



Applying for Primary School for 2023/24

Information for Parents and Carers

Apply online from 15th August 2022
Deadline: 15th January 2023



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Welcome to Stockport School Admissions

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's a significant time for any parent when their child first goes to school. It is important that you are sure that you have all the information necessary for you to make your selection of preferred schools and give yourself the best opportunity to gain a preferred school place for September 2023.

The information in this booklet aims to help clarify the process and assist you in making these important decisions.

Alongside the information contained in this booklet, you should also read Stockport's full School Admissions Policy and Procedures document which can be viewed at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Some items in this booklet have been marked with an asterisk* which means they are explained in more detail in the above mentioned document.

If you have any further questions or concerns, you can contact our Frontline Team at the Contact Centre on 0161 217 6022 who will be happy to help you or alternatively you can visit www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions for more information.

Stockport is proud to be able to offer a range of primary schools and details of the different types are discussed in this booklet. Our schools work hard to ensure that their pupils enjoy their learning and that they and their families are well supported. Educational achievement remains a high priority but is well balanced with personal and social development

We hope that your child will enjoy the exciting times ahead of them and will settle well into their new school.

Yours faithfully,

Tim Bowman

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Dates for your diary

15 th August 2022	Online application system becomes available.
15 th January 2023	Closing date for receipt of applications
17 th April 2023 – National Offer Day	Emails will be sent to applicants informing them of the outcome of their application
19 th May 2023	Last date for appeals to be lodged
Summer Term 2023	Appeals heard
1 st September 2023	Children start school in Reception

Apply online at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Applications received **after** the **closing date of 15th January 2023** will be ranked in the last category of the oversubscription criteria for all primary schools.—_It is important to make sure you complete your application by the closing date to ensure the best possible chance of gaining a place at one of your preferred schools in September 2023².

What can Primary Schools in Stockport offer my child?

Learning

Schools in Stockport have a strong tradition of providing a broad curriculum, offering the pupils a stimulating, challenging and enjoyable programme of study. Learners are encouraged to work hard and thrive at school through a supportive and caring environment which is tailored to individual needs. Highly trained teachers continuously monitor the progress of each child to ensure that they are challenged, engaged and are developing their skills and understanding.

Stockport schools are at the leading edge of national developments and their work is shared with schools across the country.

Working as a team

Schools in Stockport work to provide an inclusive environment in which all children are able to enjoy full access to the curriculum and a wide range of available opportunities to develop. Some schools may have additional subjects in their curriculum in addition to the required National Curriculum, which is provided for all children. Some

children may need the curriculum adjusted slightly to meet their individual needs.

Stockport aims to ensure that all young people are safe, healthy, well-educated, and become rounded individuals as they grow and learn.

The strong network of support that our schools enjoy allows them to give your child the best education possible, focusing on progress in all aspects of their development.

An All-Round Learning Environment

Learning and development is not all about academic progress. Of course, this is an enormous part of your child's school career, but Stockport's schools also aim to help children develop socially and physically into mature young people who can make a positive contribution to their communities and to Stockport in general. Pupils will pick up skills in a wide range of areas, have the chance to engage in many valuable opportunities and learn important values.

Deciding which schools to apply for

What different types of schools are available?

Community Schools - A community school is one that is wholly maintained by the Local Authority, who are also responsible for admissions. There are 53 community primary schools in Stockport, some of which are split into Infant and Junior Schools

Voluntary Aided (VA) Schools - There are 16 VA primary schools in Stockport (13 Catholic, 2 Church of England, 1 Jewish Primary, Infant or Junior Schools). The School Governors agree the individual admissions policies for these schools, which can be found at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Voluntary Controlled Schools – There are 6 VC primary schools in Stockport, all of which are Church of England schools. VC schools are where the LA provides maintenance and running costs but does not own the premises. These schools adhere to the Local Authority admissions policy.

Academies - Academies are publicly funded independent schools, free from local authority and national government control. These schools are their own admissions authority and employ their own staff. However, all 10 Stockport Academy primary schools currently use the LA's admissions process; therefore, applications should still be submitted via the Admissions Support and Advice Team using the online application.

Independent Schools – Independent schools are not maintained by the Local Authority. Tuition fees are usually charged although bursary schemes may be operated. The Local Authority does not have responsibility for these schools, or their admissions and applications should be made directly to the school.

Elective Home Education - Elective Home Education is a term used by the Department for Education to describe parents' decisions to provide education for their children at home instead of sending them to school. (This is different to home tuition provided by a Local Authority or education provided by a Local Authority other than at school).

Other Local Authority Schools - These are schools maintained by another Local Authority. Stockport has no responsibility for admissions to these schools; **however, you must still apply through Stockport Local Authority if you live in Stockport.**

How can I find out more about a school?

Many parents will choose to send their children to a local school; however, you may wish to find out more about some other schools before making your decision.

Each school has a website which will give you some more information, for example about policies, results, etc. and you may also wish to make an appointment to go into the school

where you will usually be shown around and have the opportunity to ask them questions.

You can also find useful information on the Department for Education website (www.education.gov.uk) including Ofsted reports and school profiles.

You can also attend the schools' open evenings where you will have a chance to look around the schools and raise any questions.

What are the chances of getting a place at my preferred school?

Stockport has always maintained a consistently high rate of meeting parental preferences (over 90%) although it is very difficult to predict from year to year.

It is not possible to guarantee places at any school; however, the higher in the oversubscription categories your child is in, the more chance you have of gaining a place.—See pages 10 to 12 for the criteria used to allocate places.

You always increase your chances of gaining a place at a preferred school if you **name six different schools**.

Although you don't have to include your catchment area school in your selection, please consider you may be in a higher category for that school than other preferred schools.

Pages 15 to 17 look at the answers to some 'Frequently Asked Questions', which will help you to further understand the application process.

See also 'How places are allocated' on pages 13 to 14.

Details of the outcome of the admissions process for September 2023~~4~~/24~~2~~ admissions will be available to view on the Council's website www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions—in September 2023~~4~~.

