

# Admission to primary school

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This booklet contains important information for parents/carers of children who will start school or move to Junior School in 2009. The form for completion is at the back of the booklet.



If you have any queries related to this booklet, or questions that are not answered reading it, please contact a member of Medway Council's Admissions Team. Details are listed on Page 1.

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## Dear Parent\Carer

Starting full time at primary school is an exciting time for your child but can sometimes be an anxious time for you. Visiting our primary schools is an excellent way to reassure yourself. You can find out about opportunities available to help your child be the very best learner she/he can be and look round the school as well as talk to the headteacher. Medway primary schools are there to help give your child the very best start possible.

In Medway we want children to aspire, achieve and be ambitious for more. Each of our primary schools will be working with you and your child in achieving his or her potential.

Please read the information booklet carefully. You will then be in the best position to express your preferences with knowledge and confidence. The admission team are at hand to assist with further advice and help.

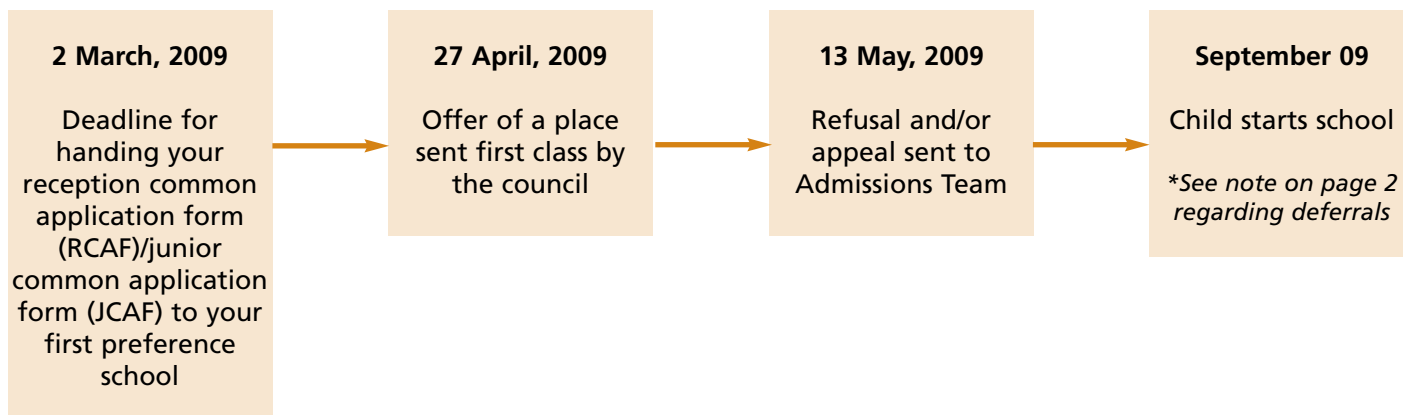
With every best wish to you and your children.



*Rose Collins*

Director, Children and Adults - Learning and Caring Directorate

This booklet will help you find a place in a Medway infant, junior or primary school for your child. The flowchart below gives key dates for the process.



Failure to hand a form in by the deadline will seriously affect your child's chances of gaining entry to the desired school.

## Contacts

### The Admissions Team

Phone: 01634 331110

Email: admissions@medway.gov.uk

### The Transport and Benefits Team

Phone: 01634 331155

Email: schoolstransportandfreemeals@medway.gov.uk

## Further information

The Admission Team works within the guidelines set out in the schools admission code and the schools appeals code. These are available online at [www.dcsf.gov.uk/sacode](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/sacode). They are written and produced by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF).

## Medway primary schools

### We have:

- infant schools for children aged 4-7 years;
- junior schools for children aged 7-11 years;
- primary schools for children aged 4-11 years;
- There are 85 infant, junior and primary schools in Medway.

## Types of school

### Community schools

There are 68 community schools. These are provided for and maintained by the council. The council is responsible for admission to these schools.

### Voluntary controlled schools

There are seven voluntary controlled schools. These were founded by voluntary bodies, usually religious, but are now maintained by the council. The council is responsible for admissions to these schools.

Please note that applicants for these schools should ensure they complete the appropriate part four of the reception common application form (RCAF) or junior common application form (JCAF). This will indicate whether or not you wish to be considered under the criteria of denominational. Ticking the no box will give you a **lower** priority for a place.

### Voluntary aided schools

There are 10 voluntary aided schools. These are also founded by voluntary bodies, usually religious. The council is involved with the schools but the individual governing bodies have much greater powers. These powers include responsibility for admissions. If you are applying for a Reception year place in one of these schools you must complete the relevant section on page 4 of the RCAF to indicate religious affiliation.

It is also vital that you read the criteria relating to the school carefully (see page 5 to 9) and ensure you forward to the school all the necessary information and complete all supplementary forms. If you are applying for two voluntary aided schools then you must complete the whole procedure for **both** schools as information is not exchanged.



## Starting school in Medway

### Reception year

This is the year in which your child reaches compulsory school age. Children who have their fifth birthday between 1 September, 2009 and 31 August, 2010 normally start at primary school in a reception class in September 2009.

When listing schools on the RCAF, you are advised to check with the headteacher or admissions whether the school has been able to admit all applicants in the past. If you are applying for a school which has been over-subscribed in the past, you would be wise to name two schools on your RCAF.

Parents should note that many schools take pupils, particularly younger children, on a part-time basis initially. The period for part-time attendance varies and individual schools should be contacted if further details are needed.

