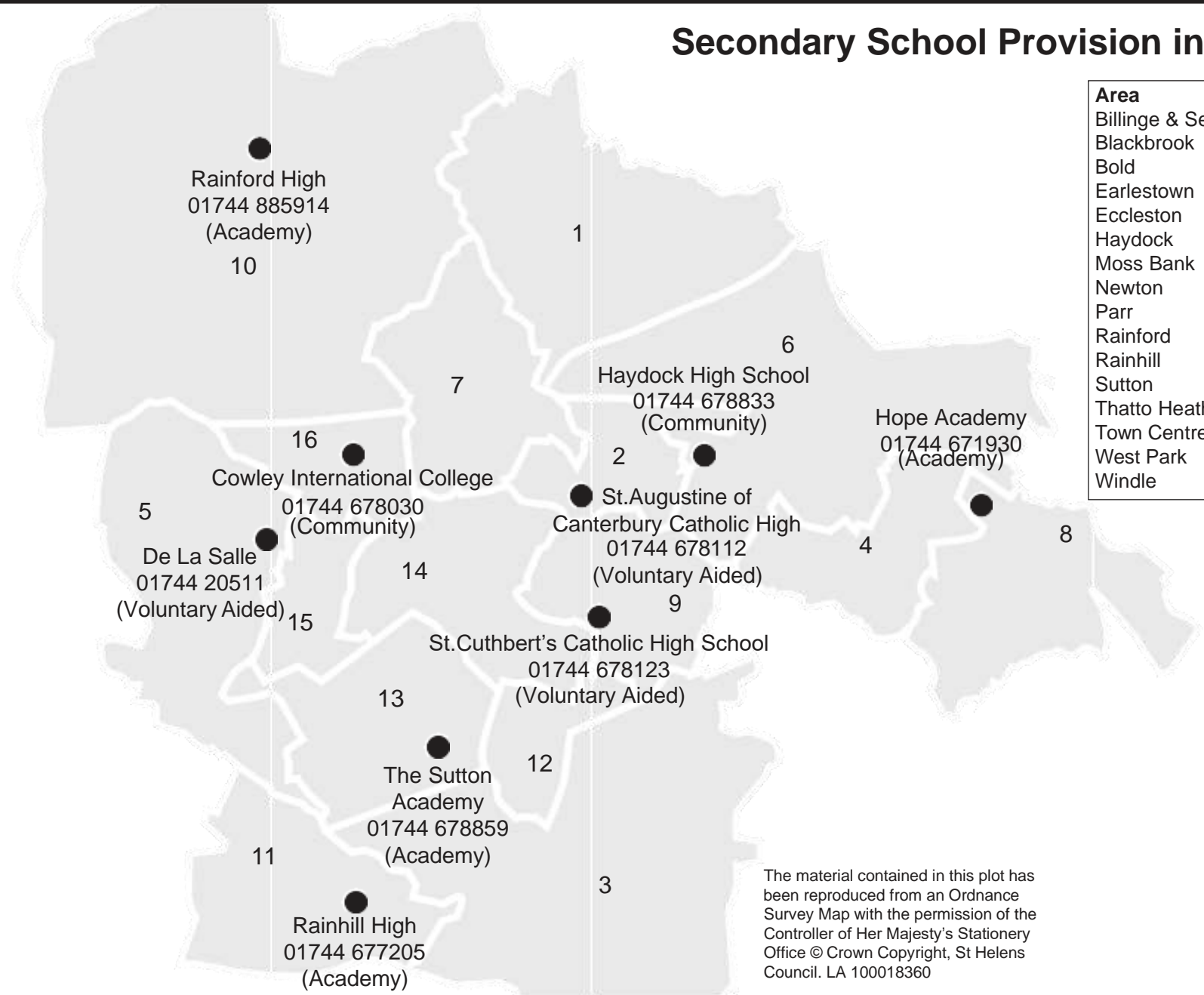
Further help and information

If you wish to discuss the in-year transfer application process, please do not hesitate to contact the School Admissions Team on 01744 671027 or email schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk

Please retain these notes for your own records.

Secondary School Provision in St Helens

Area	Id
Billinge & Seneley Green	1
Blackbrook	2
Bold	3
Earlestown	4
Eccleston	5
Haydock	6
Moss Bank	7
Newton	8
Parr	9
Rainford	10
Rainhill	11
Sutton	12
Thatto Heath	13
Town Centre	14
West Park	15
Windle	16



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Contact Points for Neighbouring Local Authorities

Halton

School Admissions Team,
Rutland House,
Halton Lea, Runcorn WA7 2ES
0151 511 7271/7338
schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk

Knowsley

School Admissions,
Municipal Buildings,
Archway Road, Huyton L36 9YU
0151 443 5142/5143/3372
schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

Lancashire

The Admissions Co-ordinator,
Pupil Access Team,
Lancashire County Council,
Level 2, Christ Church Precinct,
County Hall, Preston PR1 0LD
01772 532192
www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Liverpool

Children and Young People's Services,
Cunard Buildings,
Water Street, Liverpool L3 1AH
0151 233 3006
www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions

Sefton

Schools and Families,
Schools Regulatory Services,
School Admissions and Pupil Support,
Bootle Town Hall, Oriel Road, Bootle L20 7AE
0151 934 3590
admissions@sefton.gov.uk

Warrington

School Admissions Team,
Families and Wellbeing Directorate,
New Town House,
Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NH
Contact Centre: 01925 446226
schooladmissions@warrington.gov.uk

Wigan

School Organisation Team,
People Directorate,
Wigan Council,
PO Box 100, Wigan WN1 3DS
01942 489013
schoolplaces@wigan.gov.uk

6. Preferred Secondary Schools

You can name up to three St Helens schools in order of preference. If you wish to apply for a school outside St Helens Local Authority, you should contact the relevant local authority. (The contact details for neighbouring local authorities is on page 4 of the accompanying notes.)

