

Primary Schools Admissions 2027

Information for admissions to state mainstream schools for Reception and Year 3 in 2027



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Foreword

Dear Parent,

Your child is about to start his or her life at school and we want this to be a good opportunity for you to make a decision that will be in your child's best interests. Starting school is an exciting time for both your child and you as a parent or carer.

Our ambition is that all children are happy and successful throughout their primary school life in Southend. Southend-on-Sea City Council is keen to make sure that the admission of pupils to primary schools is as straight forward as possible and there is a fully coordinated admissions scheme involving all primary schools in the City. In addition, there are agreements with other authorities, such as Essex County Council and Thurrock, for a coordinated admissions scheme between the authorities which enable Southend residents to apply for schools in and out of the area on one application form (the Common Application Form).

Furthermore, you will be able to identify in priority order up to three primary schools that you would wish your child to attend, and every effort will be made to meet one of your preferences. Keep in mind that all schools have an admission limit, and we cannot admit more than that. If we cannot offer you a preferred school, we will offer you the closest school to your home address with spaces.

We are recommending that parents apply online for a primary school place. Over 90% of parents used the online facility very successfully during the 2026 round of admissions.

I wish you all the best with making this important decision and join you in wishing your child a successful school career.



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Introduction

The law requires the Local Authority to coordinate admissions for reception to all Primary schools, except independent (fee-paying) or special schools in their area. The information in this booklet details the process for starting school at state mainstream schools. Parents must make a separate application for moving from nursery to primary school and from infant to junior school. The admission arrangements and criteria are relevant to all admissions for all year groups.

Starting primary school is a major event for all children and we hope that this booklet will answer most questions.

Applying for a school place online

Parents will need to apply to Southend City Council if resident in the City and pay council tax to Southend Council. If you do not pay council tax to Southend City Council, please check where to apply using the postcode search on the [find your local council website](#).

Applications can be submitted on

Citizen Portal - Sign in

This booklet is available on www.southend.gov.uk/admissions

A reminder of the benefits of making your application online:

- An online facility which is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week from 14 September 2026 – 15 January 2027
- You can log in, view your application form, and make changes to the details on the application form up until midnight on the closing date.
- The system is secure and has a series of security procedures which keeps the information provided safe.
- There is no risk that your application will get lost in the post.
- You can log in and view your child's school offer on National Offer Day, 16 April 2027. Offers are emailed to applicants during the day and usually by 5pm, at the latest. Please check your 'junk' or 'spam' folders as sometimes emails sit in those folders.

Accessing the website to apply online

It is possible to access the website from anywhere with internet access. Free internet access is available at any Library in the City. Please note that you will need an email address to use the online facility. Where possible, **please keep the same email address during the round.**

Parental Responsibility

Throughout this booklet, parents should be taken to include all those with parental responsibility, including guardians and carers.

Any reference to parental responsibility is as defined by the Children Act 1989 (also refer to Section 576 Education Act, Section 2 of Children's Act). In making an application for a school place only one parent with parental responsibility is required to do so for the purposes of admissions. Consent by both parents is not required and the LA does not require the details of both parents (section 2.2; The School Admissions Code 2021).

It is a parental responsibility to apply for a school place and to apply to the correct Council. Information in this booklet is for admission to state non-special primary schools only. Information on special schools and independent schools in the City is available further in the booklet or on Southend Councils website.

Education Health Care Plans

Who should apply for Reception?

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, they are due to start school in September 2027.

You need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2027.

Who should apply for transfer from year 2 to year 3?

If your child is in year 2 for 2026/27 and is attending an infant school, you need to apply by 15 January 2027 to transfer to a Junior school for September 2027.

If your child has special educational needs but does not yet have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) naming a particular school, you must still complete the Common Application Form even if you think your child may go to a special school.

If you need any further information, please contact the Early Years Special Educational Needs team on 01702 215007. You can access the SEND local offer at [SEND Local Offer](#)

Important dates in the process

Date	Event
October 2026	Flyers and posters encouraging parents to apply are sent to nursery schools, pre-schools, registered child minders, doctors, dentists, libraries, and other community venues.
October 2026	Letters sent to year 2 pupils, via the infant schools currently on roll at an Infant school in the City, advising them that they must make an application for their child to transfer from infant to junior school.
15 January 2027	Closing date for Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) to be returned to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, St George's Catholic Primary School, St Helen's Catholic Primary School, St Mary's Prittlewell CofE Primary.

Date	Admission Timeline
14 September 2026	Opening date for admissions round for Reception and year 3
15 January 2027	Admissions round for Reception and year 3 closes Closing date for the completed Common Application Form to be received by The School Admissions Team.
16 April 2027	National Offer Day*
16 April 2027 – 23 August 2027	Waiting lists are maintained, and late applications are processed by the Council for all schools in the City. Some schools will hold their own waiting lists from August 2027.
14 May 2027	Closing date for on-time admission appeals to be submitted to schools (unless otherwise stated on the school's website)
18 July 2027	All on-time appeals completed by schools.

General Information on the Admissions Process

Starting School

By law, all parents must make sure their children receive full-time education by the start of the term following their 5th birthday. This is known as “compulsory school age.” However, parents are entitled to a full-time school from the September after the child’s 4th birthday. Information on deferring and delay starting school is available later in the booklet.

Making an application to Reception or Year 3

Applications for Reception to all schools must be made to the Council. For year 3, parents must make an application for their child to transfer from infant to junior school. Parents wishing for their child to remain in the current primary school do not need to apply and will move to year 3 as usual.

Who should make the application?

Parents living in the City of Southend-On-Sea must apply to Southend-on-Sea City Council for their preferred schools. The Southend Common Application Form is the only way you can apply for a school place for your child. The form can either be completed and submitted online at www.southend.gov.uk/admissions or you can complete and return the form available on the web site or from the Council. Please do not do both. If more than one application is received, by the same applicant with the same core details, the authority will process the last one to be submitted.

Where more than one adult share parental responsibility and live at different addresses, it is important that agreement be reached, prior to making the application, on which schools to apply for. The parent with whom the child lives, as the normal place of residence, and currently the majority of the school week, should make the application. If different applications are received, or the Admissions Team is made aware of a dispute between two parents, these applications will be placed on hold and will not be processed until such time either:

- one joint application is made.
- a written agreement is given from both parents with one set of preferences.
- a court order is obtained confirming which parent’s application carries precedence.

Refer to address matters later in the booklet.

Parents seeking information should note that the LA will only discuss specific details about your child’s application with the person who completes the form (referred to as the applicant).

What happens if I apply to the wrong Local Authority?

Your application is **not** processed. It is a parental responsibility to apply and to apply to the correct local authority

Before making your application

- you may wish, but is not necessary to visit the schools where possible
- view the information on their websites if you wish to find out further information
- think about realistic preferences (refer to school admission criteria)
- Think about how your child will get to school
- It is recommended that one of your preferences is your [catchment school](#)

Selecting Preferences

- You can apply for up to three schools including schools not in Southend.
- You should put your preferences in the order you would like to gain a place, 1 being your first preference.
- You are encouraged to use all your preferences and to consider the preferences you make carefully to avoid selecting only schools that are normally oversubscribed.

The coordinated arrangements mean that the Council will assess which school(s) can offer you a place according to the admission criteria of the school. If there is more than one school that can accommodate you; the Council will offer the school for which you expressed the highest preference. This booklet will later explain how the allocation of places works.

Please be aware that there is no guarantee that any of your preferences will be successful.

As a guide you need to look carefully at how schools offered places in the previous year as shown in the school pages. Whilst this may not be the same year on year it gives an indication whether the school was able to admit all catchment pupils or not. Please check the individual admission arrangements for each school for specific details of how your application will be considered.

Applying to schools outside of the City

Primary school admissions are fully coordinated across the country. This means that if you live in the Southend-on-Sea City and wish to apply for a school outside the City you must include all schools (in and out of the City) in your preference selections. If you do not live in Southend-on-Sea City, you must complete the forms for the local authority where you live.

Supplementary Information Forms (SIF)

You will need to complete a SIF in addition to the Council's Common Application Form if you are applying for a place at any of the following schools in the city: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary; Sacred Heart Catholic Primary; St George's Catholic Primary; St Helen's Catholic Primary; St Mary's Prittlewell CofE Primary.

These are forms used to give additional information in support of your application. It is not an application form, and parents must name the school on the Local Authority's Common Application Form to be considered as having made a valid application.

The SIFs are available from the respective schools. SIFs must be returned directly to the school. If you are applying to more than one school, you must complete a SIF for each school. SIFs may also be needed to apply for places at some schools outside the City. The individual schools concerned will be able to advise you whether a SIF is needed.

Sibling details

Please make sure you have given us the sibling details on the application form where applicable. You should check the priority given to siblings in each school's admissions criteria to assess the chances of siblings gaining a place at the same school.

There is no automatic guarantee that siblings can go to the same school. Your chances will be reduced if you do not apply on time.

Please do not assume that the School Admissions Team are aware of any siblings. It is your responsibility to make sure the sibling details are on the application form. Please inform the School Admissions Team if the sibling changes school during the admission round as this will influence the ranking of the submitted application form.

Online Applications

You are reminded that:

- All forms must be submitted before midnight on 15 January 2027. All applications forms must be submitted to be considered.
- Un-submitted application forms will not be considered.
- Please make sure you have read the Terms and Conditions before you submit your application.
- If you change your application at any time, you must make sure it is resubmitted, otherwise the changes on the application cannot be processed. In this situation your most recently submitted form will be considered.
- It is the parents' responsibility to make sure the sibling details are on your application form. Please double check. You can view the sibling details on your online form and update them before the closing date.

Submitting your application

Please check what you have '**submitted**' on the online form as that is the only information used when allocating places. It is not possible to process unsubmitted forms.

Changes to order of school preferences

Changes to the order of preferences already expressed, received after the closing date, will not be accepted unless the circumstances are deemed to be exceptional, and the changes can be accommodated. Changes received after the closing date will be considered after National Offer Day.

