

Apply for Secondary School (year 7) place

Schools you can apply for

You can list up to six different secondary schools as preferences in your application. This can include schools outside of Birmingham.

To view admission arrangements for schools in Birmingham, please visit:

[file:///C:/Users/amin2/Downloads/Secondary_Schools_Admissions_Criteria_2019V3%20\(2\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/amin2/Downloads/Secondary_Schools_Admissions_Criteria_2019V3%20(2).pdf)

The above link does not include arrangements for independent schools.

Admission arrangements

You must read the **admission arrangements** for the secondary schools you're interested in to see how likely it is that your child will be offered a place there.

- Visit the schools' own websites
- How close you live to a school is very important. Schools have **cut-off distances** which change each year based on demand.

Remember: To avoid disappointment, be realistic in the six schools you list on your online application form. Make sure you read the school's admission arrangements.

Supplementary information

- Some schools (mainly faith schools and some academies) will ask you to send supplementary information directly to them.
- Supplementary information forms are available from the school.
- Once you have submitted your supplementary information form to the school, make sure you also submit your online application or you will not be considered for a place at that school.

Open days and evenings

- Most schools have **open days and evenings** throughout September so that you can look round. You could also **contact the school** to arrange a visit to hear about what they offer and how they can support your child.
- If your child has **special educational needs or a disability (SEND)** consider whether your chosen schools are suitable for their specific educational needs. Talk to school staff at the open days or evenings. You may also find this **Secondary Transfer booklet** useful.

Applying for grammar schools

If your child will be sitting the selective test for entry to grammar schools, we strongly recommend that you **do not** submit your online application until you know the results of your child's grammar school test.

The test results for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham will be available by Friday 12 October 2018.

- Once you have received your test score, if you want to apply for a grammar school it is essential that you list it as one of your preferences in your online application.

- Don't lose the opportunity to list other school preferences before knowing the results from the [selective test](#).
- Visit our [places at grammar schools](#) pages for more details.

What is classed as your child's home address?

A pupil's home address is the child's only (or main) home and is either:

- owned by the child's parent(s), or the person responsible for the child
- leased to or rented by the child's parent(s), or the person responsible for the child for 1 year or more
- We may ask you for [proof of your address](#). A list of acceptable proofs is available in the [proof of address](#) section.

Travelling to school

Think about how your child would travel to the schools you apply for. It is your responsibility to make sure your child can get to and from school.

School performance information

- Read the schools' [Ofsted](#) reports.
- [Compare schools' performances](#) on the Gov.uk website.

Local Islamic Schools

There are a number of options for Islamic schools in Birmingham. Please ensure you carefully look in to the school you wish to send your child to. Ensure to visit them on open days and consider all your options before making a choice. As a lot of Islamic schools are independent, their admission arrangements will be different.

The Association of Muslim Schools has a list of Muslim schools in Birmingham. The list can be found here:

<http://ams-uk.org/muslim-schools/>