Remember to apply by 15th January 2023 to avoid disappointment

Every year some applicants miss out on the opportunity to be allocated a place at their preferred school because they miss the closing date.

Applications received after the closing date are the last category to be considered for

The application process for entry into Reception

How does it work?

The admissions process for primary schools is 'co-ordinated'*, which means that all Local Authorities work together to make sure the process is similar for all parents, regardless of where they live or which school they wish to apply for.

- If you live in Stockport, you **must** make your application to Stockport Council, even if you wish to apply for schools in a different Local Authority area.—You **must** apply using the online system available at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions
- If you live outside of Stockport but wish to apply for a school in the Stockport area, you **must** make your application to your own Local Authority, who will liaise with Stockport about your child's application.

If your child was born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2019, you **need to** apply for a primary school place for the school year beginning September 2023 by **15th January 2023**.

You **must** apply using the online system available from **15th August 2022**.—To apply, visit www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you will find step by step instructions.

When you apply, you will need to answer questions about your child including name, address, date of birth, and other questions about your relationship to the child, religion, medical / social issues, other children in the family attending your preferred schools (siblings*).—It's important to include sibling details because it can place your application in a higher oversubscription category at the relevant schools.

If you are applying for a Catholic school, you will be asked if your child has been Baptised Catholic or not. **Please note** you should only answer **YES** if your **child's Baptism has actually taken place**, intention to have your child Baptised Catholic at a later date will not be considered.—If a place is allocated on the basis of a declaration on your application that your child is Baptised Catholic and it is subsequently found that the Baptism hasn't taken place, the place may be withdrawn.

All applications are based on the child's Principal Parental Home Address*.—This must be where the child and parents are normally resident.—A temporary or relative/friend/childminders's address **cannot** be used.—See page 24 for further details.

You can apply for up to 6 schools and give your reasons for wanting a place at a particular school. **We strongly recommend** that you use your six preferences to **name 6 different schools** in order to maximise your opportunity of gaining a place at one of your preferred schools.—Also please consider that you may be in a higher category for your catchment area school than other preferred schools when making your selection. You will not automatically be offered a place at your catchment school if do not include it as a preference just because a place cannot be offered at your preferred schools.

You will have the opportunity to give your reasons for applying for a particular school, however, no places can be guaranteed at any school and parents should not make assumptions about entitlement to a place.—In very limited circumstances some applications may be considered as having highly exceptional medical/social reasons*. Any supporting evidence you have **must** be submitted to the Admissions Support and Advice Team **by the closing date 15th January 2023**.

This can be sent by post to the address provided at the end of the booklet. If you do not provide evidence by this date, **it will not be considered.**

Please be aware that attendance at the nursery class of a particular school will not be considered as part of your application for a reception place at that school.

If your address/circumstances change* – If the details, you have declared on your application change at any time you **must** inform the Admissions Support and Advice Team **immediately.** All changes will be re-assessed according to the oversubscription criteria for each school you have named. If the changes occur after places have been offered it will be necessary to reassess your application using the new details to see if your child is still entitled to a place, this may result in one of the following:

- The offer is confirmed because your child is still entitled to the place.
- Your child's name is placed higher or lower on the waiting lists for your preferred schools based on your new circumstances.
- The original offer made based on your old circumstances is withdrawn because you no longer qualify for the place offered using your new circumstances and the offer of a new place will be made.

The Council reserves the right to seek further information in order to determine the outcome of your application.

Don't miss the closing date - it is essential that we receive your application by the closing date. All applications submitted after that date will be ranked in the oversubscription criteria and distance order and will **only** be considered **after** all those received before that date.

**Remember the closing
date is 15th January 2023**

Admissions Policies

Regulations determine that Looked after and previously looked after children* must be given the highest priority in Admissions policy criteria. In the case of faith schools, the Governors may give priority to Looked after and previously looked after children of the appropriate faith ahead of other Looked after children and previously looked after children.

Admissions criteria for:

Voluntary Aided Schools (all Catholic Primary Schools, St George's Church of England Primary School, St Thomas' Church of England Primary School (Heaton Chapel) and North Cheshire Jewish Primary School)

To view the policies for these Voluntary Aided schools, please visit www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Admissions criteria for:

- **Community (Excluding Westmorland, Norris Bank and Tithe Barn Primary School)**
- **Voluntary Controlled Church of England Schools**
- **Mellor Primary School (Academy)**
- **Gatley Primary School (Academy)**
- **Meadowbank Primary School (Academy)**
- **Bredbury Green Primary School (Academy)**
- **St Matthew's Church of England Primary School (Academy)**
- **St Elisabeth's Church of England Primary School (Academy)**
- **Bredbury St Mark's Church of England Primary School (Academy)**
- **St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Marple) (Academy)**

After placement of pupils who have an Education Health and Care Plan which names the school, places will be allocated in the following order up to the Published Admission Number* (PAN) of the school

NB: Categories A – F refer to applications received by the closing date of 15th January 2023

A. Looked after children and previously looked after children*
B. Children considered to have highly exceptional medical/social reasons*
C. Children who live in the catchment area* of the school and will have a sibling* at the school at the time of admission
D. Children who live in the catchment area* of the school
E. Children who live outside the catchment area* of the school and will have a sibling* at the school at the time of admission
F. Any other applications, in order of straight-line distance* measured between home and the school
G. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed A-F above
Some Church of England Primary Schools may have an additional category based on denomination. Applications meeting this criteria would be considered after those in category F above. Please refer to the Policies and Procedures 2023/24 document online at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions There may also be additional supplementary information required by some of these schools.

Admissions criteria for:

- **Norris Bank Primary School
Tithe Barn Primary School
and Westmorland Primary School**

After placement of pupils who have an Education Health and Care Plan which names the school, places will be allocated in the following order up to the Published Admission Number* (PAN) of the school.