I am submitting Secondary School applications for the siblings of this child. Yes No

It is **essential** that my children attend the same school:

Note: If you tick the box, we will offer you the highest preference school where all of your children can be admitted. If none of your preferences can offer all of your children a place, we will try to offer another school with places for all. If you do not tick the box we will offer places according to your preferences which may mean your children have to attend different schools.

NAME OF SECONDARY SCHOOL		If brother or sister presently attend, state name and date of birth
1		
Reason for preference:		
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2		
Reason for preference:		
.....		
3		
Reason for preference:		
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7. Reason for Application

Have you informed the Head Teacher at your child's current school that you are applying for a transfer? Yes No

It is essential that parents notify the Head Teacher of the child's current school. In order to ensure that a transfer can be processed more smoothly, it will be necessary to contact your child's current school for further information.

1. Has your child been excluded from school? Yes No

If yes, is the exclusion permanent or fixed term?

2. Does your child receive help from the Inclusion Support Service? Yes No

3. Are you seeking asylum in the UK? Yes No

If 'yes', NASS No:

4. What are your main reasons for applying for transfer? (please tick relevant box(es))

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of address | <input type="checkbox"/> Child's current school suggested this transfer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulties with transport arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> New arrival to St Helens from overseas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childminding arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please provide more details below) |

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8. Applicants for St Helens Catholic Secondary Schools and Hope Academy Only

If any of your three stated preferences is for a Catholic Secondary School or Hope Academy, please ANSWER the questions below.

1. Is your child Baptised Catholic? Yes No
- Date of Baptism
- Church of Baptism
- Catholic Parish of residence

Please note:

If your child is Baptised Catholic, a copy of a Catholic Baptismal Certificate should be attached to the application form. If you do not have a certificate, you will need to obtain proof from the relevant parish to confirm that your child is Baptised Catholic. This is particularly important if you wish your child to be considered under the higher priority faith criteria.

2. Is your child baptised in another Christian faith? Yes No
- Date of Baptism
- Church of Baptism

3. Is your child a member of another faith group? Yes No

Please note:

If the Catholic schools you have named on the form give priority to applicants of other faiths and your child is a member of another faith, proof, in the form of the Baptismal Certificate or a letter from an appropriate religious leader or minister, should be submitted with the application form.

4. Has your child any special family, medical or pastoral needs? Yes No
- If yes, please state
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9. Mother/Father/Carer's Details

Mother/Carer's name	Father/Carer's name
Daytime Telephone (including STD code)	Daytime Telephone (including STD code)
Mobile Telephone	Mobile Telephone
Address (if different from child's)	Address (if different from child's)

Details of any other person who can be contacted in case of emergency

Full name	Telephone (including STD code)
Address	
Relationship to child	

Important: please ensure *all* questions have been answered and make sure you sign the form on the next page.

10. Data Privacy

The information provided on this form will be processed in accordance with the Local Authority's School Admissions Privacy Notice. Information will be treated as confidential and will be used only for the purpose of processing your child's application for a school place in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2014.

The Privacy Notice and data protection legislation puts in certain safeguards regarding the use of personal data by organisations including the Department for Education (DfE), local authorities, police and HM Revenue and Customs. The data protection legislation gives rights to those individuals whose data is held.

These include:

- The right to request access to the data that is being held by contacting the Council Data Protection Officer – dataprotection@sthelens.gov.uk
- The right to request the reason why the data is being held and what it is being used for.
- The right to request data to be removed (although without the information, your application for a school place cannot be processed).
- The right to request the Local Authority to correct or amend any incorrect information.
- The right to know who the data may be shared with.
- The right to know how long the data can be held before it is destroyed.

A copy of the full Privacy Notice is available on the School Admissions Webpage. By signing this declaration you are declaring that you have read and understood the terms of the notice.

If you have any concerns about how the Local Authority is handling your data, you can contact: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF

Signature of Parent/Carer

I am the parent or have parental responsibility for the child named on this application. I have read the guidance notes on pages 1 and 2 and the below checklist.

Signature (Parent/Carer).....Date

Application Checklist Please ensure that you have:

- 1. Child's Details**
The address that must be given is where the child and parent, or person with parental responsibility, normally live. If parents are separated and the child spends time at each parent's address, the address used shall be that of the main carer. The Local Authority will normally use the address of the parent who is in receipt of child benefit for this. It may be necessary for the Admissions Section to carry out checks to confirm that addresses given are genuine. You may, therefore, be asked to produce documentary evidence of your child's address.
- 6. Preferred Schools**
If your child has an older brother or sister at the school you have named as a preference, please give their details. You may state any reasons you wish in this section. You do not have to state a reason if you do not wish to.
- 7. Reason for Application**
Please answer the questions, as it will assist us in processing the application.
- 8. Applications for Catholic Schools or Hope Academy**
If any of your three stated preferences is for a Catholic Secondary School or Hope Academy, please answer the questions in this section and forward the documentary evidence that is requested.
- 9. Parent/Carer's Details**
Please complete this section the Admissions Section needs this information to contact you in case of a query.
- 10. Please remember to sign and date your form before returning it.**



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Wesley House
Corporation Street
St Helens
WA10 1HF

Tel: 01744 676789

Minicom: 01744 671671

www.sthelens.gov.uk/contactus

Please contact us to request translation of Council information into Braille, audio tape or a foreign language.

Returning the Form

Please return your completed form to:
School Admissions Team, People's Services,
Atlas House, Corporation Street, St Helens WA9 1LD
Tel: 01744 671027 Fax: 01744 674430