### Deferrals

If you are offered a place for your child to start at any school in September 2009, you may defer that place until the start of the third term in January 2010 and your place will be held for you.

If your child has a birthday that falls between 1 April and 31 August you can opt to miss the reception year entirely and ask for a place in Year 1 at the start of September 2010. However, a place cannot be guaranteed for your child and cannot be held. Please speak to admissions about this option.

### Transfer to junior schools

If your child is in an infant school at the end of Year 2 they should transfer to a junior school. The majority of Medway's infant schools are paired with a junior school. This means that your child will have a priority place in a particular junior school, although you can opt for another junior school. An offer of a place at an alternative school will be dependent upon places being available. Paired schools are detailed on page 12.

The children transferring in September, 2009 will be those with a birth date between 1 September, 2001 and 31 August, 2002. Transfer will be at the start of term one in 2009. You will still need to complete a



junior common application form (JCAF) and return to your preferred school.

### Applying for Year 3 Primary School places

If your child is at an infant school then you will be applying for junior schools on your preference form. This process does not include applications to **primary schools** – that is a school that is not separated into infants and juniors but starts at reception and continues to Year 6.

If you wish to enter your child into Year 3 of a primary (all through) school then you must call the school direct and check on the availability of places.

### Children wishing to transfer from Year 2 of a primary school to Year 3 of an alternative school

If your child attends an all-through Reception year to Year 6 primary school but you wish to transfer them to another school from Year 3, then you must complete the JCAF if you wish to be considered for a junior school or contact any alternative primary school direct.

If you require more information or help please phone, the Admissions Team

### Applying for a place

#### Putting your name on a school list

Many parents have visited schools and put their child's name on a list. This is a list of people for the school to send forms and details to. It does not provide any guarantee of a place. The allocation process is via the completion of the RCAF/JCAF and is carried out by the Admissions Team.

#### Children at attached nursery or pre-school.

No priority is given to children attending a school nursery class, or an attached childcare provision or one that is situated on school grounds.

#### Applying for both infant and junior places

Please note that there is no cross referencing between applications from the same household or family for concurrent infant and junior applications.

#### Reception common application form (RCAF) and junior common application form (JCAF)

When you are applying for your child's place, you will need to complete the RCAF if applying for a reception year place and a JCAF if applying for a junior school place.

On the form you may list two schools in order of preference. Completed forms should be sent to the school listed as your first preference by 2 March, 2009.

Please do not complete more than one form as this creates duplicates and causes delays.

#### Applying online

Please go to [www.medway.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.medway.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for the eform and details about completion.



### **Your home address**

You need to give your home address on the application form. The home address must be your **child's** normally lives and not a place where your child might stay or sleep on certain days of the week due to domestic or special arrangements.

If you and your partner are separated and your child sleeps at two addresses equally then you may choose either address. However, you will not be able to change to the alternative address at a later stage. The Admission Team may verify this address.

### **Measuring distance**

Medway Council uses a geographical information system to obtain distance to the school. This is used for all applicants.

### **Fraudulent information**

If you provide incorrect address information then we can, and will, withdraw the place. If you believe someone has gained a place using false information then contact the Admissions Team. We will not disclose your details to any other parties involved.

Should your address be queried and subsequently investigated by The Admissions Team, the onus will be on parents to provide evidence of residency.

### **Applying for schools in Kent if you live in Medway**

Medway residents who want a Kent school should complete a Kent application form available from Kent Admissions on 01622 696565. If you are applying for schools in both Kent and Medway you will need to complete forms for both areas.

### **Applying for Medway schools if you live in Kent**

Follow the same procedure as above; complete a Medway form for Medway schools even if you live in Kent.

### **Siblings/current family association**

Your child can only qualify for entry under this criteria if their sibling is at the school that you are applying for at the point of application and will still be attending the school when the child for whom you are applying starts. This means that if you are applying for an **infant** school and the sibling is currently in Year 2 then you would not qualify. If you are applying for a Year 3 place at a **junior** school and the older sibling is currently in Year 6 then you would not qualify.

Not all schools have a criteria that gives siblings a priority. Please see the information on page 5 for clarification of sibling under current family association. Please check the school details.

### **Reception year applicants with siblings at or going to junior school**

The sibling must be at the same school, not at the paired school, if you would like a place at an infant school and have a sibling who is or will be attending the paired junior school then this does **not** qualify under sibling criteria.

### **Late forms (RCAF/JCAF)**

If you were resident in Medway on and before the closing date of March 2, 2009 but failed to meet this deadline, then late applications are not dealt with until re-allocation in late May.

If you have moved into the area then we will accept late applications up to April 3, 2009. These will be dealt with together with those received by the deadline.

However, if applications are received after this date they will be held over until re-allocation in late May.

### **Allocation of places**

#### **How places are allocated in a school**

Each school has a published admission number (PAN) that states how many pupils can be admitted into each year group. The PAN for each school can be found on pages 12 to 16.

If the number of applications is higher than the number of places available, the oversubscription criteria will determine which pupils can be offered a place. Details of these criteria are on pages 5 to 9.

It is important that you look carefully at the over-subscription criteria as this determines what priority your child will have for a place.

#### **Offer of places**

You will receive a letter with an offer of a place. This offer will be sent from Medway Council on 27 April, 2009 and should be received on Saturday, 28 April, 2009.

Your child will then start school in September 2009 (unless you choose to defer as detailed on page 2).

If you have any problems or need further advice, contact a member of the Admissions Team.