Offers of School Places

If you made an online application for a school place, we would let you know by email on National Offer Day which school your child has been offered a place unless you have asked to receive your offer by post. If you applied on the paper application form, you will be sent a letter by second class post, on National Offer Day advising you which school your child has been offered a place. However, where you provide an email address, an email will be sent and not a paper letter.

Allocation of School Places if all Preferences are Refused

If you live in the City and it has not been possible to allocate your child a place at any of your preferred schools, the School Admissions Team will allocate a place to your child at the nearest school in the City to your home address which has vacancies at that time. You do not have to accept this offer. You can contact the school Admissions Team for advice and information on schools with vacancies. The Council makes alternative offers, where no preferences can be met, to the next nearest school or by further parental choice.

Accepting the Offer of a School Place

Offers are automatically recorded as accepted and parents that wish to refuse an offer must inform the admission team of alternative arrangements for their child's education. Parents wishing to refuse a place will need to email the admissions team. It is recommended that places are not refused without careful consideration.

Welcome Packs from Schools

Many schools send out welcome packs to all pupils that have been offered a place soon after National Offer Day. You can still decline an offer, even if you have received a welcome pack from the school. The School Admissions Team notifies the schools of all responses.

Ongoing offer of places

In the situation where parents make alternative arrangements and refuse an offered school, places become available and are offered from the respective school waiting list. This applies to out of area schools as well. This process continues right up to September 2027.

This stage will include: those pupils who were refused a place on offer day (waiting list), changes of preference due to a change of address and late applications.

Withdrawal of school places

Once a school place has been offered this can only be withdrawn by the Council or the school in limited circumstances.

These may include:

- a) where a parent has failed to respond to requests from schools within a reasonable time and all effort to locate the pupil has been made
- b) where an offer was made based on a fraudulent or misleading application form, for example, a false claim to residence in the catchment area
- c) where the Council offered the place in error.

Places can be withdrawn up to the end of December 2027.

New School Applications

Applications from parents moving into the area, who in the view of the Local Authority could not have made an application by the closing date, will be slotted into the system as and when received. These will be regarded as new applications and will only apply for parents that could not have applied on time such as moving into the country. If parents, that could not have made an application by the closing date but move and are living within the City before 1 February 2027 they will be slotted into the system and processed with on-time applications, where possible. Any further new applications received after this date will be considered after the initial allocation of places on offer day.

Late Applications

Applications received from parents after the closing date and who, in the view of the School Admissions Team, could normally have completed an application on time will be treated as late applications. Such applications will be considered after all on-time applications have been processed. Where possible late applications will receive an offer of a place on National Offer Day. This will only be for preferences at schools that have remaining spaces after all on-time places have been allocated.

Where a late application cannot be offered a place at a preference school, an alternative offer will be made at the next nearest school with places available within the City. If this is not possible because of a lack of time, parents whose applications are late will be advised at which school their child will be offered a place as soon as possible

Understanding and processing applications against Admission Criteria

Information used when considering a child's home address

When you apply for a school place, the address you give on your application form must be **your child's home address**. This means the address where your child normally lives for most of the school week at the time of application.

In all cases the Council must be satisfied that the address provided on the application, which is used for deciding on the allocation of places, is your child's normal place of residence for the majority of the school week and their permanent, habitual home. The Council retains the discretion to accept or reject the address provided and may carry out regular reviews of the information submitted as part of the application.

In most cases the child's address on application form is clear, however, for some applications clarity is needed, and applicants may be asked to provide supporting evidence, and the Council will take steps to check details provided. As much information as possible is provided below, however, more steps may be taken that are not prescribed here. Address checks can take place at any point during the admissions process, including after offers have been made and once children have started at their new school.

What counts as a child's home address?

Your child's home address must be where they normally/habitually live for most of the school week and in most cases, this will be with a person that holds parental responsibility for the child (a parent/carer), and the applicant.

- If a child spends equal time at two addresses, parents must provide legal evidence (for example, a signed affidavit or medical registration) confirming the child's usual residence.
- Addresses used for childcare, relatives, or friends cannot be used.
- If your child spends time with relatives (for example, grandparents), we may ask for more information about who has parental responsibility and why this arrangement is in place. In most cases, an address where the parent/carer does not live will not be accepted.
- Where the applicant is not a resident at the address, further information will be required

Equal or multiple addresses

If parents live at more than one property:

- The address used must be where the child habitually lives during the school week.
- Property ownership alone does not determine eligibility.
- Future or intended moves cannot be used. However, applications can be updated once an address change has been confirmed by the applicant (via email with documentation to support new address)
- Each case is carefully assessed to ensure applications are made in good faith.

Moving house or changing address details

If you move house during the admissions process (between applying and the start of school in September), simply updating your address online is not enough.

You must:

- Tell your child's early years provider (if applicable)
- Inform the School Admissions Team as soon as possible (by email or letter)
- Provide proof of your move, such as:
 - Exchange of contracts (if buying), or
 - A signed tenancy agreement (if renting)

If your move is delayed or does not go ahead, you must let the Admissions Team know straight away. Failure to do so may result in an offer being withdrawn.

If you are planning to move to Southend

- Intended future addresses cannot be used.
- If you cannot provide proof of the move by the application closing date, you must apply through your current local authority.
- Parents living abroad may apply through a "proxy" local authority where they intend to settle. However, the address will be recorded as abroad, and in most cases, no offer can be made using the intended address until clear evidence of residency is provided.

Change of home address after the closing date

For primary school admissions, the address used is the child's normal residence on or before 15 February 2027

- Changes after that date are only considered at the Council's discretion but usually cannot be accommodated.
- Changes reported after National Offer Day in April may be taken into account at that stage.
- Address changes after National Offer Day may result in applications being reranked where appropriate.

If you live outside Southend, please check your own local authority's admissions policy. However, applications for Southend schools will be assessed using Southend's address rules.

Verification of addresses

The Council has a duty to make sure school places are allocated fairly. We may therefore:

- Ask you to provide proof of address
- Carry out additional checks where information is unclear

In some cases, this may include home visits or referral to the Council's Counter Fraud & Investigation Team. If we need more information, we will contact you directly.

Fraudulent/Misleading applications

The Council takes very seriously any attempt to gain unfair advantage in the admissions process by giving false or unclear information (for example providing a false address). Southend Council may ask for a sample of applicants to provide proof of their home address.

If there is reason to believe that false information has been deliberately provided, the matter may be referred to the Council's Counter Fraud & Investigation Team.

Providing false information or failing to report a change of address to gain a school place may be

a criminal offence. If the Council is not satisfied that the address used is your child's normal place of residence, an application or offer of a school place may be withdrawn and you could be liable to prosecution for fraud offences.

Admission of children below compulsory school age / deferred entry to school

There are two separate options where parents wish to delay starting reception for children below compulsory school age, these are:

1. To delay starting to the start of the next term after the child turns 5, January or April of the reception year.
2. To delay starting for the full school year and start school a year later (only possible for children born late in the summer months).

Further details are provided below

1. Admission to reception and requests to start later in the reception year

Most children start school on a full-time basis in the September after the child's 4th birthday. Parents can decide for their child to attend part-time or later in the year to the point of reaching compulsory school age (the term after their 5th birthday). Once parents receive an offer and accept a place for their child during the normal admission round, they can defer the start date until later in the same academic year (usually a term or half term start date). Once discussed with the Headteacher, the place is held open and is not offered to another child and the parents must take the place full-time by the start of the Summer Term, on return to school in April. Part-time agreements should include core teaching time and not only social, play or mealtimes.

2. Deferring the start of school/ admission outside normal age group for after CSA

In the case of children born prematurely or in the late summer months, parents may request admission outside the normal age group. There is no statutory barrier to admitting children outside their normal year group, however, this can only be on discussion and in the child's best interest.

Due to the impact on future years for a child's schooling, both the parents and the preferred schools carefully consider the request to delay admission. The decision to admit outside of a child's normal age group is based on the circumstances of each case. Parents are advised to consider the impact on the child's schooling and the [advice provided by the Department for Education](#).

Next steps for applicants wishing to defer starting school:

Prior to the application deadline of 15 January: -

- Talk with your child's early years setting / any services that are already involved with your child
- Talk to the headteacher at one of the schools you wish to consider applying to
- Complete the usual application form in the usual cohort, and once you have spoken to the school and emailed the details to the admissions team at the Council, admissions@southend.gov.uk (this can be any time before the expected September start)
- Make sure you apply during the usual application for your child (that is the year they turn age 4) – this is only to apply; you can withdraw the application if you decide to defer the start.

What happens if my request is successful?

- When you meet with the school, request them to email the Local Authority with their decision.
- You must email, the Local Authority, with the details of your wish and confirmation of the details

of who you spoke to at the school.

- Where the decision is to proceed with the deferring to starting reception a year later, out of usual cohort, the School Admissions application you have in the process for your child will be withdrawn by the Local Authority.
- The local Authority will email you a letter confirming details.

What happens if my request is NOT successful?

- The admission authority reaching the decision must communicate the outcome to you.
- Your School Admissions application will remain open and an offer will be issued to you on offer day
- You can accept the offer of a place for the normal age group and start in September.
- You can accept the offer but delay starting school either to the January or the April of the reception year.
- You can refuse the offer and make an in-year application for admission to year 1 for the September following the child's fifth birthday.
- There is no right to appeal against the decision not to agree to a Delayed Entry request.

The admission authority for each school must make the decision based on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child. Head Teachers will be guided by the guidance from the DfE in making a decision; taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social, and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. Please be aware that even if delayed entry is agreed, the normal admission arrangements apply and there is no guarantee of a place.

How the allocation of places works

All preferences are treated equally.

All preferences are checked, verified and matched to admission criteria for the respective schools, and ranked accordingly.

If a place is available at each of your preference schools the offer for a place will be made at your highest preference school that has a place available. Places are allocated according to the admission criteria on the school pages. Parents can list up to but not more than three schools.

