

## **Hertfordshire County Council's oversubscription criteria for community and voluntary controlled, first, infant, primary, junior and middle schools for the school year 2021/22**

Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 requires the governing bodies of all maintained schools to admit a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names their school.

If there are fewer applications than places available at a school all applicants will be admitted. If there are more applications than places available, the criteria outlined below will be used to prioritise applications.

### **Oversubscription criteria**

**Rule 1: Children looked after** and children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order)\*.

### **Rule 2: Medical or Social**

Children for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to the school, ***which includes children previously from abroad who were cared for by the state because he or she would not otherwise have been cared for adequately and subsequently adopted.***

A panel of officers will determine whether the evidence provided is sufficiently compelling to meet the requirements for this rule. The evidence must relate specifically to the school applied for under Rule 2 and must clearly demonstrate why it is the only school that can meet the child's needs.

**Rule 3: Linked School** (*This rule only applies to pupils who are currently attending an infant school which has a linked junior school<sup>1</sup>.*)

In the case of junior schools, children who attend the linked infant school at the time of their application.

### **Rule 4: Sibling**

Children who have a sibling on the roll of the school or linked school at the time of application\*. *This applies to reception through to Year 5 in infant, junior and primary schools; and from reception through to Year 3 in first schools; and from Year 5 to Year 7 in middle schools.*

### **Rule 5: Nearest School**

Children for whom it is their nearest school or academy.  
*This includes all schools except those which allocate places on the basis of faith.*

### **Rule 6: Distance**

Children who live nearest to the school.  
*Children not considered under rule 5 will be considered under rule 6.*

These rules are applied in the order they are printed above. If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tie break will be used by applying the next rule to those children.

### **Tie Break**

When there is a need for a tie break where two different addresses are the same distance from a school, in the case of a block of flats for example, the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be on the ground floor and therefore closer. If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tie break will be random. Every child entered onto the HCC admissions database has an individual random number assigned, between 1 and 1 million, against each preference school. When there is a need for a final tie break the random number is used to allocate the place, with the lowest number given priority.

*\*Please see the 'Explanatory notes and definitions 2021/22 document for a full explanation/definition.*

### **Continuing Interest**

After places have been offered, Hertfordshire County Council will maintain a continuing interest (waiting) list for all community and voluntary controlled schools. A child's position on a CI list will be determined by the admission criteria outlined above and a child's place on the list can change as other children join or leave it. The county council will contact parents/carers if a vacancy becomes available and it can be offered to a child. Continuing interest lists will be maintained for every year group until the summer term (date to be confirmed). To retain a CI application after this time, parents must make an In Year application.

### **In Year Admissions**

Hertfordshire County Council co-ordinate In Year Admissions for all community and voluntary controlled schools. Information about how to apply and the online application form can be found at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/inyear](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/inyear) The oversubscription criteria outlined above is used to prioritise all In Year applications to community and voluntary controlled schools.

### **Fair Access**

Community and voluntary controlled schools will admit children under the Fair Access Protocol before those on continuing interest, and over the Published Admission Number (PAN) if required.

**1Linked infant and junior schools**

The table below shows the community and voluntary controlled infant schools and academies which are “linked” for allocations to junior schools under Rule 3.