### **Change of address**

If you wish to change address details on your preference form you can do this until 2 March, 2009. However, **no** changes can then be made until after allocation in April 2009. If you need to change details after allocation you must provide evidence in the form of a solicitor's letter showing that contracts have already been exchanged or a rental agreement, the council will then change your address.

## Changes of preference

You may change your preferences up to 2 March but not after this date.

## What to do if the school does not give you a place

In the majority of cases, you will be offered a place for your child in your preferred school. However, if a school has more applicants than there are spaces, the school will have to refuse some children places.

- We will try to find an acceptable alternative for your child. You will be offered the nearest school to your home address with a space available.
- We will explain how you can appeal against the decision not to offer you a place at your preferred school.
- We will explain the way in which you can place your child's name on a waiting list.

## Appeal

Details of the appeal process for the school will be sent to you. An appeal gives you the right to an independent hearing.

Once an appeal for a place has been determined there can be no further application to that particular school in that academic year, unless there have been significant and material changes relevant to a further application.

## Choosing to educate your child at home

You may choose to educate your child at home. You will need to contact the inclusion manager at Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham ME4 4TR for details. We have a duty to ensure appropriate provision is made in these circumstances. Full details of your arrangements will be requested and monitoring visits will be made.

## Getting your child to school

Most primary school children live within walking distance of their schools. However, some may have to travel further and they could be entitled to free transport. This will usually be in the form of a season ticket for public transport or a seat on a bus/vehicle hired by Medway Council. Travel assistance is offered for children under eight-years-old if they live more than two miles from the school which the council regards as the nearest appropriate school. For children aged eight and over the distance is three miles. In addition, eight to eleven-year-olds from low income families are entitled to free home to school transport. They must live more than two miles from their nearest appropriate school.

Low income families are defined by children who are entitled to free school meals or parents that receive the maximum level of working tax credit. Proof of this benefit will need to be provided.

A child would be entitled to receive free school meals if the parent/carer receives:

- income support;
- job seeker's allowance (income-based);
- the guarantee element of state pension credit;
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- child tax credit, but not working tax credit and whose annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £15,575.

Distances are measured by the shortest available walking route. We will use an electronic geographical information system to establish these distances.

The Transport and Benefits Team can give you further advice if necessary. Its contact details are listed on page 1.

If you decide to send your child to a school which is not your nearest appropriate school, then the council will be unable to offer transport assistance.

## Transport assistance on denominational grounds

If your child attends a voluntary aided or controlled church school on denominational grounds the council may count this as the nearest appropriate school. It may offer transport assistance if you live over the two or three mile distances from the school. If you apply for travel assistance on denominational grounds you will need to provide written confirmation from the appropriate church that your child is a regular practising member of a church of the same denomination as the school concerned.

## Childcare provision

Many schools already run breakfast and after school clubs and many more will be setting them up over the next few years. To find out more about childcare provision, phone 335566.



## Admission criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools

### All schools

Places must first be offered to those children with statements of special educational needs where the school is named.

### Community and voluntary controlled schools

If the school is oversubscribed, the council will allot places using the following oversubscription criteria, listed in priority order:

- children in public care;
- attendance at the paired infant school or schools. Details of the pairing between schools are given on page 12 of this booklet;
- current family association. A brother or sister in the school at the time of application. Brother or sister are here defined as a natural brother or sister, adopted siblings, foster brother or sister or those who live as brother and sister at the same house. Please see additional information on page 3;
- denominational preference. For church controlled schools - it is vital you read the details on page 1 and complete the necessary information on the RCAF/JCAF;
- child's health reasons. Medical evidence must be provided which demonstrates a specific health

reason that requires a child to attend the preferred school;

- nearness of the child's homes and ease of access to schools. (See note).

If there is a tie with any of the above criteria, then distance from home to the school would be used as the tie-breaker.

### Note:

For all community and voluntary controlled schools except Halling Primary School, distance from the home to the school (by the shortest safe walking route) is used to prioritise applications. The closer the child lives to the school, the higher the priority will be.

For Halling an access area has been identified. Children who live in two specific areas will have a priority. Places are first offered to children living in Upper Halling, which includes Lads Farm and Clements Farm areas. Secondly, places are offered to those children living in Halling including Formby Cottages to the north and Ladds Lane to the south. Any remaining places are offered on the nearness of the child's home to the school.

For further explanation of what the criteria mean and how they operate please contact a member of the Admissions Team.

## Oversubscription criteria for voluntary aided schools

### Voluntary Aided Schools

For all VA schools the following applies; places must first be offered to those children with statements of special educational needs where the school is named.

Sibling is defined under current family association under bullet point 3 under Admission criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools.

### English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School Admissions Policy and Procedures 2009-10

Where the number of applications exceeds 30, the Governors will offer places using the following criteria in the order stated:

1. Looked After Catholic Children or Looked After Children in the care of Catholic families.
2. Baptised Catholic children. Evidence of Baptism will be required as will the level of family commitment to the faith as demonstrated by attendance at mass.
3. Children enrolled in the catechumenate (preparing to become Catholics). Evidence of enrolment in the catechumenate will be required.
4. Other Looked After Children.
5. Children who are members of Eastern Orthodox Churches. Evidence of Baptism will be required.

6. Children of families who are committed members of other Christian denominations that are part of Churches Together in England. Evidence of Baptism (or dedication) provided by a priest or minister of a designated place of worship will be required.
7. Children of other faiths. Evidence of religious commitment provided by a priest, minister or religious leader of a designated place of worship will be required.
8. Any other children.