How Places are Allocated:

1. If your first preference school can offer, the place will be offered to you.
2. If there are no places at your first preference school (as the school reached the admission limit before your application) and there are places at your second preference school, the place will be offered to you. You will remain on the waiting list for the first preference and will be offered your right to appeal for the first preference.
3. If there are no places at your second preference school (as the school reached the admission limit before your application) and there are places at your third preference, the place will be offered to you. You will automatically be on the waiting list for the first and second preferences and will have a right to appeal for the first and second preferences.
4. If it has not been possible to allocate your child a place at any of your preferred schools (as the school/s reached the admission limit before your application) the School Admissions Team will allocate a place to your child at the nearest school in the City to your home address with vacancies at that time.
5. You will automatically be on the waiting list for all the preferences that you have been refused and will have a right to appeal against all preferences not offered.

Note: Parents do not have to accept the alternative offer and can request other schools with places by contacting the School Admissions Team. If a school cannot offer your child a place this will be as it has met its published limit with children higher on its admission criteria.

Waiting lists and Catchment

How waiting lists work

On offer day the School Admissions Team has a list that ranks on-time preferences for each child according to the admission priority of the school (Southend schools only). Where there are more applications than there are places available, the ranked list is used to determine who gets a place at the school in accordance with the Published Admission Number (PAN).

Once places have been offered, any remaining pupils on the ranked list form the basis of the initial waiting list. Names are only removed from the waiting list at the parent's request.

Late applications are then placed on the list, and the list is re-ranked to take account of the appropriate admission priorities for all applications.

When offers are declined this affects the places available at schools. Any places available are allocated from the waiting list.

General Information on Waiting Lists

Changes to the waiting list occur when other applications to schools are made. This may be families moving into Southend or additional applications from those that did not get their preferred school(s). Each application will be slotted into the waiting list according to the admission criteria relevant to the school. An example of this would be a family moving into the catchment areas and having a higher priority than someone already on the waiting list with an out of catchment sibling.

Successful appeals will also impact on a waiting list position. Additional pupils admitted by an Appeal Panel would put the potential number above the Published Admission Number (PAN) of a school. Before anyone else is admitted from a waiting list the number of pupils must go below the PAN.

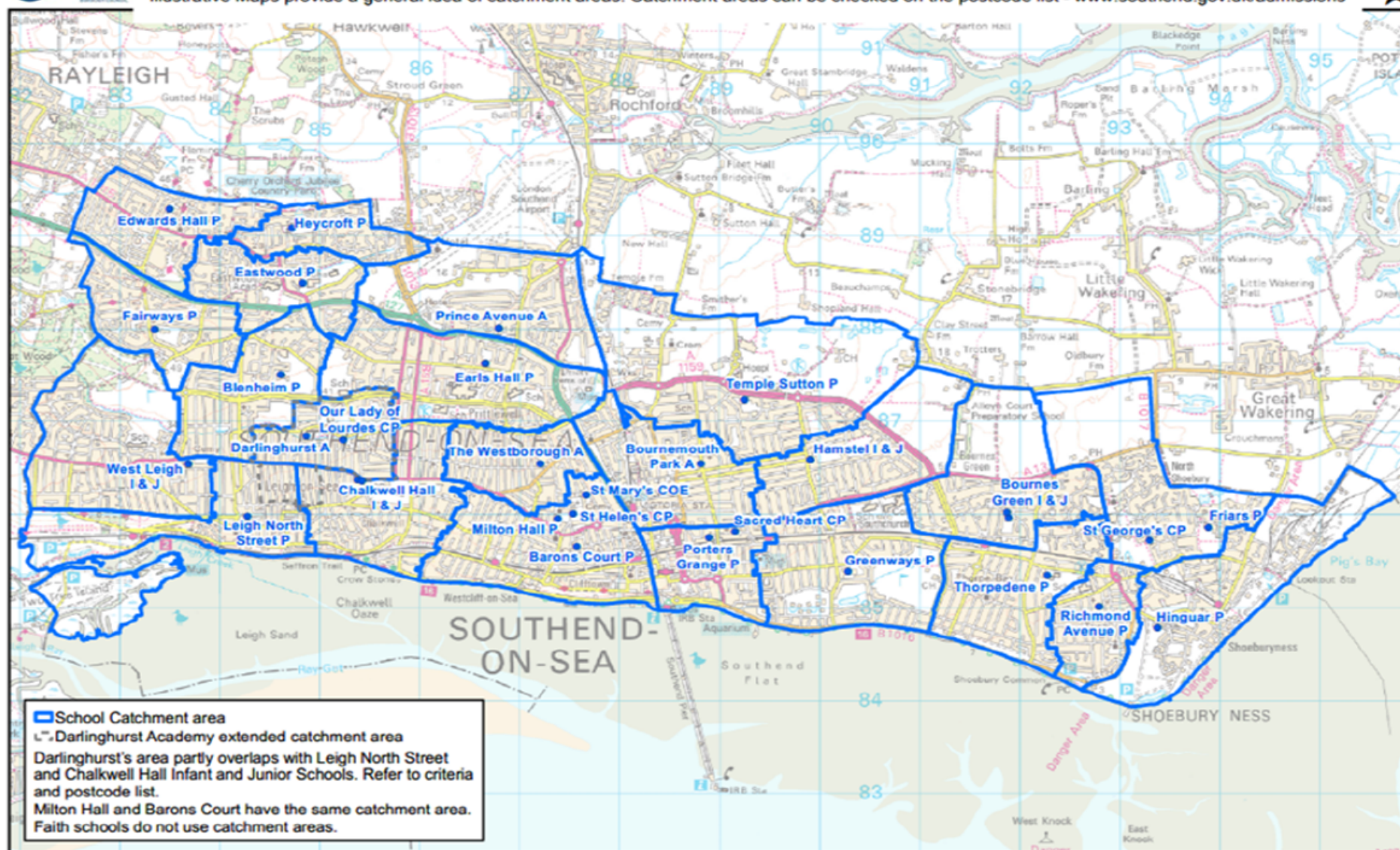
It should be noted that if you are applying for a place at a school in another local authority, for example: Essex, then different waiting list systems may apply. You should consult the scheme details for the other local authority.

Waiting lists will be maintained by the School Admissions Team for all Southend schools, for Reception and year 3 until August 2027.

School catchment areas

The map in this booklet illustrates the [catchment areas](#) for the primary schools in Southend.

There is no guarantee of a place at any school even if you live in the catchment area, although most schools give a high priority to pupils living in their area. It is recommended that you should use one of your preferences on the Common Application Form for your catchment area school. All schools have a published admissions number above which they will not admit. Details of the individual school admission limits are shown in the school pages.



Other Admission Matters

In-year Applications for primary school

Details and application forms are available on council's website www.southend.gov.uk/admissions

Pupils in public care needing a school place outside the normal round

Children in public care and previously in public care that need admission outside the normal round, gain top priority on the oversubscription criteria and where necessary may be admitted over number. The nearest school with places will be considered in the first instance. This may be more complex for admission to faith schools as admission criteria will have to be met, such as faith category.

In-year Fair Access Protocols

The School Admissions Code requires each Local Authority to have a Fair Access Protocol in place to make sure that access to education is secured quickly for children, especially the most vulnerable, who have no school place, and to make sure all schools in the area admit their fair share of children who may present challenges to a school. The full policy is available on the website.

School Admission Appeals

Information on the appeals process is available on the [council's website](#).

Applications for children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces)

In line with the School Admissions Code, for applications made for children of UK service personnel, the School Admissions Team will accept a local address, and where possible allocate a place in advance of the family arriving in the area. The application must be accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address. The application will be considered against the school oversubscription criteria.

Nurseries, Children services and childcare options

Information about breakfast clubs, after-school clubs and other options can be given from individual schools. Information about other childcare options such as nursery schools and children centres can be found on the Livewell Southend Website: www.livewellsouthend.com

Even if your child attends the Children's Centre or nursery class attached to the Infant or Primary school you want them to attend, a place is not guaranteed in the reception year. You must complete the Common Application Form to apply for admission. The school admission criteria will be used to allocate places if more applications are received than available places.

Enquiries on your application

A request from a parent for information about their child's school admission application is made in line with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). A parent who was not the applicant does not have an automatic right to information about his/her child. This also applies to any other family member. If The School Admissions Team is contacted by anyone other than the parent who made the original application, we must not give any information unless we have the agreement in writing from the parent who made the application.

How we use your information

For details on our Privacy Notice (how we use your information) please see the Council's website.

School Admission Arrangements

The following few pages give brief information on the mainstream primary schools in the city. For more information, parents can request this from the admissions team or access a copy through the school's website.

Notes for all schools - Admission Criteria

If at the closing date for applications, there are not enough places, as the places available have been met, for all those who have expressed a wish to have their child admitted to any particular school, places will be allocated using the admission/oversubscription criteria as provided below for each school. This will not apply to children with Education, Health, and Care (EHC) plans. They must be admitted to the named school in the plan.

Explanatory notes for academy, and faith schools can be found on the full set of arrangements on the respective websites.

Explanatory notes for community schools, key details below, and full details on the respective school websites:

Pupils in public care and children that were previously in public care: refer to definition later in the booklet in the glossary.

Distance: In the case of over subscription in any one category "straight line" distance will be used to measure the distance between the pupil's home and the nearest pupil entrance to the school. Distances will be measured using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system. The pupils living closest will be given priority. If the pupil's home is a flat the distance will be measured to the main external entrance to the building.

Tie-Break: To be used to decide between two applications that cannot otherwise be separated: If the same distance is shared by more than one pupil, and only one place is available, the place will be awarded based on a computerised random allocation process (supervised by someone independent of the Council / governing body). In the case where the last child offered is a twin or sibling of a multiple birth, both children will be offered, and the sibling will be an 'excepted pupil.'

Distance where parents have separated: The LA should not have the details of both parents, including the marital status of the parents. Only one application can be received. Details of what happens when more than one application is received is in this booklet. It is a private parental arrangement to share details on the application and outcome.

Siblings: Siblings include brother or sister, half-brother or half-sister, stepbrother, or stepsister, adopted brother or sister living at the same address, who attends the school at the time of application with a reasonable expectation that he or she will still be attending at the time of the proposed admission. It is a parental responsibility to inform us of a sibling at the school on their application form.