NB: Categories A – G refer to applications received by the closing date of 15th January 2023

A. Looked after children and previously looked after children*
B. Children considered to have highly exceptional medical/social reasons*
C. Children who live in the catchment area* of the school and will have a sibling* at the school at the time of admission
D. Children who live in the catchment area* of the school
E. Children who now live outside of the catchment area due to changes to catchment for 2016/17 (Norris Bank and Tithe Barn) and 2017/18 (Westmorland), with a sibling* on roll at the time of admissions and fulfils one of two criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sibling originally admitted to the school as a resident within the catchment area• Sibling originally admitted to the school as a sibling resident within the catchment area AND <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The family's address has not changed since the sibling on roll was admitted to the school
F. Children who live outside the catchment area* of the school and will have a sibling* at the school at the time of admission
G. Any other applicants, in order of straight-line distance* measured between home and the school
H. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed A-G above

Admissions criteria for:

- **Cheadle Hulme Primary School (Academy)**

After placement of pupils who have an Education Health and Care Plan which names the school, places will be allocated in the following order up to the Published Admission Number* (PAN) of the school.

NB: Categories A – F refer to applications received by the closing date 15th January 2023

A. Looked after children and previously looked after children*
B. Children considered to have highly exceptional medical/social reasons*
C. Children with a sibling* at Cheadle Hulme Primary school at the time of admission
D. Children with a sibling* at Laurus Cheadle Hulme at the time of admission
E. Children of staff* who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which 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 demonstratable skill shortage
F. Other children
G. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed A-F above

Admissions criteria for:

- **Woodford Primary School (Academy)**

After placement of pupils who have an Education Health and Care Plan which names the school, places will be allocated in the following order up to the Published Admission Number* (PAN) of the school.

NB: Categories A – E refer to applications received by the closing date 15th January 2023

A. Looked after children and previously looked after children*
B. Children considered to have highly exceptional medical/social reasons*
C. Children with a sibling* at Woodford Primary School at the time of admission
D. Children of staff* who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which 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 demonstratable skill shortage
E. Other children
F. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed A-F above

How Places are Allocated

Equal Preference System

The statutory ‘**equal preference system**’ is used to allocate school places.—This means that:

- All preferences you have stated are initially looked at individually, regardless of the order in which you have ranked the schools
- The order you have ranked your preferences becomes important when it is possible to allocate a place for your child at more than one of your preferred schools. In this instance you will be offered a place at the available school you have ranked the highest
- It is possible that applicant (A) who ranked a school as a lower preference, could be allocated a place ahead of other applicants who ranked the same school as a higher preference, if they (A) meet one of the higher oversubscription criteria.

The places are allocated according to the school’s admissions policy criteria, which are detailed on pages 10 to 12.

Allocating Places

Please note that places cannot be guaranteed at any school.—Each school has a Published Admission Number (PAN)* for the Year 7 intake.—If there are more applications for a school than places available, places will be allocated to children up to the PAN using the Admissions Policy oversubscription categories (criteria).—The names of children within each category are ordered by ~~straightline~~straight-line

distance* from home to school starting with the shortest distance. If there are two or more applications with distances which are exactly the same competing for a final place **random allocation** will be used to determine which applicant will be allocated the final place.

Whilst every effort will be made to place your child in one of your preferred schools, **no places can be guaranteed**, regardless of where you live or which primary school your child has attended.—It is, therefore, very important to apply for **six different schools**.—If your first preference cannot be offered and you have not indicated another option, your child will be allocated the nearest school with a place available.—Unfortunately, this may not necessarily be in your immediate locality.—**We suggest you consider including your catchment area school** as one of your preferences, as you will be higher in the oversubscription criteria for this school than you may be for other schools you have named.

PLEASE NOTE - Any applications submitted after the closing date **15th January 2023** will be placed in the last of the oversubscription categories for all schools and therefore, will **not** be considered until after all applications submitted by the closing date have been allocated. Those applications received after the closing date will be ordered by the published admissions oversubscription criteria (see pages 10 to 12)

The names of children not allocated a place at their preferred school will be kept on a waiting list until the end of the academic year 20232/243. If a place becomes available at that school during that period, you will be

contacted and given the opportunity to accept the place.— Waiting lists cease to be maintained beyond the academic year of application.

Parents wishing to have their child's name included in the waiting list the following academic year **must** put their request in writing to the Admissions Support & Advice team before 31st August of the original application year.

If your address/circumstances change

If the details, you have declared on your application change at any time you **must** inform the Admissions Support and Advice Team **immediately**.— All changes will be assessed according to the oversubscription criteria for each school you have named. If the changes occur after places have been offered, it may result in the withdrawal of the offer made based on your old circumstances and the offer of a new place will be made. This may not necessarily be at your preferred school.

Applications submitted after the closing date

Submitting your application after the closing date is likely to severely affect a parent's chance of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools, as places will already have been allocated to those parents / carers who applied by the closing date.

If you fail to submit your application before the closing date it will be treated as being 'received after the closing date' and processed according to the published oversubscription criteria*.

Applications 'received after the closing date' will be in the last category of the oversubscription criteria* and placed on waiting lists for each school, regardless of whether you live in the catchment area* of the school and/ or have siblings* at the school.

This designation as being 'received after the closing date' will remain up to and including 14 calendar days follow the relevant national offer day after which point the designation will be removed resulting in a reassessment according to the published oversubscription criteria.

**The online system will close on 15th January
2023 – remember to apply by this date.**

The online system will reopen 2 days after the closing dates to enable parents/ carers to apply which will be considered as detailed above.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I choose the school I want my child to go to?

The law, through the School Admissions Code, does not give you a right to choose a school for your child, however it does entitle you to express a preference for the school you would prefer your child attend.—It also gives you the right to give the reasons for your preferences and the opportunity to have each of your preferences considered equally in line with the School's Admissions Policy criteria.

How many schools can I apply for?

You can apply for up to six schools on your application, in your preferred order.—***It is strongly advised that you name six different schools.***—We also suggest you consider including your catchment area school as one of your choices because you will be higher in the oversubscription criteria than you may be for other schools you have named.