The following order of priorities will be applied when applications within any of the above categories exceed the places available and it is necessary to decide between applications.

1. For Category 2 above - The strength of evidence of commitment to the faith as demonstrated by the level of the family's Mass attendance on Sundays. This evidence must be provided by the parents/carers and be endorsed by a priest at the church(es) where the family normally worship.
2. A brother or sister (through blood, marriage or adoption) on the school roll at the time of admission. Evidence of the relationship may be required.

3. Social and medical needs which make the school particularly suitable for the child in question. Strong and relevant evidence must be provided by an appropriate professional authority (e.g. qualified medical practitioner, education welfare officer, social worker or priest).
4. Distance from home to school, as provided by Medway LA. Evidence of residence may be required.

**Note:**

Catholics include members of the Latin and Oriental Rite Churches that are in union with the Bishop of Rome. Reference to other Christian denominations refers to denominations that are full members of Churches Together in England.

### St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

#### Admission Policy

1. There will be a single intake of 30 children in September 2009 for the children born between 1 September, 2004 and 31 August, 2005.
2. The School operates an over subscription criteria, in a priority order. Details are included at Clause 4 below.
3. St Augustine's School is a Catholic (Aided) school and its mission is to provide a Catholic education for its pupils. All parents are therefore expected to recognise and accept the Catholic ethos of the School when accepting a place at the school for their children.
4. If the number of preferences received via the co-ordinated scheme is more than 30, places will be allocated in the following priority order:
  - a) Baptised children in Public Care.
  - b) Children baptised in the Roman Catholic faith.
  - c) Other children in Public Care.
  - d) Non Catholic brother and sisters of children already attending the school and still inattendance at the time of admission.
  - e) Children who have pastoral, medical or social special need requirements. Such applications must be supported in writing by a letter from an acceptable authority.
  - f) Other non Catholic children whose parents express a wish for a Catholic education.
  - g) Other children not included in the above whose home location is closest to the School, measured by the safest walking distance from/to home/school.

\*The term 'brothers and sisters' is defined as a 'natural brother and or/sister (including adopted siblings), step brother or sister, foster brother or

sister and those who live as brother and sister in the same house'.

In the event of tie within the criterion, the Governing Body will give consideration to the location of the child's home to the school. Priority will be given to the nearest location to the school, within the Order of Admissions above.

### St Benedicts Catholic Primary School

#### Admission policy

If the number of preferences received via the co-ordinated scheme is more than the 30 places, places will be, allocated in the following order.

1. Catholic children in public care.
2. Baptised Catholic children whose parents are active Catholic.
3. Baptised Catholic children who have previously attended a Catholic school.
4. Baptised Catholic children whose parents desire a Catholic education for their child.
5. Children in public care.
6. Baptised children whose parents are practising members of Churches Together in England churches. (This should be supported by a Minister's letter).
7. Children of other faiths whose parents wish them to receive a Christian education. (This should be supported by a letter).
8. Children whose parents wish them to receive a Christian education.
9. Children who live nearest the school.

For each category, the presence of a brother or sister at the school at the time of application will give priority within that category. Distance used by Medway Council will be used in all categories for rank order.

Children born between 1 September and 31 August inclusive will be admitted in a single intake in September.

**Notes:**

For each category the presence of a brother or sister at the school at the time of application will increase priority within that category. The definition of a brother or sister, foster brother or sister and those who live as brother or sister in the same house.

All children will need to provide the school with a baptismal certificate.

### St James Church of England Primary School

If the number of preferences received via the co-ordinated scheme is more than 30, places will be offered in the following priority order:

- (a) Looked After Children who are baptised Christians.
- (b) Looked After Children.

- (c) Children of parents who can demonstrate that they are currently active members of a denomination within Churches Together in England.
- (d) Current family association – brother or sister at school at the time of admission. The definition of this includes stepbrothers and sisters and children living as a family unit.
- (e) Demonstrable family connection with the Church of England such as Baptism or Church attendance.
- (f) Child's health reasons – a medical certificate will be required.
- (g) Nearness of children's homes to the school – places will go first to all of those who live closest to the school by the nearest walking route as measured on a map.

In cases of over subscription, parents can ask for the children's names to be placed on a waiting list held by the LA for a place at the school where they have been offered a place at a school they ranked lower on their CAF. The children will be ranked according to the school's over subscription criteria and the coordinated scheme and not according to the date when the child's name was added to the list.

### St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

#### Over subscription criteria

1. Catholic children in public care. (Evidence of Baptism will be required).
2. Baptised Catholic children, whose parents are active, committed Catholics. (Evidence of Baptism will be required).
3. Baptised Catholic children who have previously attended a Catholic school. (Evidence of Baptism will be required).
4. Baptised Catholic children for whom there is evidence that their parents desire a Catholic education. (Evidence of Baptism will be required).
5. Children in public care.
6. Christian children whose parents are active members of 'Churches Together in England' churches. (This should be supported by a Ministers letter evidence of Baptism will be required).
7. Children of other faiths whose parents wish them to receive a Christian education. (This should be supported by a letter and evidence of Baptism or Dedication will be required).
8. Children whose parents wish them to receive a Christian education. (This should be supported by a letter)
9. Children who live nearest the school.
  - In the event of a tie within any criterion, priority will be given first to those with brother or sister\*



at the school at the time of admission and secondly, on nearness to the school determined as the shortest available walking route.