Pupils of staff of the school: Children will be ranked in this admission criteria if they are children of staff at the school under the following circumstances: -

- where the member of teaching staff (including, staff that are at the school in positions, such as: Senior Leadership Team/level, Head of Year Group, Head of Department, Office Manager or SENCo) that has been employed at the school* for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made,

and/or

- the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable specialist skill shortage **and**
- are the children of the member of staff, living permanently with the member of staff at the same address. The member of staff must be working at the school at the time of application and expected to continue with their employment at the school during the application and allocation process.

*For the Infant and Junior Schools this will include pupils of staff at the feeder junior school with the same definition as above in A-C, but not including staff that are working in the administration of the trust, only pupils of staff that work at the school as above in A-C.

Pupils eligible for pupil premium (West Leigh Infant and West Leigh Junior Schools):

Schools are given a pupil premium (or early years pupil premium) for children who have qualified for free school meals at any point in the past six years. Parents will need to tick on the application form and/or supplementary information form or notify the Local Authority in writing if they are eligible or registered for pupil premium. Any disclosure for pupil premium will be used only to rank applications against the admission criteria and will not be held for any other purpose. Parents can check their eligibility by filling out the LA online form on: www.southend.gov.uk/fsm

Waiting lists

A waiting list is maintained for a full school year and children are added to the waiting list automatically when refused a place. Each time a child is added to the waiting list it the waiting list is ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria. Priority is not given to children based on the date their application was received, or their name was added to the list. Looked after children or previously looked after children allocated a place at the school in accordance with a Fair Access Protocol must take precedence over those on a waiting list. Waiting lists for all year groups are closed at the end of each school year. A new application must be submitted to be able to join a waiting list for a new academic year.

Over and Under Age Applicants Details are provided earlier in this booklet.

Barons Court Primary School and Nursery

Learning in Harmony Academy Trust

Headteacher: Mrs J Jones

Address: Avenue Road, Westcliff on Sea, SS0 7PJ

Telephone Number: 01702 331356

Email: info@baronscourt.litrust.uk

Website: www.baronscourt.southend.sch.uk

Admissions Arrangements: [Barons Court Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 35

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
4. Pupils of staff at the school.
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 163

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Catchment area siblings	N/A	13	15	7	15
Pupils who have a sibling attending the school	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Catchment area	19	21	14	25	18
Out of catchment siblings	N/A	0	0	0	0
Pupils of staff at the school	0	0	0	0	0
Pupils living outside the catchment area	0	0	0	0	0
Total offered on National Offer Day	35	35	35	35	35

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion catchment area at a distance of 0.247 miles from the school

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	9	7	7	8	<5
Number of appeals heard	9	<5	7	8	<5
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Blenheim Primary School

Learning in Harmony Multi Academy Trust

Head of School: Mrs A Wiley

Address: School Way, Blenheim Chase, Leigh on Sea, SS9 4HX

Telephone Number: 01702 474684

Email: info@blenheim.lihtrust.uk

Website: www.blenheimprimary.co.uk

Admissions Arrangements: [Blenheim Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 90

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area
4. Pupils of staff at the school.
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 222

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Siblings attending the school	28	28	27	39	32
Catchment area	19	20	33	21	26
Pupils of staff	0	<5	<5	0	0
Pupils living outside the catchment area	40	29	26	30	31
Total offered on National Offer Day	89	80	90	90	90

For admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last place was offered as an alternative offer

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	<5	<5	<5
Number of appeals heard	0	0	<5	<5	<5
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Bournemouth Park Academy

Eastwood Park Academy Trust

Principle: Mr R Thomas

Address: Bournemouth Park Road, Southend on Sea, SS2 5JN

Telephone Number: 01702 468046

Email: office@bournemouthpark.southend.sch.uk

Website: www.bournemouthpark.co.uk

Admissions Arrangements: [Bournemouth Park Academy Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 60

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area and have a sibling on roll at the Academy at the time of application.
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area
4. Pupils of Bournemouth Park Academy Nursery
5. Pupils of staff at Bournemouth Park Academy
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area and have a sibling on roll at the Academy.
7. Pupils living outside the Academy's catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 119.

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	0	0	<5	0	0
Catchment area siblings	15	12	12	22	22
Catchment area	18	14	20	18	21
Attends Bournemouth Park Academy Nursery	12	11	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pupil of staff	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Out of catchment siblings	<5	5	<5	12	17
Out of catchment	13	6	23	8	0
Total offered on National Offer Day	60	48	60	60	60

For admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last place was offered as an alternative offer.

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	0	<5
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	<5
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Bournes Green Infant School

Southend East Community Academy Trust

Headteacher: Mr Martinson

Address: Burlescombe Road, Thorpe Bay, Southend on Sea, SS1 3PS

Telephone Number: 01702 587099

Email: infants@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk

Website: www.bournesgreen.secat.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [Bournes Green Infants Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 60

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school or attending Bournes Green Junior School.
3. Children of Staff
4. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
5. Pupils of the Bournes Green Nursery.
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 161

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	0	<5	0	<5	<5
Catchment area siblings	19	21	17	6	17
Catchment area	22	17	14	16	28
Out of catchment siblings	10	10	11	9	6
Pupils of staff	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Out of catchment	9	11	18	26	6
Total offered on National Offer Day	60	60	60	60	60

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a distance of 0.5 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	<5	<5	0	0	<5
Number of appeals heard	<5	<5	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Bournes Green Junior School

Southend East Community Academy Trust

Headteacher: Mr Martinson

Address: Ladram Road, Thorpe Bay, Southend on Sea, SS1 3PX

Telephone Number: 01702 587913

Email: juniors@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk

Website: www.bournesgreen.secat.co.uk

Admissions Arrangements: [Bournes Green Juniors Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 60

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children
2. Pupils attending year 2 at Bournes Green Infant School
3. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school or Bournes Green Infant School
4. Pupils of staff
5. Pupils who live in the catchment area
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the year 3 group in September 2026 = 73

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Year 2 at Bournes Green Infant School	57	59	58	58	59
Catchment area siblings	<5	0	0	0	<5
Catchment area	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Out of catchment siblings	<5	0	<5	<5	0
Pupils of staff	0	<5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Out of catchment	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Total offered on National Offer Day	66	66	66	64	66

For admission into year 3 in September 2026, the last pupil offered was in the criteria pupils living outside the catchment area with a distance of 1.572 miles.

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	<5	0	0	0	0
Number of appeals heard	<5	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Chalkwell Hall Infant School

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Headteacher: Mrs S Clements

Address: London Road, Leigh on Sea, SS9 3NL

Telephone Number: 01702 478533

Email: education@chalkwellhallinfants.co.uk

Website: www.chalkwellhallinfants.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [Chalkwell Hall Infant School Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 90

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area and who have a sibling attending the school or Chalkwell Hall Junior School.
3. Pupils of staff at the school.
4. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school or Chalkwell Hall Junior School.
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 266

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	0	<5	<5	<5
Catchment area siblings	30	26	26	33	24
Pupils of staff	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Catchment area	46	46	39	36	42
Out of catchment siblings	11	12	10	8	16
Out of catchment	0	<5	13	12	6
Total offered on National Offer Day	90	90	90	90	90

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a sibling at the school with a distance of 1.833 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Number of appeals heard	<5	<5	0	<5	<5
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Chalkwell Hall Junior School

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Headteacher: Mr A Newnham

Address: London Road, Leigh on Sea, SS9 3NL

Telephone Number: 01702 478570

Email: office@chalkwellhall-jun.southend.sch.uk

Website: www.chalkwellhall.co.uk

Admissions Arrangements: [Chalkwell Hall Junior Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 90

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils attending year 2 at Chalkwell Hall Infant School.
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school or Chalkwell Hall Infant School.
4. Pupils of staff at the school.
5. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school or Chalkwell Hall Infant School.
7. Pupils who live outside the catchment area

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the year 3 group in September 2026 = 96.

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Year 2 at Chalkwell Hall Infant School	87	88	116	118	119
Pupils of staff	0	0	0	0	0
Catchment area siblings	0	0	0	0	0
Catchment area	0	<5	<5	0	0
Out of catchment siblings	0	0	0	0	0
Out of catchment	0	0	0	0	0
Total offered on National Offer Day	89	90	120	119	120

For admission into year 3 in September 2026, every child that applied on time gained a place

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	<5	<5
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	<5
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Darlinghurst Academy

Legra Academy Trust

Headteacher: Mrs E Nicholls

Address: Pavilion Drive, Leigh on Sea, SS9 3JS

Telephone Number: 01702 478379

Email: generalenquiries@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

Website: darlinghurstacademy.org.uk/

Admission Arrangements: [Darlinghurst Academy Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 60

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who have a sibling attending the Academy.
3. Pupils of staff at the Academy.
4. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
5. Pupils of the school attending Darlinghurst Nursery in the term preceding the application deadline.
6. Remaining applications.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 144

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	0	<5	0	0	0
Pupils with siblings	27	24	26	27	23
Pupils of staff	0	<5	<5	0	0
Catchment area	16	14	18	17	16
Darlinghurst nursery	8	11	6	<5	<5
Out of catchment	9	8	9	13	18
Total offered on National Offer Day	60	60	60	60	60

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a distance of 0.618 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Number of appeals heard	<5	0	<5	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Earls Hall Primary School

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Headteacher: Mr M Badcock

Address: Carlton Avenue, Westcliff on Sea, SS0 0QN

Telephone Number: 01702 333360

Email: office@earlshallprimary.co.uk

Website: www.earlshallprimary.co.uk

Admissions Arrangements: [Earls Hall Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 90

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils of staff at the school.
4. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school.
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 206

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	9	<5	<5	<5	<5
Catchment area siblings	21	19	18	20	26
Pupils of staff	0	0	<5	0	0
Catchment area	31	26	39	41	34
Out of catchment siblings	15	10	13	13	16
Out of catchment	14	32	10	14	12
Total offered on National Offer Day	90	90	90	90	90

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a distance of 0.42 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	5	<5	6	9	<5
Number of appeals heard	<5	<5	<5	8	<5
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Eastwood Primary School

Governing Body of the School

Headteacher: Mrs R Perman

Address: Rayleigh Road, Leigh on Sea, SS9 5UT

Telephone Number: 01702 525137

Email: office@eastwoodprimary.southend.sch.uk

Website: www.eastwoodprimaryschool.co.uk

Admissions Arrangements: [Eastwood Primary School Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 60

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils of staff at the school
4. Pupils who live in the catchment area
5. Pupils that live outside the catchment area

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 128.