If your preferred schools cannot be allocated and you have not shown any other preferences, you will be allocated the nearest school with a place available.—This may not necessarily be your closest school, as the closest schools may have already been filled to the PAN* with applicants who stated the school as one of their preferences.

Using all six of your preferences **does not** affect your chance of getting your first preference.

Am I entitled to a place at my catchment school?

No.—National Legislation stipulates that parents are not guaranteed a place at the catchment* school or any other school. Being resident within the catchment area* of a school would place you within one of the higher categories of the Admission Policy criteria (see from pages 10 to 14).

While you must apply for any school you wish to be considered for, you do not have to include your catchment* school, neither will you automatically be allocated this school if you do apply.—**However, you may wish to consider including your catchment school** as one of your preferences as it will be in your locality.

Whilst living in the catchment area* of a school may place your child in a higher category, the allocation of a place at the school is also dependent on the combined number of siblings in catchment* or catchment area* category applications there are in total.—Where the number

of these exceeds the PAN*, applications will be ordered by ~~straightline~~straight-line distance*.

You will always be allocated the school you have ranked the highest if a place is available.

What are highly exceptional medical/social reasons?

Although not statutory, Stockport Local Authority and the Governing Bodies of some Academies have included a category for highly exceptional medical/reasons in the oversubscription criteria for their schools. Only **in very limited circumstances** will some applications be considered as having highly exceptional medical/social reasons.—As such applications in this category would be placed in a higher category of the admissions oversubscription criteria for a particular school than they would be otherwise.

Where applicants feel this may be the case, they **must** indicate this by ticking the boxes provided on the online application and state the nature of the condition and/or circumstances.

You **may wish subsequently wish to provide** written evidence from a recognised professional such as a consultant, doctor or social worker in support of their application.

The supporting evidence must relate specifically to the child or family and the school for which the application is being made and must clearly demonstrate why it is the only school that can meet the needs of the child.—It should also explain any difficulties that would arise if the child has to attend any alternative school.

This evidence must be submitted to the Admissions Support & Advice Team either with the application OR by the closing date for applications at the latest. If the required evidence is not provided, the Local Authority cannot give consideration to any unsubmitted circumstances.

<p>This category is not intended to replace or supplement the well-established system in Stockport for identifying, supporting and providing for families with children who have varying degrees of Special Educational Needs. As such, very few applications are considered under this category in any one year, those that have been, have for example, been situations related to the sudden death or terminal illness of a parent or similar life changing/traumatic event.</p> <p>The Admissions Support & Advice Team will not respond to applicants who have included reasons for a particular preference or contact any party which the applicant may suggest.</p>
<p>What counts as a sibling?</p>
<p>A sibling* for the purpose of allocating a school place, means one who is still in attendance at the school (excludes Sixth Form provision) at the time the younger child starts and is resident in the same household.</p>
<p>What if I have twins or triplets?</p>
<p>If you have children from a multiple birth, the admissions team will try to keep them together should you prefer that.</p>
<p>Can I apply for a faith school if I am not part of that faith?</p>
<p>Yes – you can apply for any school regardless of denomination.</p>
<p>Can I apply for a school outside of Stockport?</p>
<p>If you live in Stockport and wish to apply for a maintained school in another Local Authority, you should still apply through Stockport's online system, and include the school in your selection. You are advised to apply for a school in Stockport as well in case your preferred school cannot be allocated in another Local Authority.</p>
<p>How do I apply for an independent (fee paying) school?</p>
<p>You would need to contact the school directly. If a place in an independent school has not been confirmed, we strongly recommend you apply for a school in Stockport as well until you are certain of the place in the independent school. If you are successful in gaining a place at an independent school, you must notify the Admissions Support and Advice Team.</p>

<p>Can I apply from any address?</p> <p>You can only apply from the address that is the child's principal parental home, i.e., where the child usually resides. – You cannot, for example, use a temporary address, childminder's address, the address of a grandparent or anyone else who looks after the child during the day or apply from a property you own but do not live in. – Equally, if you own a property and – temporarily rent another property, the Council would need to be satisfied this wasn't simply for – the purpose of obtaining a school place.</p> <p>In cases where parents have shared responsibility for a child but do not live together, only 1 address can be used. – The address used will usually be the one considered to be where the – child is normally resident. – Further advice is contained in the Local Authority's School – Admissions Policy document available to view at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions</p> <p>Please bear in mind that addresses will be checked, and you will be asked for evidence to verify your residence and/or parental responsibility.</p> <p>If you move address after you have applied, you must notify the Admissions Support and Advice Team. Places allocated on the basis of an address declared on the application form, which is subsequently found not to be the child's principal parental home, will be withdrawn subject to further investigation.</p>
<p>What if I am moving house?</p> <p>If you are moving to or within the Stockport area, you should apply for your preferred school from your current address by the closing date (15th January 2023); and contact the Admissions Support and Advice Team as soon as you have a confirmed date for your move into your new address.</p> <p>The Admissions Support and Advice Team cannot allocate a place on the basis of an address until you are permanently residing there and can provide evidence to support this.</p> <p>If the change in circumstance requires a change to the preferences you have expressed, you will be given the opportunity to make these alterations, provided you have told the Admissions Support and Advice Team about your change in circumstances.</p>

All changes will be re-assessed according to the oversubscription criteria for each school you have named. If the changes occur after places have been offered it may result in the withdrawal of the original offer made based on your old circumstances, and a new offer being made.

Places allocated on the basis of circumstances declared on the application form which are subsequently found to have changed without notifying the Admissions Support and Advice Team, will be withdrawn subject to further investigation.

What if I want to change my preferences?

You can make these changes online at any time up to the closing date.

If you decide to change your preferences after the closing date, these **cannot** be accepted unless there are exceptional reasons for doing so.

What if I don't live in Stockport?