- \* The term brother or sister is defined as a 'natural brother or sister (including adopted siblings), step brother or sister, foster brother or sister and those who live as brother or sister in the same house'.
- Note - Catholics include members of the Latin and Oriental Rite churches that are in union with the Bishop of Rome.

### St Mary's Island CE Primary School

Places must first be offered to those children with statements of special educational needs where the school is named.

If the number of preferences received via the co-ordinated scheme is more than the number of places available, children in public care will have priority in both categories 1) and 2) below.

- 1) If there are more applicants for the one-third church places than places available, preference will be given to children from families who are on the electoral rolls of St Mark's Gillingham (which includes the ecumenical Church on St Mary's Island), and of St Luke's Gillingham, our Foundation churches, and then of any other Anglican churches. Any remaining places will be offered to children from those families who, in the opinion of the governing body of the school, demonstrate the highest level of Christian commitment as evidenced by the Church Leaders. In the event of a tie, the criterion of nearness to the school will apply. If the church places are undersubscribed, any spare places will be offered as below.
- 2) The remaining two-thirds of places will be allocated in the following order of priority:



- a) Siblings of children in school at the time of entry. (A 'sibling' is defined as any child living permanently within the same family.)
- b) Other island residents.
- c) Those not resident on the Island. In the event of a tie within (b) or (c) above, preference will be given to those who live nearest to the school.

For Island residents, this will be measured as the crow flies. For non-island residents, distance will be measured by road.

### St Michael's RC Primary School

1. Looked after Catholic children and non-Catholic children looked after in the care of Catholic families.
2. Baptised Catholic children. \*
3. Looked after non Catholic children
4. Brother or sister of child presently attending St Michael's RCP School and in attendance at the time of admission.
5. Baptised Christians. \*\*
6. Other children whose parents wish them to attend St Michael's RCP School.

\* Catholics include members of the Latin and Oriental Rite Churches that are in union with the Bishop of Rome. Enrolled members of the Catechumenate will also be considered in the category.

\*\* Reference to the other Christian denominations refers to denominations that are full members of the Churches together in England (CTE).

In the event of oversubscription in any 1 category, decisions to offer a place will be based on the information supplied in our Supplementary Form and, if necessary, the distance between the child's home address and the school will be taken into consideration.

Children born between 1 September and 31 August inclusive will be admitted in September. Parents have the right to defer entry to school until the beginning of the term after their child's 5th birthday.

### St Thomas of Canterbury RC Primary School

This Catholic school is so situated as to provide a Catholic education for the Rainham Parish. Please note that in the case of Catholic children a baptism certificate must be provided as evidence of catholicity.

1. Looked after Catholic children and looked after children in the care of Catholic families.
2. Baptised Catholic children within the parish. (Parish boundary map available at St Thomas church).
3. Baptised Catholic children, outside the designated area.
4. Other looked after children.
5. Non-Catholic brothers and sisters of children already in the school and in attendance at the time of admission. (See note below)
6. Other non-Catholic children whose parents express a wish for Catholic education.
7. Any special pastoral, medical or social need of an individual child as supported in writing by a relevant practitioner. (E.g. clergy, doctor, social worker) This evidence should be disclosed at the time of application.
8. Tie-break. When applications within any of the above criteria exceed the places available and it is necessary to decide between applications the nearness of the child's home to the school will be used to decide the priority given.

Note: 'brother or sister' is defined as: a 'natural brother or sister (including adopted siblings), step brother or sister, foster brother or sister and those who live as brother or sister in the same house'

### St Thomas More RC Primary School

1. Catholic children in public care.
2. Baptised Catholic children whose parents are active Catholic.
3. Baptised Catholic children who have previously attended a Catholic school.

4. Baptised Catholic children whose parents desire a Catholic education for their child.
- 5 Children in public care.
6. Baptised children whose parents are practising members of Churches Together in England churches. (This should be supported by a Minister's letter).
7. Children of other faiths whose parents wish them to receive a Christian education. (This should be supported by a letter).
8. Children whose parents wish them to receive a Christian education.
9. Children who live nearest the school.

For each category, the presence of a brother or sister at the school at the time of application will give priority within that category. Distance used by Medway Council will be used in all categories for rank order.

Children born between 1 September and 31 August inclusive will be admitted in a single intake in September.

### St William of Perth Catholic Primary School

If the number of preferences received via the co-ordinated scheme is more than 30, places will be allocated in the following priority order:

1. Looked after Catholic children.
2. Baptised Catholic children.
3. Other looked after children
4. Children of families who are practicing members of Churches Together in England and Wales. Evidence of baptism (or dedication) and of religious commitment provided by a priest/minister where the family worship will be required.
5. Children of other faiths whose parents wish them to receive a Christian education. Evidence of religious commitment provided by a priest, minister or religious leader where the family regularly worship will be required.
6. Any other children

The following order of priorities will be applied when applications within any of the above categories exceed the places available and it is necessary to decide between applications:

- For Category 1 above this includes Catholic children in the care of non-Catholic families and non-Catholic children in the care of Catholic families.
- For Category 2 above, the strength of evidence of commitment to the faith as demonstrated by the level of the family's Mass attendance on Sundays. This evidence must be provided by the parents or

guardians and be endorsed by a priest at the church(es) where the family normally worship. Higher priority will be given to those with a higher frequency of Mass attendance.