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	5	<5	0	0	0
Siblings	25	17	19	23	28
Catchment area	13	18	18	20	31
Pupils of staff	0	0	<5	0	0
Pupils that attended Eastwood Nursery	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Out of catchment	8	23	22	17	<5
Total offered on National Offer Day	60	60	60	60	60

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a distance of 0.548 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	<5	0	<5
Number of appeals heard	0	0	<5	0	<5
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Edwards Hall Primary School

Learning in Harmony Academy Trust

Head of School: Deborah Donoghue

Address: Macmurdo Road, Eastwood, Leigh on Sea, SS9 5AQ

Telephone Number: 01702 524470

Email: info@edwardshall.lhtrust.uk

Website: www.edwardshallprimary.co.uk

Admissions Arrangements: [Edwards Hall Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 60

Admissions Criteria

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
4. Pupils of staff at the school.
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 91

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	0	0	0	<5	<5
Catchment area siblings	N/A	15	9	15	20
Pupils who have a sibling attending the school	19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Catchment area	16	16	12	21	22
Pupils of staff	0	0	<5	0	0
Out of catchment siblings	N/A	10	14	9	9
Out of catchment	23	6	16	8	8
Total offered on National Offer Day	58	47	52	54	60

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a distance of 5.165 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	0	<5
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	<5
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Fairways Primary School

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Headteacher: Mr G Turner (acting)

Address: The Fairway, Leigh on Sea, SS9 4QW

Telephone Number: 01702 525693

Email: office@fairways.southend.sch.uk

Website: www.fairways.southend.sch.uk

Admissions Arrangements: [Fairways Primary School Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 60

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
4. Pupils of staff at the school.
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 73

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	0	0	0	0	<5
Siblings	15	27	25	27	19
Catchment area	13	13	18	10	17
Pupils of staff	0	0	0	0	0
Out of catchment	14	7	17	6	12
Total offered on National Offer Day	42	47	60	43	50

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a distance of 2.608 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Friars Primary School

Portico Academy Trust

Principal: Mr C McClay

Address: Constable Way, Shoeburyness, SS3 9XX

Telephone Number: 01702 294837

Email: office@fps.porticoacademytrust.co.uk

Website: www.friarsprimary.co.uk

Admissions Arrangements: [Friars Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 60

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area who have a sibling attending the academy.
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
4. Pupils who live outside the catchment area who have a sibling attending the academy.
5. Pupils of staff at the school.
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 94.

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	0	0	0	0	<5
Catchment area siblings	13	12	11	13	21
Catchment area	36	22	27	26	20
Out of catchment siblings	8	8	<5	9	7
Pupils of staff	0	0	0	0	0
Out of catchment	<5	8	6	8	8
Total offered on National Offer Day	60	50	47	56	57

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a distance of 0.84 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Greenways Primary School

Learning in Harmony Multi Academy Trust

Principal: Theresa Goodrich

Address: Greenways, Thorpe Bay, SS1 3BS

Telephone Number: 01702 987950

Email: contactus@greenways.lihtrust.uk

Website: www.greenways.southend.sch.uk

Admissions Arrangements: [Greenways Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 90

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
4. Pupils of staff at the school.
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 179

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Catchment area siblings	N/A	22	27	16	26
Pupils who have a sibling attending the school	43	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Catchment area	31	32	21	33	41
Out of catchment siblings	N/A	20	15	28	29
Pupils of Staff	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Out of catchment	12	31	56	18	23
Total offered on National Offer Day	90	106	120	95	120

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a distance of 0.651 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	<5	0	0	0	<5
Number of appeals heard	<5	0	0	0	<5
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Hamstel Infant School

Portico Academy Trust

Principal: Mr Scott Roche

Address: Hamstel Road, Southend on sea, SS2 4PQ

Telephone Number: 01702 468461

Email: office@his.porticoacademytrust.co.uk

Website: www.hamstelinfants.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [Hamstel Infant Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 120

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school or Hamstel Junior School.
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
4. Pupils who live outside the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school or Hamstel Junior school.
5. Pupils of the school attending Hamstel Nursery.
6. Pupils of Staff at the school
7. Pupils who live outside the catchment area

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 219

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	<5	0	<5	0
Catchment area siblings	15	22	15	25	29
Catchment area	26	27	32	14	27
Out of catchment siblings	33	28	22	26	20
Pupils attending Hamstel Nursery	19	27	21	14	11
Pupils of staff	0	0	0	0	0
Out of catchment	25	15	30	40	33
Total offered on National Offer Day	120	120	120	120	120

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a distance of 0.773 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Number of appeals heard	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Hamstel Junior School

Portico Academy Trust

Principal Mrs C Farrell

Address: Hamstel Road, Southend on sea, SS2 4PQ

Telephone Number: 01702 468048

Email: office@hjs.porticoacademytrust.co.uk

Website: www.hamsteljuniors.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [Hamstel Junior School Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 120

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils in year 2 at Hamstel Infant School.
3. Pupils who have siblings at the Academy.
4. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
5. Pupils of staff at the Academy.
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the year 3 year group in September 2026 = 112

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	8	<5	<5	<5	<5
Year 2 at HIS	102	128	116	140	137
Catchment area siblings	0	0	0	0	0
Catchment area	0	0	0	0	<5
Out of catchment siblings	0	0	0	0	0
Out of catchment	<5	<5	<5	9	0
Total offered on National Offer Day	111	134	120	150	140

The last place was offered to remaining applications as an alternative offer

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Heycroft Primary School

South East Essex Academy Trust

Headteacher: Mr A Abel

Address: Benvenue Avenue, Leigh on Sea, SS9 5SJ

Telephone Number: 01702 521832

Email: office@heycroft.southend.sch.uk

Website: www.heycroftschoool.org.uk

Admission Arrangements: [Heycroft Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 30

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
4. Pupils of staff at the school.
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 53

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	0	<5	0	0	0
Catchment area siblings	<5	6	8	13	7
Catchment area	<5	5	6	13	12
Out of catchment siblings	6	13	10	12	9
Pupils of staff	0	0	0	0	0
Out of catchment	<5	<5	6	16	14
Total offered on National Offer Day	13	28	30	54	42

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a distance of 1.157 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Hinguar Primary School

Southend East Community Academy Trust

Headteacher: Mrs E Goy

Address: New Garrison Road, Shoeburyness, SS3 9FE

Telephone Number: 01702 292721

Email: office@hinguar.secat.co.uk

Website: www.hinguar.secat.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [Hinguar Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 30

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils of staff of the school.
4. Pupils who live in the catchment area
5. Pupils of the Hinguar nursery
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 112

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Catchment area siblings	<5	10	6	9	8
Catchment area	13	12	11	14	20
Out of catchment siblings	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Pupils of staff	0	<5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pupils of Hinguar Nursery	7	<5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Out of catchment	<5	0	8	<5	0
Total offered on National Offer Day	30	30	30	30	30

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a distance of 0.276 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Number of appeals heard	0	<5	<5	0	<5
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Leigh North Street Primary School

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Headteacher: Mr A Hautler

Address: North Street, Leigh on Sea, SS9 1QE

Telephone Number: 01702 476224

Email: office@leigh.southend.sch.uk

Website: <https://www.leighnorthstreetprimaryschool.co.uk>

Admission Arrangements: [Leigh North Street Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 90

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils of staff at the school.
4. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school.
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 176

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	0	<5	<5	<5	0
Catchment area siblings	11	22	12	16	19
Pupils of staff	0	<5	0	0	0
Catchment area	14	37	38	29	37
Out of catchment siblings	16	17	15	12	14
Out of catchment	25	12	24	20	20
Total offered on National Offer Day	66	90	90	78	90

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a distance of 2.657 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	<5	<5	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	<5	<5	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Milton Hall Primary School

Governing Body for the School

Headteacher: Mr Andy Douglas

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Email: office@miltonhall.southend.sch.uk

Website: www.miltonhallschool.com

Admission Arrangements: [Milton Hall Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 90

Admission Criteria 2026:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils of staff at the school.
4. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school.
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 121

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	0	0	0	0
Catchment area siblings	12	26	24	19	20
Pupils of staff at the school	0	0	0	0	0
Catchment area	30	31	39	30	44
Out of catchment siblings	8	6	18	10	14
Out of catchment	29	27	9	31	12
Total offered on National Offer Day	81	90	90	90	90

The last place was offered to remaining applications as an alternative offer

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	<5	<5	0	<5
Number of appeals heard	0	<5	<5	0	<5
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Assisi Catholic Trust

Headteacher: Mrs S Nutman

Address: Manchester Drive, Leigh on Sea

Telephone Number: 01702 475689

Email: office@ourladyoflourdes.southend.sch.uk

Website: www.olol.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [OLOL Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 60

Admission Criteria 2027:

Parents applying for a place at this Catholic school must also complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and a Priest's Reference Form which can be obtained from the school [OLOL SIF Form](#). The SIF form and Priest's Form must be returned to the school along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. The SIF form is not an application form but gives the Governors information to place applications in priority order according to the school's admission criteria.