You can still apply for a place at a school in Stockport if you live in a different Local

Authority area – you should apply to your own Local Authority.

What if my child has Special Education needs?

Schools always endeavour to meet the needs of individual children, and most will find their needs can be met within a mainstream school. Some children however may have additional needs which require additional support; for example, when children have a learning difficulty or a disability that means they find it harder to learn than other children in their age group.

—Children may have a range of needs, including physical or sensory difficulties, language—_difficulties and emotional/behavioural difficulties. The network of services that work with schools—in Stockport means that each young person's need can be addressed with additional support to overcome the barriers they face.

For pupils with an Education, Health & Care Plan you must contact Stockport's Special Education Needs and Disabilities Team to discuss the transition arrangements for your child. Please **do not** apply via the normal application process.

What if I am unhappy with my child's school after they have started?

If you are unhappy with your child's school, you should initially contact the school and make an appointment to discuss the problems with the Headteacher.—Moving schools can cause a great deal of disruption to a young person and it is important to ensure that all avenues have been explored before taking this step as a last resort. If you still wish to go ahead with the transfer, the school will issue you with a three part transfer form to complete having considered all the options.

What if I have further questions?

If you have any further questions that are not answered in this booklet, please check our website
www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you still have questions, you can call our Frontline Team in the Contact Centre on 0161 217 6022.

Requesting delayed admission into Reception for your child

What is a summer born request?

Parents/ guardians of children who are summer born (born between 1st April and 31st August) can request that their child's admission to Reception is delayed until the September after their fifth birthday.

PLEASE NOTE *The above is different to a deferred admission which parents/ guardians of children born between 1st September and 31st August have a legal right to request that their child starts Reception the term after their fifth birthday (either January or Easter). Such requests should be submitted directly to the allocated school*

What should I consider before submitting a summer born request?

It is important that give consideration to a number of factors before submitting a request, such as but not limited to the following:

- Reception is a continuation of the same early year provision provided in Nursery
- You should visit your preferred school and discuss your wishes with the Headteacher who will be able to give details of how they can meet the needs of summer born children without them having to be admitted outside of their chronological year group.
- You should also discuss your wishes with your current childcare provider and any medical professionals involved with your child.
- **Places cannot be reserved** – if your request is granted, it does not indicate a formal offer of a school

place. It is an agreement to consider the application for a school place outside of the normal admissions round.

- If your request is granted and when you do apply for a Reception place the following year are unsuccessful in gaining a place at your preferred school, the agreement for your child to start Reception may not extend to another school. This may mean your child will have to start Year 1 in another school.
- If your request is granted your child may not be able to stay in their current nursery provision.
- Your child may feel left out if they don't have the opportunity to move up from Nursery at the same time as their friendship group.

How do I submit a summer born request?

You must apply for a Reception place into your child's chronological year group before the closing date (15th January). After this is submitted you can make your summer born request. Please email admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk to make your summer born request.

Your request should be submitted, where possible prior to National Offer Day (17th April) but no later than the start of the September term (1st September).

- Where your request is for a Voluntary Aided school or a school with Academy status, both are their own admission authority, and they will make the final decision whether to grant your request. However, you must still send your request to the LA who will co-ordinate the request and advise you of the outcome.
- If your request is for a school in another Local Authority, your request must be sent to the relevant LA.

- If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan please do not submit your request to the Admissions Support and Advice Team. Instead, please contact the Special Educational Needs Team on specialeducation@stockport.gov.uk for information and advice on delaying your child's admission to Reception.

How will my request be considered?

Summer born requests are considered on a case-by-case basis. When considering your request, the LA will consider the following factors published in the Department for Education's ['Admission of summer born children: advice for local authorities and school admission authorities'](#) guidance:

- Your views and wishes
- The professional opinion of the prospective Headteacher
- Your child's academic, social and emotional development to date
- Where relevant, your child's medical history and the views of medical professionals involved with your child
- If your child was born prematurely (before 37 weeks of pregnancy), what age group your child would've fallen into, if your child had been born on time and whether this has caused health problems or developmental delays

Once a decision has been made as to whether your request is granted or declined, the LA will communicate this decision to you in writing. Where possible,

this will be before National Offer Day if your summer born request is submitted before National Offer Day.

On National Offer Day, if you have been offered your preferred school and your summer born request has been granted you will either need to accept the place in the chronological year group or decline the place and make an application in the next round which would open on 15th August.

If your request is declined, this is a binding decision and you do not have the right to appeal the decision.

Do I need to provide any documentary evidence to support my request?

Examples of the types of information that you can submit to support your request include, but are not limited to the following:

- Any evidence from a health or social care professional who is involved in the care or treatment of your child, for example speech and language therapist, occupational therapist, social worker, paediatrician
- The view of any nursery or other early years setting your child attends and any records of your child's development
- Evidence of your child's academic, social and emotional development in their current early years setting

Documentary evidence can be submitted via email to the Admissions Support and Advice Team on admission.support@stockport.gov.uk

Other Useful Information

Appealing against being refused a place at your preferred school(s)

If you are not happy with the school your child is offered, you may wish to appeal against the outcome through an Independent Appeals Panel. This means that the panel that makes the decision is entirely independent from the Admissions Service.

If you wish to appeal against the decision, you must contact the Clerk to the Independent Appeals Panel to obtain an 'appeal request form' or download a form from www.stockport.gov.uk/admissionappeals

Before deciding whether or not to appeal, you are advised to think about:

- (i) The school's policy for admitting students.
- (ii) Your reasons for wanting your child to attend the school and the strength of your case.

For further information on the process and how to appeal, please visit www.stockport.gov.uk/admissionappeals

Travelling to school

Most young people will live within 3 miles of their local community school and the area is generally well served by public transport. Children under 16 can travel on buses at a concessionary rate.