Infant school	School type	Town	Linked Junior school	School type
St Mary’s Church of England (VC) Infant School	VC	Baldock	St Mary’s C of E (VC) Junior School	VC
Bushey and Oxhey Infant School	C	Bushey	Bushey Manor Junior School	C
Merry Hill Infant School and Nursery	C	Bushey	Ashfield Junior School	VC
Brookland Infant and Nursery School	C	Cheshunt	Brookland Junior School	C
Malvern Way Infant and Nursery School	C	Croxley	Little Green Junior School	C
Kingsway Infant School	C	Garston	Kingsway Junior School	C
Crabtree Infants’ School	A	Harpenden	Crabtree Junior School	A
The Grove Infant and Nursery School	C	Harpenden	The Grove Junior School	C
Chaulden Infants’ and Nursery School	C	Hemel Hempstead	Chaulden Junior School	A
Hobletts Manor Infants’ and Nursery School	C	Hemel Hempstead	Hobletts Manor Junior School	C
Holtsmere End Infant and Nursery School	C	Hemel Hempstead	Holtsmere End Junior School	C
Highbury Infant School and Nursery	C	Hitchin	Whitehill Junior School	C
Strathmore Infant and Nursery School	C	Hitchin	Wilshere-Dacre Junior Academy	A
Hillshott Infant School and Nursery	C	Letchworth	Pixmore Junior School	C
Icknield Infant and Nursery School	C	Letchworth	Wilbury Junior School	A
Northfields Infant and Nursery School	C	Letchworth	The Grange Academy	A
St John’s C of E Infant and Nursery School	VC	Radlett	Fair Field Junior School	A
Fawbert and Barnard Infants’ School	C	Sawbridgeworth	Reedings Junior School	C
Bernards Heath Infant School	C	St Albans	Bernards Heath Junior School	C
Cunningham Hill Infant School	C	St Albans	Cunningham Hill Junior School	C
Fleetville Infant and Nursery School	A	St Albans	Fleetville Junior School	A
Wheatfields Infants’ and Nursery School	C	St Albans	Wheatfields Junior School	C
Giles Nursery and Infant’s School	C	Stevenage	Giles Junior School	C
Letchmore Infants’ and Nursery School	C	Stevenage	Almond Hill Junior School	C
Woolenwick Infant and Nursery School	C	Stevenage	Woolenwick Junior School	C
Goldfield Infants’ and Nursery School	C	Tring	Bishop Wood C of E Junior School	VA
Kingshill Infant School	C	Ware	St Mary’s (VC) C of E Junior School	VC
Cassiobury Infant and Nursery School	C	Watford	Cassiobury Junior School	C
Chater Infant School	C	Watford	Chater Junior School	C
Nascot Wood Infant and Nursery School	C	Watford	Nascot Wood Junior School	C
Parkgate Infants and Nursery School	C	Watford	Parkgate Junior School	C
Watford Field School Infant & Nursery	C	Watford	Field Junior School	C

*C = Community*

*VC = Voluntary Controlled*

*A = Academy*

*VA = Voluntary Aided*

## Hertfordshire County Council's oversubscription criteria for secondary and upper community coeducational schools for 2021/22

Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 requires the governing bodies of all maintained schools to admit a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names their school.

If there are fewer applications than places available at a school all applicants will be admitted. If there are more applications than places available, the criteria outlined below will be used to prioritise applications.

### Oversubscription criteria

**Rule 1: Children looked after** and children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order)\*.

### Rule 2: Medical or Social

Children for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to the school, ***which includes children previously from abroad who were cared for by the state because he or she would not otherwise have been cared for adequately and subsequently adopted.***

A panel of officers will determine whether the evidence provided is sufficiently compelling to meet the requirements for this rule. The evidence must relate specifically to the school applied for under Rule 2 and must clearly demonstrate why it is the only school that can meet the child's needs.

### Rule 3: Sibling

Children who have a sibling at the school at the time of application, unless the sibling is in the last year of the normal age-range of the school\*.

*Note: the 'normal age range' is the designated range for which the school provides, for example Years 7 to 11 in an 11-16 secondary school, Years 7 to 13 in an 11-18 school.*

**Rule 4:** Children who live in the priority area for whom it is their nearest\* Hertfordshire maintained school or academy that is non-faith, co-educational and non-partially selective.

*Note: Non-partially selective means that the school does not offer any places based on academic ability.*

**Rule 5:** Children who live in the priority area who live nearest to the school.

**Rule 6:** Children living outside the priority area on the basis of distance, with those living nearest to the school given priority.

These rules are applied in the order they are printed above. If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tiebreak will be used by applying the next rule to those children.

### Tie break

When there is a need for a tie break where two different addresses are the same distance from a school, in the case of a block of flats for example, the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be on the ground floor and therefore closer. If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tie break will be random. Every child entered onto the HCC admissions database has an individual random number assigned, between 1 and 1 million, against each preference school. When there is a need for a final tie break the random number is used to allocate the place, with the lowest number given priority.

*\*Please see the 'Explanatory notes and definitions 2021/22 document for a full explanation/definition.*

## Continuing Interest

After places have been offered, Hertfordshire County Council will maintain a continuing interest (waiting) list for all community and voluntary controlled schools. A child's position on a CI list will be determined by the admission criteria outlined above and a child's place on the list can change as other children join or leave it. The county council will contact parents/carers if a vacancy becomes available and it can be offered to a child. Continuing interest lists will be maintained for every year group until the summer term (date to be specified and confirmed to parents at the time of allocation). To retain a CI application after this time, parents must make an In Year application.