Preference will be given to children in the following order:

1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children.
2. Catholic Children who live in the parishes of Our Lady Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea, and St Peter's Eastwood
3. Other Catholic children.
4. Other looked after and previously looked after children.
5. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.
6. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
7. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
8. Any other children

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provision will be applied in the following order. (i) the attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made (see note 8)

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 84

Admission Criteria	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Looked after children from Catholic families & Pupils with statements of SEN	0	0	0	<5	0
Baptised Catholic children from practising Catholic families who reside in the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh on sea & St Peter's, Eastwood	16	1	<5	7	14
Baptised Catholic children resident in other parishes	8	13	16	<5	6
Other looked after children and children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order)	0	0	0	0	0
Catechumens and members of other Eastern Christian Churches	<5	0	<5	0	<5
Baptised children of practising Christians of other Christian denominations providing evidence of Baptism and whose application is supported by their Minister.	<5	3	<5	<5	0
Baptised children of practising Christians of other Christian denominations	<5	0	<5	<5	0
Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Children who are living in the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter's whose parents demonstrate a genuine desire for their children to receive a Catholic Education	2	9	11	15	7
Total offered on National Offer Day	46	41	45	46	46

For admission into the Reception year group every child that applied on time gained a place

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Porters Grange Primary School

Portico Academy Trust

Headteacher: Miss D Henley

Address: Lancaster Gardens, Southend on Sea, SS1 2NS

Telephone Number: 01702 468047

Email: office@pgps.porticoacademytrust.co.uk

Website: www.portersgrange.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [Porters Grange Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 60

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
4. Pupils who live outside the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school.
5. Pupils of staff at the school.
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 105

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	<5	0	0	<5
Catchment area siblings	8	5	16	12	7
Catchment area	18	16	27	18	22
Out of catchment siblings	11	5	<5	9	7
Pupils of staff	0	0	0	0	0
Out of catchment	21	14	14	21	22
Total offered on National Offer Day	60	41	60	60	60

The last place was offered to remaining applications as an alternative offer

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	<5	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	<5	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Prince Avenue Academy

South East Essex Academy Trust

Headteacher: Mrs T Dennis

Address: Hornby Avenue, Westcliff on Sea, SS0 0LG

Telephone Number: 01702 311411

Email: office@princeavenue.co.uk

Website: www.princeavenue.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [Prince Avenue Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027 60

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils of staff at the school.
3. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school.
4. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
5. Pupils of the school attending Prince Avenue Nursery
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 90

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Pupils of staff	<5	0	<5	<5	0
Siblings	20	23	N/A	N/A	N/A
Catchment area siblings	N/A	N/A	11	25	20
Catchment area	21	18	17	17	20
Out of catchment siblings	N/A	N/A	0	0	<5
Pupils attending Prince Avenue Nursery	<5	5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Out of catchment	9	6	29	16	11
Total offered on National Offer Day	59	53	60	60	56

The last place was offered to remaining applications as an alternative offer

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	<5	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Richmond Avenue Primary School

South East Community Academy Trust

Headteacher: Miss K Money Penny

Address: Richmond Avenue, Shoeburyness, SS3 9LG

Telephone Number: 01702 292197

Email: office@richmond.secat.co.uk

Website: www.richmond.secat.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [Richmond Avenue Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 30

Admission Criteria 2026:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils of staff of the school
4. Pupils who live inside the catchment area.
5. Pupils of Richmond nursery school
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 78

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	0	0	0	<5
Catchment area siblings	7	11	15	12	11
Catchment area	13	10	7	8	27
Out of catchment siblings	10	7	<5	<5	<5
Pupil of staff	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pupil of Richmond Avenue Nursery	10	<5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Out of catchment	13	<5	10	10	10
Total offered on National Offer Day	54	33	36	34	54

The last place was offered to remaining applications as an alternative offer

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Assisi Catholic Trust

Headteacher: Mr Chris Beazeley

Address: Windermere Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 2RF

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Email: office@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk

Website: www.shcps.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [Sacred Heart Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admission Number (PAN) 2027: 60

Parents applying for a place at this Catholic school must also complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which can be obtained from the school website [Sacred Heart Catholic School SIF form](#) or from the Local Authority. A Certification of Practice can be obtained from the Parish Church. The SIF form is not an application form but gives the Governors information to place applications in priority order according to the school's admission criteria, as seen below.

The parish catchment area for the school extends from Eastern Avenue and along the north boundary to Thorpe Hall Avenue. The southern boundary follows along the B1016 including Thorpe Esplanade, Eastern Esplanade and onto Marine Parade and Pier Hill. It continues along the west boundary along High Street and Victoria Avenue to East Street on the B1015.

Admission Criteria 2026:

1. Catholic looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of Sacred Heart and John Fisher (only within the boundary of the former parish of Sacred Heart).
3. Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St. Helen's, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Teresa's, for whom Sacred Heart School is the nearest Catholic school.
4. Other Catholic children.
5. Other looked after and previously looked after children.
6. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.
7. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
8. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader
9. Any other children

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provision will be applied.

The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made (**note 8**).

Definitions and explanatory notes are available on the full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Preferences received for admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 = 82

Admission Criteria	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Catholic looked after children and previously looked after children.	0	0	0	0	<5
Catholic children who are resident in the parish of Sacred Heart and John Fisher (only within the boundary of the former parish of Sacred Heart).	11	8	13	16	22
Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St. Helen's, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Teresa's, for whom Sacred Heart School is the nearest Catholic school.	<5	0	<5	<5	<5
Other Catholic children.	0	0	0	0	0
Other looked after and previously looked after children.	0	1	0	0	0
Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.	<5	8	0	<5	0
Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.	<5	6	7	<5	<5
Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader	<5	0	<5	<5	<5
Any other children	38	17	37	35	30
Total offered on National Offer Day	59	40	60	60	60

For admission into the Reception year group every child that applied on time gained a place

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	<5	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

St George's Catholic Primary School

Assisi Catholic Trust

Headteacher: Mrs A Delgado

Address: Eagle Way, Shoeburyness SS3 9RN

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Email: office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk

Website: www.sgcps.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [St George's Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admission Number (PAN) 2027: 30

A Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will need to be completed if you wish to apply under a faith criterion. The SIF form can be found on the school website: [St Georges SIF Form](#). The school is situated in the Diocese of Brentwood and is part of the Assisi Catholic Trust. The school primarily serves the parish of St George's and the English Martyrs. The school is conducted by its governing body as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its trust deed and instrument of government and always seeks to be a witness to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Admission Criteria 2026:

Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority.

1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St. George and the English Martyrs.
3. Other Catholic children.
4. Other looked after and previously looked after children
5. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church
6. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion
7. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader
8. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provision will be applied in the following order.

(i) the attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made (see note 8).

Definitions and explanatory notes are available on the full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Number of preferences received for admission into the Reception year in September 2026 = 85

Admission Criteria	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Catholic looked after and previously looked after children	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St George and the English Martyrs	11	7	9	<5	7
Other Catholic children	<5	0	<5	0	<5
Other looked after and previously looked after children	0	<5	0	0	0
Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church	0	<5	0	0	0
Children of other Christian denominations who membership is evidenced by a minster of religion	16	6	8	14	8
Children of other faiths with membership evidenced by a religious leader	0	<5	0	<5	0
Any other children	<5	13	8	10	9
Total offered on National Offer Day	30	30	30	30	25

For admissions into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion 'any other children'

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	<5	<5	0	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

St Helen's Catholic Primary School

Assisi Catholic Trust

Headteacher: Miss L Keeble

Address: North Road, Westcliff-on-sea, SS0 7AY

Tel: 01702 343 823

Email: office@st-helens.southend.sch.uk

Website: www.st-helens.southend.sch.uk

Admission Arrangements: [St Helen's Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

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If you are applying for a place under a faith criterion, you will also need to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which can be located on the school's website. [St Helen's SIF Form](#)

Admission Criteria 2027

Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority.

1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St. Helen's
3. Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Teresa's for whom St. Helen's is the nearest Catholic school
4. Other Catholic children
5. Other looked after and previously looked after children
6. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church
7. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion
8. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader
9. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

1. Where evidence is given at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical, or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made (note 10)
2. The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above (note 8)

Definitions and explanatory notes are available on the full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Number of preferences received for admission into the Reception year in September 2026 = 100

Admission Criteria	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Catholic Looked after children and previously looked after children;	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St. Helen's	18	14	14	15	9
Catholic Children who are resident in the parishes of Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Theresa's for whom St. Helen's is the nearest Catholic school	<5	<5	<5	<5	7
Other Catholic Children;	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Other Looked after children and previously looked after children;	0	0	0	0	0
Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church;	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion;	5	9	7	<5	<5
Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader;	5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Any other children	17	24	27	30	24
Total offered on National Offer Day	55	60	60	57	50

For admissions into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion 'any other children'.

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

St Mary's, Prittlewell, Church of England Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs A Lewis

Address: Boston Avenue, Southend-on-Sea SS2 6JH

Tel: 01702 354012

Email: office@st-marysprittlewell.southend.sch.uk

Website: www.st-marysprittlewell.com

Admission Arrangements: [St Mary's Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

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Where applications of admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which children to admit:

Admission Criteria 2027:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children.
- 2) Children who have a sibling attending the school
- 3) Children who live in the catchment area.
- 4) Children whose parent(s)/carer(s) are regularly at the heart of worship at St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell (attendance of at least twice a month for at least the past two years prior to the application).
- 5) Children whose parent(s)/carer(s) are regularly at the heart of worship of another Anglican Church, or another Christian Church (recognised by "Churches Together" in England or the Evangelical Alliance) (attendance of at least twice a month for at least the past two years).
- 6) Children whose parent(s)/carer(s) (i) wish their child to attend a Church of England School and (ii) are committed to the worship (attendance of at least once a month for at least the past year) at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, at another Christian Church or any other world faith (represented on the Interfaith Network).
- 7) Children of staff at the school.
- 8) Remaining applications.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Number of preferences received for admission into the Reception year in September 2026 = 114

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space			
	2026	2025	2024	2023
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	2	0	0
Siblings at the school	22	22	26	33
Catchment area	35	36	61	50
Children whose parent(s)/carer(s) are regularly at the heart of worship at St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell	0	0	N/A	N/A
Children whose parent(s)/carer(s) are regularly at the heart of worship of another Anglican Church, or another Christian Church	0	0	N/A	N/A
Children whose parent(s)/carer(s) (i) wish their child to attend a Church of England School and (ii) are committed to the worship	0	0	N/A	N/A
Pupil of staff	0	0	N/A	N/A
Any other children	0	0	0	0
Total offered on National Offer Day	60	60	87	83

For admissions into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion: Pupils who live in the catchment area.