Some children may qualify for free school transport, please refer to our published policy to determine if your child is eligible for free school transport: www.stockport.gov.uk/travel-to-school

Applications for free school transport should be made on our free school transport portal: www.stockport.gov.uk/travel-to-school

Free School Meals

For information on free school meals please visit the following page: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Term Dates

School term dates can be found on the following page: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/school-term-dates/2023-to-2024-term-dates>

Please refer to the individual school's websites for information on their In Service Training Days.

Admissions Fraud

It is an offence to purposely mislead or misrepresent your circumstances to the Council in order obtain a school place.

Admissions Fraud can be characterised as:

- Declaring residence at an address which neither the Child / Principal parent lives at
- Misrepresentation of childcare arrangements including custody, contact and those possessing parental responsibility
- False claims about a child's religion, siblings or public care status

In all cases of suspected fraud:

- The application will be suspended
- Any school place offered will be withdrawn immediately and held for a limited time
- Applicants will be required to prove their circumstances within a set timeframe leaving the Council in no doubt
- If satisfactory evidence is provided within a set timeframe, then the application will be progressed/offer of school place reinstated
- If satisfactory evidence is not provided within the timeframe or doubt remains about the applicant's circumstances, then the Council will determine what it deems are the correct circumstances (based upon an absence of information or using information held by the Council and/or other Government Departments). Applications will be progressed using the circumstances determined by the Council, an offer of a school place will only be reinstated if the applicant is still entitled to that place according to the school's oversubscription criteria and other ranked applicants.
- Advice will be taken to determine whether an offence has been committed and where necessary the case will be forwarded to the relevant authorities

The Schools

The location of schools within the Borough can be found on page 27.

Key
C Community School
VA Voluntary Aided School
VC Voluntary Controlled School
A Academy
Primary and Infant Schools with a Nursery class

School	Type	Headteacher	Address	Contact	Reception Places for September 2023
Abingdon Primary School	C	Mrs S Clarke	Abingdon Road, Reddish, Stockport, SK5 7ET	0161 480 4543	60
Adswood Primary School	# C	Ms M Smart	Garners Lane, Adswood, Stockport SK3 8QJ	0161 483 5003	45
Alexandra Park Primary School	C	Mr P Brooke	Bombay Road, Edgeley, Stockport SK3 9RF	0161 480 5557	60
All Saints CE Primary School (Marple)	VC	Ms H Gaynor	Brickbridge Road, Marple, Stockport SK6 7BQ	0161 427 3008	30
All Saint's CE Primary School (Stockport)	# VC	Ms R Spann	Churchill Street, Heaton Norris, Stockport SK4 1ND	0161 510 8000	30
Arden Primary School	# C	Miss N Haddock	Osbourne St, Bredbury, Stockport SK6 2EX	0161 430 2675	90
Banks Lane Infant School	# C	Ms L Newson	Hempshaw Lane, Stockport SK1 4PR	0161 480 9252	90
Banks Lane Junior School	C	Mr E Milner	Hempshaw Lane, Stockport SK1 4PR	0161 480 2330	90
Bolshaw Primary School	C	Ms L Brown	Cross Road, Heald Green, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 3LW	0161 437 6886	30
Bradshaw Hall Primary School	# C	Mr C Bagnall	Vernon Close, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 6AN	0161 282 7858	60
Bredbury Green Primary School	# A	Ms H Moorcroft	Clapgate, Romiley, Stockport, SK6 3DG	0161 430 3078	45
Bridge Hall Primary School	# C	Ms A Jamieson	Siddington Avenue, Bridge Hall, Stockport SK3 8NR	0161 480 7889	30
Broadstone Hall Primary School	# C	Mr Taylor	Broadstone Hall Rd, Heaton Chapel, Stockport SK4 5JD	0161 432 1916	75