- For Category 4 and 5 above, the strength of evidence of commitment to the faith as demonstrated by the level of the family's attendance at services. This evidence must be provided by the parents or guardians and be endorsed by a priest or minister at the church(es) where the family normally worship. Higher priority will be given to those with a higher frequency of Church attendance.
- For each category the presence of a brother or sister at the school at the time of application will increase priority within that category. The definition of a brother or sister being a natural brother or sister (including adopted siblings), step brother or sister, foster brother or sister and those who live as brother and sister in the same house.
- Children who have special medical or social grounds for attending the school. (A letter from a doctor or other appropriately qualified person explaining why the school is necessary for the pupil must be sent to the school)
- Distance from home to the school, measured by the shortest available walking route.(as measured by Medways mapping system).
- A waiting list is automatically generated for those whose application is unsuccessful based on the above criteria.
- For admissions to years 1 to 6 the above criteria is also applied.



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Glencoe Junior	Chatham	J	C	12
Gordon Infant	Strood	I	C	15
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Horsted Infant	Chatham	I	C	12
Horsted Junior	Chatham	J	C	12
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Riverside Primary	Rainham	P	C	14
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Sherwin Knight Community Infant	Strood	I	C	15
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Skinner Street Primary	Gillingham	P	C	12
Spinnens Acre Junior	Lordswood	J	C	14
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary	Rainham	P	VA	14
St Benedict's RC Primary	Lordswood	P	VA	14
St Helen's CE Primary	Hoo	P	VC	14
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St John's CE VC Infant	Chatham	I	VC	12
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St Mary's Catholic Primary	Gillingham	P	VA	12
St Mary's Island CEA Primary	Gillingham	P	VA	12
St Michael's RC Primary	Chatham	P	VA	13
St Nicholas CE VC Infant	Strood	I	VC	16
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St Thomas More RC Primary	Walderslade	P	VA	16
St Thomas of Canterbury RC Primary	Twydall	P	VA	16
St William of Perth RC Primary	Rochester	P	VA	15
Stoke Community Primary	Hoo	P	C	14
Swingate Infant	Lordswood	I	C	14
Temple Mill Primary	Strood	P	C	16
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Twydall Infant	Twydall	I	C	16
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## Paired schools

### Pairing

The following provides details of the pairing between infant schools and junior schools. Children transferring from the infant school in Year 2 will be considered under the criteria of "attendance at a paired school".

<b>Infant schools:</b>	<b>paired with:</b>	<b>Infant schools:</b>	<b>paired with:</b>
Balfour Infant	Balfour Junior	Lordswood Infant	Lordswood Junior
Barnsole Infant	Barnsole Junior	Luton Infant	Luton Junior
Blight Infant	Bligh Junior	Oaklands Infant	Oaklands Junior
Cuxton Community Infant	Cuxton Community Junior	Parkwood Infant	Parkwood Junior
Delce Infant	Delce Junior	Sherwin Knight Infant	Sherwin Knight Junior
Featherby Infant	Featherby Junior	St Margaret's Infant	St Margaret's CE VC Junior
Gordon Infant	Gordon Junior	St Nicholas CE VC Infant	Unpaired
Greenvale Infant	Glencoe Junior	St John's CE VC Infant	Unpaired
Hempstead Infant	Hempstead Junior	St Peters Infant	Unpaired
Horsted Infant	Horsted Junior	Swingate Infant	Spinnens Acre Junior
		Thames View Infant	Thames View Junior
		Twydall Infant	Twydall Junior

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### Area: Chatham

School name and address	DFES No.	Phone	Headteacher	Age range	PAN	School type
All Saints CE Primary School Magpie Hall Road, Chatham ME4 5JY	887 3093	01634 338922	Mrs J Hill	4-11	45	VC
Balfour Infant School Pattens Lane, Rochester ME1 2QT	887 2215	01634 338280	Mrs B Padmore	4-7	90	C
Balfour Junior School Balfour Road, Chatham ME4 6QX	887 2214	01634 843833	Mr P Bell	7-11	120	C
Glencoe Junior School Glencoe Road, Chatham ME4 5QD	887 2196	01634 829009	Mr M Love	7-11	60	C
Greenvale Infant School Symons Avenue, Chatham ME4 5UP	887 2198	01634 409521	Miss E Caldwell	4-7	60	C
Horsted Infant School Barberry Avenue, Chatham ME5 9TF	887 2439	01634 863395	Mrs L Wainwright	4-7	60	C
Horsted Junior School Barberry Avenue, Chatham ME5 9TF	887 2506	01634 861794	Mrs W Sykes	7-11	60	C
Luton Infant School Alexandra Road, Chatham ME4 5AP	887 2201	01634 843019	Mrs S Lythgoe	4-7	100	C
Luton Junior School Luton Road, Chatham ME4 5AW	887 2199	01634 844149	Miss J Oliver	7-11	100	C
New Road Primary School and Nursery Unit Bryant Street, Chatham ME4 5QN	887 2202	01634 843084	Mrs J Perry	4-11	40	C
St John's CE Voluntary Controlled Infant School 4 New Street, Chatham ME4 6RH	887 3095	01634 844135	Mrs D Keating	4-7	30	VC

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St Michael's RC Primary School # Hills Terrace, Chatham ME4 6PX	887 3712	01634 337420	Mrs M Murphy	4-11	56	VA
Wayfield Community Primary School and Nursery Unit Wayfield Road, Chatham ME5 0HH	887 2668	01634 843544	Mrs V Rose	4-11	30	C