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023
Number of appeals logged	0	0	<5	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	<5	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0

Temple Sutton Primary School

Learning in Harmony Multi Academy Trust

Headteacher: Ms O Laniyan

Address: Eastern Avenue, Southend on Sea, SS2 4BA

Telephone Number: 01702 468582

Email: info@templesutton.lhtrust.uk

Website: www.templesutton.org.uk

Admission Arrangements: [Temple Sutton Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 90

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
4. Pupils of staff at the school.
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Number of preferences received for admission into the Reception year in September 2026 = 128

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Catchment area siblings	N/A	19	12	16	15
Pupils who have a sibling attending the school	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Catchment area	27	29	26	22	33
Out of catchment siblings	N/A	14	16	9	19
Pupils of staff	0	0	0	<5	<5
Temple Sutton Nursery	N/A	<5	16	10	15
Out of catchment	25	18	18	23	<5
Total offered on National Offer Day	83	83	90	86	88

The last place was offered to remaining applications as an alternative offer

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

The Westborough Academy

South East Essex Academy Trust

Headteacher: Mr D Tipper

Address: Macdonald Avenue, Westcliff on Sea, SS0 9BS

Telephone Number: 01702 349249

Email: westborough@westborough.southend.sch.uk

Website: www.thewestboroughschool.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [Westborough Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 60

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Children with a brother or sister on roll at the close of applications for the forthcoming academic year and living at the same address within the catchment area.
3. Children who live in the catchment area.
4. Children with a brother or sister on roll at the close of applications for the forthcoming academy year and living at the same address outside the catchment area.
5. Children who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#).

Number of preferences received for admission into the Reception year in September 2026 = 92

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2022	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	0	<5	0	0	0
Catchment area siblings	21	10	15	21	21
Catchment area	22	28	28	32	32
Out of catchment siblings	5	<5	6	<5	<5
Out of catchment	12	14	11	<5	<5
Total offered on National Offer Day	60	60	60	60	60

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area with a distance of 0.297 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Thorpedene Primary School

Southend East Community Academy Trust

Headteacher: Mrs S Frost

Address: Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, SS3 9NP

Telephone Number: 01702 582225

Email: office@thorpedene.secat.co.uk

Website: www.thorpedene.southend.sch.uk

Admission Arrangements: [Thorpedene Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 30

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who have a sibling attending the school.
3. Pupils of staff of the school
4. Pupils who live in the catchment area
5. Pupils of the Thorpedene Nursery
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Number of preferences received for admission into the Reception year in September 2026 = 45

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	0	0	0	0
Catchment area siblings	12	11	<5	15	16
Catchment area	<5	<5	10	6	7
Out of catchment siblings	<5	6	10	15	15
Pupils of staff	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pupils attending Thorpedene Nursery	<5	<5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Out of catchment	<5	0	8	6	7
Total offered on National Offer Day	30	22	33	42	45

The last place was offered to remaining applications as an alternative offer

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

West Leigh Infant School

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Headteacher: Miss Sarah Froydenlund

Address: Ronald Hill Grove, Leigh on Sea, SS9

2JB Telephone Number: 01702 476610

Email: office@westleigh-inf.southend.sch.uk

Website: www.westleighinfants.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [West Leigh Infants Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 120

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school or West Leigh Junior School.
3. Pupils of staff at the school.
4. Pupils eligible for pupil premium who live in the catchment area.
5. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment area who have a sibling attending the school or West Leigh Junior School.
7. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Number of preferences received for admission into the Reception year in September 2026 = 226

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Catchment area siblings	43	40	53	28	40
Pupils of staff	0	<5	<5	<5	<5
Catchment pupil premium	0	0	0	0	0
Catchment area	36	60	52	61	68
Out of catchment siblings	10	18	11	10	7
Out of catchment	30	0	0	18	<5
Total offered on National Offer Day	120	120	120	118	120

For Admission into the Reception year group in September 2026 the last child was admitted under admission criterion outside of catchment area sibling with a distance of 1.279 miles

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	<5	<5	6	<5	<5
Number of appeals heard	0	<5	3	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

West Leigh Junior School

Portico Academy Trust

Principal: Mr M. Aggus

Address: Ronald Hill Grove, Leigh on Sea, SS9 2JB

Telephone Number: 01702 478593

Email: office@wljs.porticoacademytrust.co.uk

Website: www.westleighjunior.co.uk

Admission Arrangements: [West Leigh Juniors Admission Arrangements 2027](#)

Published Admissions Number (PAN) 2027: 132

Admission Criteria 2027:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils attending year 2 at West Leigh Infant School.
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area who have a sibling attending the academy or West Leigh infant school.
4. Pupils of staff at the academy.
5. Pupils eligible for pupil premium who live in the catchment area.
6. Pupils who live in the catchment area.
7. Pupils who live outside the catchment area who have a sibling attending the academy or West Leigh Infant School.
8. Pupils who live outside the catchment area.

The definition for Looked After Children is available in the glossary. The full arrangements are available on the school website or on the following link [Admission Arrangements](#)

Preferences received for admission into year group 3 in September 2026 = 126

Admission Criteria	Number of pupils allocated a space				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
EHCP or in/was in Public Care	0	<5	<5	<5	<5
Year 2 at WLIS	116	119	117	118	116
Catchment area siblings	0	0	0	0	<5
Pupils of staff	0	0	0	0	0
Catchment pupil premium	0	0	0	0	0
Catchment area	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Out of catchment siblings	0	<5	0	<5	<5
Out of catchment	<5	6	<5	<5	<5
Total offered on National Offer Day	120	128	123	128	128

For admission into year 3 in September 2026, every child that applied on time gained a place.

Appeals	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0	0	0
Number of appeals heard	0	0	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0

Children of compulsory school age – broadly those aged 5 to 16 – living in England are required, by law, to receive a suitable full-time education. This includes foreign national children and, if they are resident in the UK, they will normally have the right to attend state-funded and independent schools in England. To lawfully enter the country to access a school, foreign national children resident outside the UK will normally need either:

- a [right of abode](#)
- an immigration status which otherwise permits them to enter the UK to study at a school

Any change in legislation must be considered when processing applications. Updates are announced on the Department for Education [School applications for foreign national children and children resident outside England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I find out more about the primary schools in Southend-on-Sea? One of the best ways to find out more about a school via their website and to visit them where possible. Please contact the school and arrange a day/time to visit.

When can I apply for my child's primary school and if I apply early will I be more likely to get my 'first' choice? The online primary school application form will be open from 14 September 2026, and the closing date is 15 January 2027. School places are **not** offered on a 'first come first serve' basis. They are considered in line with the admission criteria for each school.

Do I have to pay to go to any of the Southend schools featured in this guide? There are no fees for the 33 mainstream state schools that are listed within this booklet. Examples of the cost that parents would need to cover are uniform, stationery and trips. There are fee paying, independent primary schools in the area.

What if my child has a statement of EHCP (Education Health Care Plan)? Parents will receive information from the special educational needs team regarding the primary school application process where appropriate. Parents can also view the local offer on the Southend Website.

Can my child have free school meals at primary school? Yes. It is easy to apply either in person at the school or using our online service at www.southend.gov.uk/fsm. If you are eligible for free school meals, you will save between £10 and £15 per week. Parents of children in years R, 1 and 2 will automatically receive free school meals. Some schools will also give a free or lower cost uniform if you are registered for free school meals.

Can my child attend any school? Every school has their own set of admission criteria. This may depend on, for example, where you live or whether your child has a sibling at the school. Admission arrangements for schools are available on earlier pages in this booklet. Admissions arrangements are also published on school websites.

Can my child attend a school outside of Southend-on-Sea City? Parents can express preferences for schools in and out of the area. Primary school admissions are fully coordinated across the country. This means that if you are resident in Southend-on-Sea, you only need to fill out one form, even if some, or all, of your preferred schools are outside Southend.

When and how will I find out my child has a primary school place? Parents/carers will be informed on **16 April 2027** via email or second-class post (depending on whether the application was made online or on paper) of the school place that their child is being offered.

Will the Council pay the transport costs of getting my child to school? Parents are responsible for ensuring their child gets to school. The majority walk, cycle or use public transport.

Please consider the location of the school when making your choices.

In a few cases transport may be provided using specific criteria on distance and/or specific benefits. Full details can be found at www.southend.gov.uk/etc

Where can I find out about school uniform? All the schools have uniform suppliers listed on their website. If you do not have internet access, then please contact the school directly who will be able to give you more information. You can now claim for a grant towards school uniform under our Essentials Living Fund Scheme. More information and eligibility criteria can be found here [School Uniform Grant – Southend-on-Sea City Council](#)

How do I contact the team who are responsible for school admissions at the Council? The School Admissions Team on 01702 212934 will be able to answer your enquiries. You can contact the team by email at admissions@southend.gov.uk

What is the advice for vaccinations

As your child begins their school journey, we encourage you to make sure they are up to date with their routine childhood vaccinations. Vaccinations help protect your child as they start school and support the health of the wider school community.

For information or to book an appointment, please contact your GP practice, visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations, or contact the Childhood and School-Aged Immunisation Service (CSAIS) on 0300 555 5055 or email hct.csais@nhs.net

Registered Private/Independent Schools

School Name	Type of School and Age Range	Admissions Process
Alleyn Court Preparatory	Independent 2-11	Available from the schools directly.
Saint Pierre School	Independent 2-11	
St Michaels CofE Preparatory	Independent 3-11	
Thorpe Hall School	Independent 2-16	

Registered Specialist Primary Provision

School Name	Type of School and Age Range	Admissions Process
Kingsdown School	Academy 3-14	Admission to specialist provision is for children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
Sutton House Academy	Academy 5-16	
The St. Christopher School	Academy 3-19	

Registered Primary Alternative Provision

School Name	Type of School and Age Range	Admissions Process
Victory Park Academy (PRU)	Academy 5-16	Alternative provision is not usually possible, and most arrangements are between schools and the provider for children on a school roll.

Neighbouring Local Authorities

Essex County Council

School Admissions, Essex County Council, County Hall, Market Road, Chelmsford CM1 1QH

Email: admissions@essex.gov.uk

Telephone: 0345 603 2200

Thurrock Council

School Admissions, Thurrock Council, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, RM17 6SL

Email: school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk

Telephone: 01375 652 883

A Guide to Further Information Sources

Details of further information sources and a brief outline of services they offer.