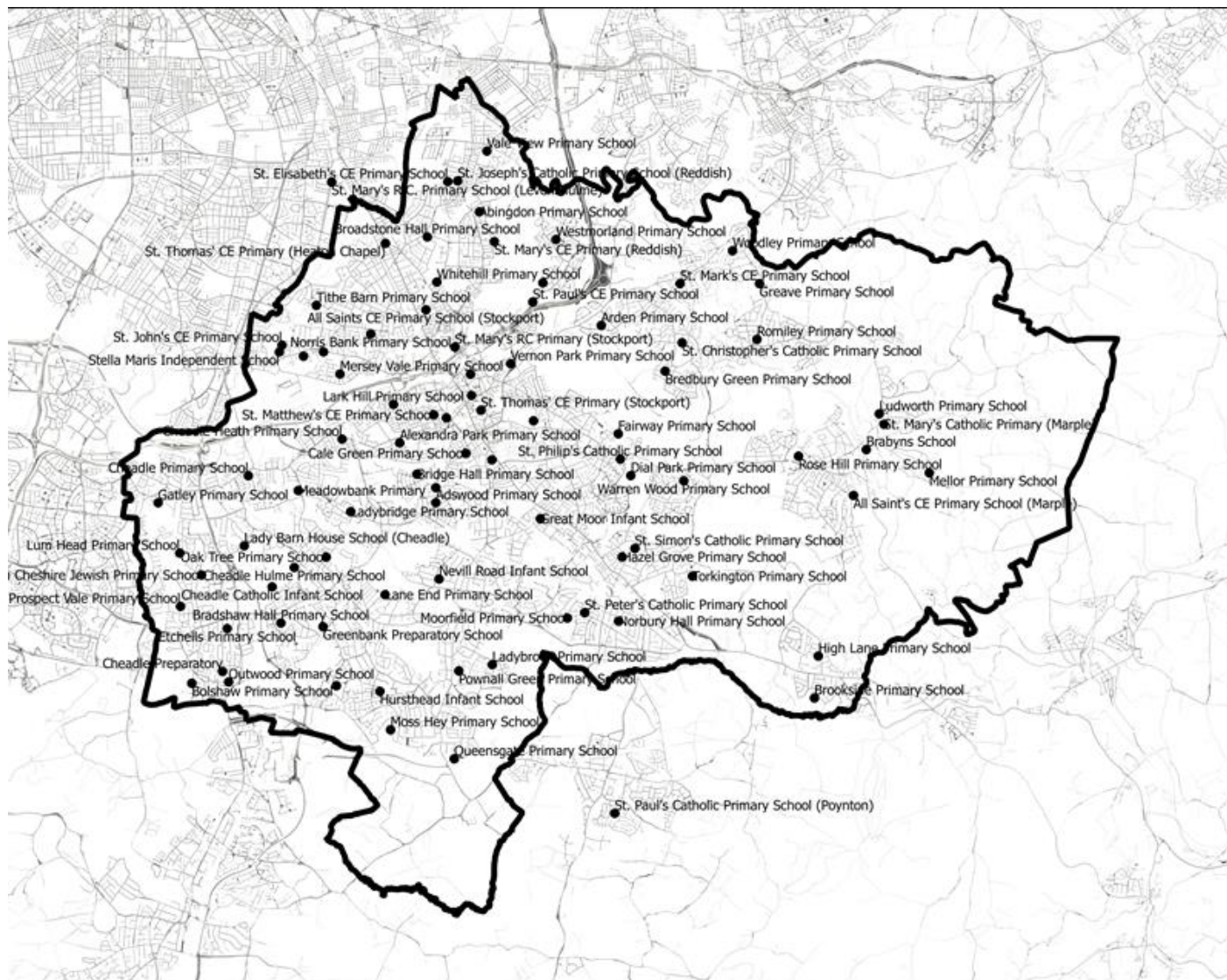
Brookside Primary School	C	Mr R Tavernor	Ashbourne Drive, High Lane, Stockport SK6 8DB	01663 763943	30
Cale Green Primary School	# C	Mrs S McHugh	Shaw Road, Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8JG	0161 480 2715	45
Cheadle Primary School	# C	Ms K Leech	Ashfield Road, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 1BB	0161 428 5026	30
Cheadle Heath Primary School	# C	Miss C Meekley	Edgeley Road, Stockport SK3 0RJ	428 2476	60
Cheadle Hulme Primary School	A		Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5GB	0161 485 7201	60
Cheadle Catholic Infant School	# VA	Ms P Glynn (Acting Head)	Conway Rd, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 6DB	0161 485 8733	90
Cheadle Catholic Junior School	VA	Ms R Fender	Conway Rd, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 6DB	0161 485 3754	90
Dial Park Primary School	C	Mr J Clark	Half Moon Lane, Offerton, Stockport, SK2 5LB	0161 483 1445	45
Didsbury Road Primary School	# C	Ms G Collins	Didsbury Rd, Stockport SK4 3HB	0161 432 2240	60
Etchells Primary School	# C	Ms C Beddows	East Avenue, Finney Lane, Heald Green, Cheadle SK8 3DL	0161 437 1792	60
Fairway Primary School	# C	Ms Alison White	The Fairway, Offerton, Stockport SK2 5DR	0161 483 1873	30
Gatley Primary	# A	Mrs G Norman	Hawthorn Road, Gatley, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 4NB	0161 428 6180	90
Great Moor Infant School	# C	Ms Y Dobson	Southwood Road, Great Moor, Stockport SK2 7DG	0161 483 0242	78
Great Moor Junior School	C	Ms K Bushaway	Southwood Road, Great Moor, Stockport SK2 7DG	0161 483 4987	78
Greave Primary School	C	Ms J Williams	Werneth Road, Greave, Woodley, Stockport SK6 1HR	0161 430 6318	45
Hazel Grove Primary School	# C	Mr A Hossen	Chapel Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 4JH	0161 483 3699	60
High Lane Primary School	# C	Ms A Humphries	Andrew Lane, off Buxton Road, High Lane SK6 8JQ	01663 762378	30
Hursthead Infant School	C	Mrs J Driscoll	Kirkstead Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, SK8 7PZ	0161 439 2238	90
Hursthead Junior School	A	Mrs Kendrick	Kirkstead Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, SK8 7PZ	0161 439 6961	90
Ladybridge Primary School	# C	Ms E Hill	Councillor Lane, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 2JF	0161 428 5445	30
Ladybrook Primary School	# C	Ms D Presswood	Gleneagles Close, Seal Road, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 2LT	0161 439 8444	30

Lane End Primary School	C	Ms C Love	Ramillies Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle SK8 7AL	0161 485 8071	30
Lark Hill Primary School	C	Mr S Kelly	Northgate Road, Edgeley, Stockport SK3 9PH	0161 480 6295	30
Ludworth Primary School	C	Ms V Walker	Lower Fold, Marple Bridge, Stockport SK6 5DU	0161 427 1446	60
Lum Head Primary School	C	Mrs Holmes	Troutbeck Road, Gatley, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 4RR	0161 428 7992	45
Meadowbank Primary School	# A	Mrs J Appleton	Councillor Lane, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 2LE	0161 428 6286	60
Mellor Primary School	# A	Mr J Nicholson	Knowle Road, Mellor, Stockport SK6 5PL	0161 427 1052	30
Mersey Vale Primary School	# C	Ms J Mullane	Valley Rd, Heaton Mersey, Stockport, SK4 2BZ	0161 442 7535	30
Moorfield Primary School	C	Mr P Anderson	Lyndhurst Avenue, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 5HP	0161 483 4521	60
Moss Hey Primary School	C	Ms E Meesham	Eskdale Ave, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 1DS	0161 439 5114	30
Nevill Road Infant School	# C	Mr Whitfield	Nevill Rd, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 3ET	0161 439 4817	90
Nevill Road Junior School	C	Ms J Cliff	Nevill Rd, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 3ET	0161 439 3598	90
Norbury Hall Primary School	# C	Ms J Ames	Shepley Drive, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 6LE	0161 483 1786	60
Norris Bank Primary School	C	Ms E Posner	Green Lane, Heaton Norris, Stockport SK4 2NF	0161 432 3944	60
North Cheshire Jewish Primary School	VA	Mr Lee Mrs Hession (Interim Heads)	St Ann's Road North, Heald Green, Cheadle SK8 4RZ	0161 282 4500	30
Oak Tree Primary School	C	Mrs C Slater	Buckingham Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle SK8 5NA	0161 485 1453	90
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School	VA	Ms A Core	Old Chapel Street, Stockport SK3 9HX	0161 480 5345	30
Outwood Primary School	# C	Ms J Maude	Outwood Road, Heald Green, Cheshire SK8 3ND	0161 437 1715	30
Pownall Green Primary School	C	Ms J Kersh	Bramhall Lane South, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 2EB	0161 439 1105	60
Prospect Vale Primary School	# C	Mr P McDowell	Prospect Vale, off Brown Lane, Heald Green, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 3RJ	0161 437 4226	30
Queensgate Primary School	# C	Ms N Hitchcock	Albany Rd, off Meadway, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 1NE	0161 439 3330	30