### Area: Gillingham

Barnsole Infant School Sturdee Avenue Gillingham ME7 2JE	887 2396	01634 852976	Mrs A Pullen	4-7	90	C
Barnsole Junior School Barnsole Road, Gillingham ME7 2JG	887 2394	01634 852983	Mr S Land	7-11	90	C
Brompton Westbrook Primary School Kings Bastion, Brompton, Gillingham ME7 5DQ	887 2646	01634 844152	Mrs J Heyes	4-11	45	C
Burnt Oak Primary School Cornwall Road, Gillingham ME7 1LS	887 3760	01634 852991	Mrs G Perry	4-11	60	C
Byron Primary School Byron Road, Gillingham ME7 5XX	887 2644	01634 852981	Mr J Fernie	4-11	75	C
Napier Community Primary and Nursery School Napier Road, Gillingham ME7 4HG	887 2406	01634 574920	Mrs Z Slade	4-11	60	C
Saxon Way Primary School Church Path, Ingram Road, Gillingham ME7 1SJ	887 2686	01634 852320	Mrs L Andrews	4-11	30	C
Skinner Street Primary School Skinner Street, Gillingham ME7 1LG	887 2408	01634 850213	Ms J Tucker	4-11	60	C
St Mary's Catholic Primary School # Greenfield Road, Gillingham ME7 1YH	887 3755	01634 855783	Mrs B Long	4-11	60	VA
St Mary's Island CE Primary School # Island Way West, St Mary's Island ME4 3ST	887 3756	01634 891050	Mrs S Day	4-11	60	VA
Woodlands Primary School Woodlands Road, Gillingham ME7 2DU	887 2412	01634 338778	Mr N Fiddaman	4-11	60	C

### Area: Hoo Peninsula

Allhallows Primary School Avery Way, Allhallows, Rochester ME3 9HR	887 2570	01634 270705	Mrs B Beckhelling	4-11	30	C
Chattenden Primary School Chattenden Lane, Chattenden, Rochester ME3 8LF	887 2209	01634 250861	Mrs H Walding	4-11	30	C
Cliffe Woods Primary School, View Road Cliffe Woods, Rochester ME3 8UJ	887 2588	01634 220822	Mr T Watson	4-11	45	C
High Halstow Primary School, Harrison Drive High Halstow, Rochester ME3 8TF	887 2421	01634 251098	Mrs P Sanford	4-11	30	C
Hoo St Werburgh Primary School and Marlborough Centre Pottery Road, Hoo St Werburgh Rochester ME3 9BS	887 2213	01634 338040	Miss J. Trickett	4-11	60	C

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St Helen's CE Primary School Church Street, Cliffe, Rochester ME3 7PU	887 3096	01634 220246	Mrs V Barr	4-11	30	VC
St James' CE VA Primary School # High Street, Isle of Grain, Rochester ME3 0BS	887 3327	01634 270341	Mrs S Gray	4-11	30	VA
Stoke Community School, Allhallows Road Lower Stoke, Rochester ME3 9SL	887 2194	01634 270268	Mrs C Cassettari	4-11	20	C
<b>Area: Lordswood</b>						
Lordswood Infant School Lordswood Lane, Lordswood ME5 8NN	887 2448	01634 861525	Mrs A Campbell	4-7	60	C
Lordswood Junior School Lordswood Lane, Lordswood ME5 8NN	887 2502	01634 862975	Mrs A Campbell	7-11	60	C
Spinnens Acre Junior School Sultan Road, Lordswood ME5 8TJ	887 2630	01634 660618	Ms G Thomas	7-11	90	C
St Benedict's RC Primary School # Lambourn Way, Lordswood ME5 8PU	887 3753	01634 669700	Mrs B Salamonczyk	4-11	30	VA
Swingate Infant School Sultan Road, Lordswood ME5 8TJ	887 2549	01634 863778	Mrs A Bracknell	4-7	90	C
<b>Area: Rainham</b>						
Deanwood Primary School Long Catlis Road, Parkwood ME8 9TX	887 2684	01634 231901	Mr R Halls	4-11	30	C
Miers Court Primary School Silver Spot Close, Rainham ME8 8JR	887 2623	01634 388943	Mrs S McCracken	4-11	60	C
Parkwood Infant School Deanwood Drive, Rainham ME8 9LP	887 2494	01634 234625	Miss L Mackenzie	4-7	90	C
Parkwood Junior School Deanwood Drive, Rainham ME8 9LP	887 2493	01634 234699	Ms S Russell	7-11	90	C
Riverside Primary School St Edmund's Way, Rainham ME8 8ET	887 3757	01634 338700	Mrs K Frame	4-11	30	C
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School # Deanwood Drive, Rainham ME8 9NP	887 3752	01634 371892	Mrs K Sexton	4-11	30	VA
St Margaret's Infant School Orchard Street, Rainham ME8 9AE	887 2479	01634 231327	Mrs N Hanman	4-7	90	C
St Margaret's CE Voluntary Controlled Junior School Orchard Street, Rainham ME8 9AE	887 3195	01634 230998	Mr P Gabbett	7-11	90	VC
Thames View Infant School and Nursery Bloors Lane, Rainham ME8 7DX	887 2592	01634 361129	Mrs P Milton	4-7	60	C
Thames View Junior School Bloors Lane, Rainham ME8 7DX	887 2508	01634 232540	Mrs P Milton	7-11	60	C