Department for Education (DfE)

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

Telephone: 0370 000 2288

- Information regarding national standards and curriculum.
- Performance tables and research statistics.
- Details of Local Authorities.
- Various publications.

Ofsted

Website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted

Telephone: 0300 123 4234

- School inspection reports.
- Details of Local Education Authorities.
- Details of post 16 Education.

Independent Schools Council (ISC)

Website: www.isc.co.uk

Telephone: 020 7766 7070

- Information about independent schools.
- Various publications.
- Information for parents e.g. fees and contact details.

Coram Legal Advice

Website: <https://www.coram.org.uk/>

Telephone: 020 7520 0300

Experts in all areas of children's rights: Immigration; Child protection; Education

Contact Points for Parents

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Details of all Southend-on-Sea City Council Services are available on the Council website
www.southend.gov.uk

Enquiries about all Southend-on-Sea City Council services can be made to the City Customer Service Centre.

Email: council@southend.gov.uk

Telephone: 01702 215000

Southend City Council Education Access

[Schools and learning – Southend-on-Sea City Council](#)

Children with Disabilities

[Children with Disabilities – Southend-on-Sea City Council](#)

[Guidance for parents/carers for children with SEN](#)

Early Years

[Paying for Childcare | Livewell Southend](#)

[Childcare – Southend-on-Sea City Council](#)

[What is HAF? | Holiday activities and food programme \(HAF\) | Livewell Southend](#)

Home Education Information

[Home education – Southend-on-Sea City Council](#)

School transport

[School and college transport assistance – Southend-on-Sea City Council](#)

School Admissions Team

The team in Southend Council who are responsible for the school admission process, strategy, and direct contact with parents and schools.

Enquiries about School Admissions can be made by email and

telephone Email: admissions@southend.gov.uk

Telephone: 01702 212934, usually available between 10am – 12pm, Monday – Friday

Website: www.southend.gov.uk/admissions

Applications for transfer to Reception in state mainstream schools can be made online. You must apply to Southend Council if you are resident in the City and pay council tax to Southend Council.

Glossary of Abbreviations and Terms:

Academies: Schools that have the status of 'Academy' are funded directly by Central Government and are independent of local authority. Academy schools must meet the requirements of section 1A of the Academies Act 2010 [Academies Act 2010](#).

Admission Authority: The body responsible for setting and applying a school's admission arrangements. For community or voluntary controlled schools, this body is the local authority. For foundation or voluntary aided schools, this body is the governing body of the school. For Academies, this body is the Academy Trust.

Admission Arrangements: The overall procedure, practices and oversubscription criteria used in deciding the allocation of school places including any device or means used to determine whether a school place is to be offered.

Admission Number (or Published Admission Number – (PAN)): The number of school places that the admission authority must offer in each relevant age group of a school for which it is the admission authority. Admission numbers are part of a school's admission arrangements.

Additional applications: An application from a parent who has already applied and is requesting an additional school(s). This will normally be after the initial offer of places in April.

Admission authority: The official body that determines the criteria on how pupils will be admitted to a school and are responsible for deciding who is admitted using the published criteria.

Common Application Form (CAF): The form parents complete, listing their preferred choices of schools. This is then submitted to local authorities when applying for a school place for their child as part of the local co-ordination scheme, during the normal admissions round. Parents must be allowed to express a preference for a minimum of three schools on the relevant common application form as determined by their local authority. Local authorities may allow parents to express a higher number of preferences if they wish.

Catchment area: A geographical area, from which children may be afforded priority for admission to a particular school. A catchment area is part of a school's admission arrangements and must therefore be consulted upon, determined, and published in the same way as other admission arrangements. *Catchment areas do not prevent parents who live outside the catchment of a particular school from expressing a preference for the school. Faith Schools operate faith/parish related catchment areas and are not illustrated on the catchment map. Access to the postcode look up table is on this [link](#).*

Changes in preference: Changes in the order of preferences already expressed (i.e. not an additional application) unless this is due to a change of address. Changes of preference are only considered after the National Offer Day.

Child Benefit: Until recently child benefit was a universal credit and could be produced as confirmation of a child's usual place of residence. Where a child benefit letter cannot be given, parents will need to give a signed affidavit or other legal document to confirm child's usual place of residence

Council: Southend-on-Sea City Council who are the Local Authority. In most cases the function of the Council will be undertaken by The School Admissions Team within the Department for People.

Department for Education (DfE): Central government department responsible for education matters.

Distance: Southend-on-Sea City Council uses MRI software to calculate the straight-line home-to-school distance. This software has inbuilt v4 GIS Services and we use ArcGis.

Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP): See definition under; statement of special educational needs.

Essex: Essex County Council who are the local authority. In most cases the function of the Council in relation to school admissions will be undertaken by the Planning & Admissions Team.

FAP: Fair Access Protocol.

Foundation Schools: Schools funded by the Council where the governing body employs the staff and is the admissions authority.

FTT: Facilities and Transport Team

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Governing Body: It is the responsibility of the admission authority to make sure that admission arrangements are compliant with the School Admissions Code. Here a school is the admission authority, this responsibility falls to the governing body or Academy Trust. School governing bodies are corporate bodies responsible for conducting schools with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement. Governing bodies have three key roles: setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability, and monitoring and evaluation.

Independent Appeal Panel: A group of 3 or 5 people who decide whether a child that has already been turned down for a school place by the admission authority should be given a place.

Late applications: Applications received after the closing date from those who could have made an application on time.

Looked after children and previously looked after children: A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see Section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see Section 46 adoption orders). Child arrangements orders are defined in Section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by Section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order.

Refer to section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special Guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

Ranking for Faith schools differ slightly in that: For faith schools: Looked after and previously looked after children are given the appropriate priority for each relevant age group in line with the admission criteria.

New applications: Parents moving into the area who, in the view of Southend-on-Sea City Council, could not have made an application by the closing date of 15 January 2027 will have their application slotted into the system as and when received.

National Offer Day: The day (16 April 2027) on which all offers of places will be made communicated to parents.

Normal round of admissions: Under the Southend Co-ordinated Primary Admissions Scheme, the normal round of admissions refers to admissions to Year R and 3 up to the end of the first week of the autumn term. The Council co-ordinates all admissions during this period.

Published Admission Number (PAN): The number of pupils that the admission authority has decided it can admit. Also recorded as admission limit.

Parent: Throughout this booklet, 'parent' should be taken to include all those with parental responsibility for a child, this includes guardians and carers.

Parental Responsibility: As defined by the Children Act 1989 (also refer to Section 576 Education Act, Section 2 of Children's Act and The School Admissions Code 2014). In making an application for a school place only one parent with parental responsibility is required to do so. Consent by both parents is not needed and the LA should not have details of both parents in processing the application (The School Admissions Code 2014).

A request from a parent for information about their child's school admission application is made under the Data Protection Act and as such a parent does not have an automatic right to information about his/her child. This also applies to any other family member. If The School Admissions Team are contacted by anyone other than the parent who made the original application, we must not provide any information unless we have the agreement in writing from the parent who made the application.

SAT: School Admissions Team at the Council.

Supplementary Information Forms (SIFs): Forms on which parents are asked to give additional information in support of their applications to enable the school to apply their admission criteria. It is not an application form, and parents must always complete the Council's Common Application Form.

SEN or EHCP or Statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) and Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP): A Statement of Special Educational Need is a statement made by the local authority under Section 324 of the Education Act 1996, specifying the special educational provision needed for that child. If the school is oversubscribed, the admission of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health, and Care Plan where the school is named in the Statement or Plan, is mandatory. Children with an EHCP/Statement are needed to meet the required academic level before they can be considered for admission to selective and partially selective schools. The school must have been named in the Statement or plan.

Suppression of Data: When working with data, and the publication of it, it is important to make sure that the requirements of data protection are met within the requirements of the current legislation. To make sure the risk of identification of an individual through data is minimised it is best practice to suppress data especially where the numbers are small. The Department for Education (DfE) will often suppress or round to 5 and the NHS will suppress where numbers are

below 7 or 5 depending on the circumstances. Further suppression techniques are used depending on the circumstances. The local authority aims to be as transparent as possible with published data, but in line with best practice where numbers are small the local authority will state that they are below 5 (<5) rather than publish the actual number. The local authority applies this generically so that this is a consistent approach to its methodology and risk management. The local authority can of course reconsider this in specific cases and in doing so would consider the purpose and the risk.

Under and Over Age: An applicant is underage if he or she will be under 3 years of age on 31 August immediately prior to admission in September. An applicant is over age if he or she is not under 5 years of age on 31 August immediately prior to admission in September. In all cases requests must be discussed or submitted directly to preferred schools.

Usual Age of Admission (also referred to as Normal Age of Admission): This is the age group at which pupils are or will normally be admitted to the school e.g., reception, year 7 and year 12 where the school admits external applicants to the sixth form. (Section 142 of the SSFA 1998) (The School Admissions Code 2021).

Young Carer: A young carer is under 18 years of age and helps to look after a family member who is disabled, physically or mentally ill or has a substance misuse problem. Caring can involve physical or emotional care or taking responsibility for someone's safety or wellbeing. The level of responsibility assumed by a young carer is often inappropriate to their age and at a level beyond simply helping with jobs at home, which is a normal part of growing up. Information shared via the admissions process, between the LA and the school is highly confidential and is not shared school wide. However, information shared on school enrolment forms, post admission would be at the discretion of the school and covered in the school's data protection (GDPR) policies. For further information please visit [Advice for Young Carers](#).

This Booklet is for:

- Parents.
- Schools.
- School Admission Authorities.
- Local Authorities.
- Independent Appeal Panels.

Overview:

Admission policies and processes for all admissions to Southend-on-Sea Primary Schools for the year 2027/28.

Review date:

July 2027 for 2028 transfer to Primary School

Statutory reference:

School Admission Code 2021

School Admission Appeals Code 2022

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Consultation and Determination references:

[The Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for 2027/28](#)

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