Romiley Primary School	# C	Mr A Bassett	Sandy Lane, Romiley, Stockport SK6 4NE	0161 430 3101	60
Rose Hill Primary School	#	Ms H Mastronalaro	Elmfield Drive, Rose Hill, Marple, Stockport SK6 6DW	0161 427 9168	75
St Ambrose Catholic Primary School	VA	Ms H Hilton	Rostrevor Rd, Adswood, Stockport SK3 8LQ	0161 480 8466	30
St Bernadette's Cathoic Primary School	VA	Ms S Jones	Gorseway, off Foliage Rd, Brinnington, Stockport SK5 8AR	0161 430 4601	30
St Christopher's Catholic Primary School	VA	Ms M Waters	Warwick Rd, Romiley, Stockport SK6 3AX	0161 430 4473	30
St Elisabeth's CE Primary School	# A	Mrs B Burrows	St Elisabeth's Way, Reddish, Stockport SK5 6BL	0161 432 5785	45
St George's CE Primary School	VA	Mrs D Grindrod	Buxton Road, Stockport SK2 6NX	0161 480 8657	60
St John's CE Primary School	VC	Mr P Rayner	Poplar Street, Heaton Mersey, Stockport SK4 3DG	0161 442 7424	30
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Stockport)	VA	Mrs A Reeh	St Petersgate, Stockport SK1 1EF	0161 480 5029	25
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Reddish)	# VA	Mrs C Baron	Higginson Road, Reddish, Stockport SK5 6BG	0161 432 5689	70
Bredbury St Mark's CE Primary School	# A	Mrs E Harding	Redhouse Lane, Bredbury, Stockport, SK6 1BX	0161 430 3418	30
St Mary's CE Primary School	VC	Mrs E Irvin	Broomfield Drive Sth. Reddish, Stockport SK5 7DR	0161 480 4736	30
St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Marple)	A	Mr P Ackers	Lowry Drive, Marple Bridge, Stockport SK6 5BR	0161 427 7498	30
St Mary's RC Primary School (Stockport)	VA	Mrs M Bowden	Roman Rd, Stockport, SK4 1RF	0161 480 5319	24
St Matthew's CE Primary School	# C	Mr S Murphy	Bowdon Street, Edgeley, Stockport SK3 9EA	0161 474 7110	30
St Paul's CE Primary School	# VC	Miss J Harrington	Brinnington Rise, Stockport SK5 8AA	0161 480 5403	60
St Peter's Catholic Primary School	VA	Mr K Platt	Carisbrooke Avenue, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 5PL	0161 483 2431	30
St Philip's Catholic Primary School	VA	Ms Cahill	Half Moon Lane, Offerton, Stockport SK2 5LB	0161 483 0977	30
St Simon's Catholic Primary School	# VA	Ms R Crisp	Bosden Avenue, off Bosdenfold Ave, Hazel Grove SK7 4LH	0161 483 9696	30

St Thomas CE Primary School (Heaton Chapel)	VA	Ms L Loynes	Wellington Rd North, Heaton Chapel, Stockport SK4 4QG	0161 432 6809	90
St Thomas CE Primary School (Stockport)	# VC	Mr P Sanchez	Marriott Street, Stockport, SK1 3PJ	0161 480 4742	30
St Winifred's RC Primary School	VA	Ms A M O'Dwyer	Didsbury Rd, Stockport SK4 3JH	0161 432 5782	60
Thorn Grove Primary School	# C	Ms S Denford	Woodstock Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 7LD	0161 485 1177	30
Tithe Barn Primary School	C	Ms K Muncaster	Mauldeth Rd, Heaton Moor, Stockport SK4 3NG	0161 432 4941	30
Torkington Primary School	# C	Mr A Buckler	Torkington Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 6NR	0161 483 2188	30
Vale View Primary School	C	Mr M Harding	Mill Lane, North Reddish, Stockport SK5 6TP	0161 221 0118	75
Vernon Park Primary School	# C	Ms C Lee	Peak Street, Stockport SK1 2NF	0161 480 4378	45
Warren Wood Primary School	C	Mrs E Reyes	Turnstone Road, Offerton, Stockport SK2 5XU	0161 456 8171	60
Westmorland Primary School	# C	Mr M Henderson	Westmorland Drive, Brinnington, Stockport SK5 8HH	0161 406 9405	75
Whitehill Primary School	# C	Mr S Hall	Whitehill Street West, Heaton Norris, Stockport SK4 1PB	0161 480 2142	30
Woodford Primary School	A	Ms E Drake	1 Saunders Roe Way, Woodford, Stockport SK7 1GX	0161 549 7100	30
Woodley Primary School	# C	Ms E Richardson	Sherwood Rd, Woodley, Stockport SK6 1LH	0161 430 6609	60

Location of Primary Schools in Stockport



For help and advice about school admissions, please telephone our frontline team at the Contact Centre:

Tel: 0161 217 6022

More complex matters may be referred to the Admissions Support and Advice Team via admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk

An interpreting service is available, if you need help with this information.

Please telephone Stockport Interpreting Unit on 0161 477 9000. Email: eds.admin@stockport.gov.uk

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