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<b>Area: Rochester</b>						
Delce Infant School Fleet Road, Rochester ME1 2QA	887 2216	01634 844127	Miss A Morris	4-7	90	C
Delce Junior School The Tideway, Rochester ME1 2NJ	887 2413	01634 845242	Ms S Burt (Acting Head)	7-11	120	C
St Margaret's at Troy Town CE VC Primary School King Street, Rochester ME1 1YF	887 3293	01634 843843	Mrs J Faik	4-11	30	VC
St Peter's Infant School Holcombe Road, Rochester ME1 2HU	887 2665	01634 843590	Miss N Caulfield	4-7	40	C
St William of Perth RC Primary School # Canon Close, Maidstone Road, Rochester ME1 3EN	887 3746	01634 404267	Mrs D Beven	4-11	30	VA
The Pilgrim School (Voluntary Controlled Church of England) Warwick Crescent, Borstal ME1 3LF	887 3758	01634 841873	Mr J Smith	4-11	30	VC
Warren Wood Community Primary School (Including provision for language needs) Arethusa Road, Rochester ME1 2UR	887 2640	01634 337227	Mr P Whistler	4-11	55	C
<b>Area: Strood</b>						
All Faiths' Children's Community Primary School Gun Lane, Strood ME2 4UF	887 2600	01634 717115	Mrs H Taylor	4-11	30	C
Bligh Infant School Bligh Way, Strood ME2 2XJ	887 2537	01634 710154	Mrs C Toone	4-7	60	C
Bligh Junior School Bligh Way, Strood ME2 2XJ	887 2492	01634 718802	Mr R Kingman	7-11	60	C
Cuxton Community Infant School Bush Road, Cuxton ME2 1EY	887 2208	01634 718162	Miss S Jones	4-7	50	C
Cuxton Community Junior School Bush Road, Cuxton ME2 1EZ	887 2540	01634 718532	Miss T Terry	7-11	50	C
Elaine Primary School Elaine Avenue, Strood ME2 2YN	887 2671	01634 718057	Mrs L Garnham	4-11	50	C
English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School # Frindsbury Road, Strood ME2 4JA	887 3729	01634 718964	Mrs M Pearson	4-11	30	VA
Gordon Infant School Gordon Road, Strood ME2 3HQ	887 2220	01634 717423	Mrs A Carter	4-7	60	C
Gordon Junior School Gordon Road, Strood ME2 3HQ	887 2218	01634 719971	Mrs E Wilson	7-11	100	C
Halling Primary School Howlesmere Close, Halling ME2 1ER	887 2211	01634 240258	Mr I Stuart	4-11	40	C
Hilltop Primary School Hilltop Road, Frindsbury, Strood ME2 4QN	887 2499	01634 710312	Mr J Allen	4-11	60	C
Sherwin Knight Community Infant School Cedar Road, Strood ME2 2JP	887 2469	01634 338260	Miss S Sheldrake	4-7	75	C

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Sherwin Knight Junior School Cedar Road, Strood ME2 2JP	887 2450	01634 717166	Mr L Rose	7-11	75	C
St Nicholas' CE VC Infant School London Road, Strood ME2 3HU	887 3102	01634 717120	Mrs A-M Hutton	4-7	40	VC
Temple Mill Primary School Cliffe Road, Strood ME2 3NL	887 2685	01634 338200	Mrs J Bright	4-11	30	C
Wainscott Primary School Wainscott Road, Wainscott ME2 4JY	887 2210	01634 717301	Mrs A Tester	4-11	30	C

### Area: Twydall

Featherby Infant School and Nursery School Allington Road, Gillingham ME8 6PD	887 2401	01634 231072	Mrs J Thompson	4-7	90	C
Featherby Junior School Chilham Road, Gillingham ME8 6BT	887 2400	01634 231984	Mr P Green	7-11	90	C
St Thomas of Canterbury RC Primary School # Romany Road, Gillingham ME8 6JH	887 3732	01634 234677	Mrs A Myatt	4-11	30	VA
Twydall Infant School Twydall Lane, Gillingham ME8 6JS	887 2410	01634 231761	Mrs S Fedosiuk	4-7	75	C
Twydall Junior School Romany Road, Gillingham ME8 6JH	887 2409	01634 231581	Ms G Wilson (Acting Head)	7-11	75	C

### Area: Walderslade

Kingfisher Primary School Kingfisher Drive, Walderslade ME5 7NX	887 2652	01634 865758	Mrs S Priest	4-11	30	C
Maundene School Swallow Rise, Walderslade ME5 7QB	887 2580	01634 864721	Mr N Jones	4-11	60	C
Oaklands Infant School Weedswood Road, Walderslade ME5 0QS	887 2204	01634 861423	Mr L French	4-7	50	C
Oaklands Junior School Weedswood Road, Walderslade ME5 0QS	887 2433	01634 861428	Mr L French	7-11	50	C
Ridge Meadow Primary School Churchill Avenue, Chatham ME5 0LA	887 2669	01634 861227	Mrs C Scott	4-11	30	C
St Thomas More RC Primary School # Bleakwood Road, Walderslade ME5 0NF	887 3736	01634 864701	Mrs S Williams	4-11	60	VA
Walderslade Primary School Dargets Road, Walderslade ME5 8BJ	887 2203	01634 861660	Mrs A Milne	4-11	30	C

### Area: Wigmore/Hempstead

Fairview Community Primary School Drewery Drive, Wigmore ME8 0NU	887 3759	01634 338710	Mrs D Willis	4-11	90	C
Hempstead Infant School Hempstead Road, Hempstead ME7 3QG	887 2638	01634 365969	Mrs K Dadd	4-7	90	C
Hempstead Junior School Birch Grove, Hempstead ME7 3SD	887 2403	01634 371823	Mr D Bignall	7-11	90	C

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