## In Year Admissions

Hertfordshire County Council co-ordinate In Year Admissions for all community and voluntary controlled schools. Information about how to apply and the online application form can be found at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/inyear](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/inyear) The oversubscription criteria outlined above is used to prioritise all In Year applications to community and voluntary controlled schools.

## Fair Access

Community and voluntary controlled schools will admit children under the Fair Access Protocol before those on continuing interest, and over the Published Admission Number (PAN) if required.

## Priority Areas

The coeducational priority areas in the admission rules are based on the following towns, parishes/ unparished areas. These apply to Rules 4 and 5. Academies and foundation schools (agreed or proposed) that will be retaining the county's priority areas as part of their admission arrangements for 2021/22 have been included for information but are marked with an asterisk\*

	Priority Area	Towns/Parishes/Unparished areas	Schools
1	Hitchin	Hexton, Hitchin, Holwell, Ickleford, Langley, Lilley, Offley, Pirton, Preston, St. Ippolyts, Wymondley.	The Priory*
2	Letchworth Garden City	Letchworth.	Fearnhill*, The Highfield*
3	Baldock and surrounding villages	Ashwell, Baldock, Bygrave, Caldecote, Clothall, Edworth, Hinxworth, Newnham, Radwell, Rushden, Sandon, Wallington, Weston.	The Knights Templar*
4	Buntingford, Puckeridge and Royston	Anstey, Ardeley, Aspenden, Barkway, Barley, Braughing, Brent Pelham, Buckland, Buntingford, Cottered, Great Munden, Hormead, Kelshall, Meesden, Nuthampstead, Reed, Royston, Standon, Therfield, Westmill, Wyddial.	
5	Stevenage	Aston, Benington, Datchworth, Graveley, Great Ashby, Knebworth, Stevenage, Walkern.	The Barclay*, Barnwell*, Marriotts, The Nobel*, Thomas Alleyne*
6	Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Berkhamsted, Tring, Garston, Watford, Chorleywood and Rickmansworth	Abbots Langley, Aldbury, Berkhamsted, Bovington, Chipperfield, Chorleywood, Croxley Green, Flaunden, Great Gaddesden, Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Little Gaddesden, Maple Cross, Nash Mills, Nettleden with Potten End, Northchurch, Rickmansworth, Sarratt, Tring, Tring Rural, Watford, Wigginton.	The Astley Cooper*, The Hemel Hempstead*, Longdean*, Kings Langley*, Laureate Academy*, Westfield*

	Priority Area	Towns/Parishes/Unparished areas	Schools
7	<b>Harpenden and St. Albans</b>	Ayot St. Lawrence, Colney Heath, Flamstead, Harpenden, Harpenden Rural, Kimpton, King's Walden, London Colney, Markyate, Redbourn, Ridge, Sandridge, St. Michael, St. Pauls Walden, St. Stephens, St. Albans, Shenley, Wheathampstead.	Beaumont*, Katherine Warington*, Roundwood Park*, Samuel Ryder*, Sir John Lawes*
8	<b>Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield, Potters Bar and Brookmans Park</b>	Ayot St. Peter, Codicote, Essendon, Hatfield, North Mymms, Potters Bar, South Mymms, Welwyn Garden City, Welwyn, Woolmer Green.	Monks Walk*, Onslow St. Audreys*, Ridgeway Academy*, Stanborough*
9	<b>Ware and Hertford</b>	Bayford, Bengoe Rural, Bramfield, Brickendon Liberty, Great Amwell, Hertford, Hertford Heath, Hertingfordbury, Hunsdon, Little Berkhamsted, Little Munden, Sacombe, Stanstead St. Margarets, Stapleford, Tewin, Thundridge, Ware, Wareside, Watton-at-Stone, Widford.	Chauncy*, Simon Balle*
10	<b>Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth</b>	Albury, Birchanger, Bishop's Stortford, Eastwick, Elsenham, Furneux Pelham, Gilston, Great Hallingbury, High Wych, Little Hadham, Little Hallingbury, Much Hadham, Sawbridgeworth, Sheering, Stocking Pelham, Thorley.	
11	<b>Borehamwood, Bushey and Watford Rural</b>	Aldenham, Bushey, Elstree, Borehamwood, Watford Rural.	
12	<b>Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, Turnford and Cheshunt</b>	Broxbourne, Cheshunt, Hoddesdon, Nazeing, Northaw & Cuffley, Stanstead Abbots, Waltham Cross.	Robert Barclay*, Haileybury Turnford*