



The different types of school

Academies (A)

Academies are publicly funded independent schools. The governing body/academy trust have responsibility for managing the academy and have responsibility for deciding the arrangements for admitting pupils including their own admissions criteria. Academies don't have to follow the national curriculum and can set their own term times. They still have to follow the same rules on admissions, special educational needs and exclusions as other state schools.

Community (C) and Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools

Worcestershire Local Authority (LA) is the admission authority i.e. it has responsibility for deciding the arrangements for admitting pupils to community (C) and voluntary controlled (VC) schools including the admissions criteria.

Foundation (FD) and Voluntary Aided (VA) schools

The governing body is the admissions authority i.e. it has responsibility for deciding the arrangements for admitting pupils including their own admissions criteria.

Free Schools (FR)

Free schools are funded by the government but aren't run by the local council. Free Schools are non-profit making, independent, state-funded schools. They're 'all-ability' schools, so can't use academic selection processes like a grammar school. The governing body have responsibility for managing the Free School and have responsibility for deciding the arrangements for admitting pupils including their own admissions criteria.

For more details visit the [K](#)

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What do I need to do?

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How do I decide which schools to apply to and the order to put them in?

If you are not sure which schools are in your area or what is your catchment school, you can find out if you telephone: **0195 22700** or visit:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schoolsearch

Look carefully at the admission rules (criteria) for the schools you like and work out which rules (criteria) apply to your child.

Use all of this information to consider how likely it is that your child would be offered a place at each of the schools you like.

Mythbusters

Listing only one preference does not increase your chance of getting into that school.

Applying for more than one school does not weaken your chances of getting a place at your preferred school.

Naming schools that you are very unlikely to get as your second and third preferences will not increase your chances of getting your first preference school. The other schools you applied for are not considered when deciding who to offer places to.

Applying for your catchment school does not mean you will be automatically offered a place there. If you can be offered a school which is higher on your list, you will be. If your catchment school is oversubscribed, you may not be offered a place. To check what your catchment school is you can go online at:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schoolsearch

All on-time applications to a school are considered at the same time. Priority is not given to those who put the school first. The order in which you list the schools is only used if you could be offered a place at more than one school. In this case, you would be offered whichever of those schools was highest on your application form.

Having gained admission for one child at a school does not guarantee a younger child will be admitted. Should the school be oversubscribed at the time of application of a younger sibling, catchment area may have a higher priority on the oversubscription criteria.

Location of Middle Schools in Worcestershire

(1) BROMSGROVE (Yr 5 entry)

Alvechurch CE Middle School
Aston Fields Middle School
Catshill Middle School
Parkside Middle School
St John's CE Middle Academy

(2) DROITWICH (Yr 5 entry)

Westacre Middle School
Witton Middle School

(3) EVESHAM (Yr 6 entry)

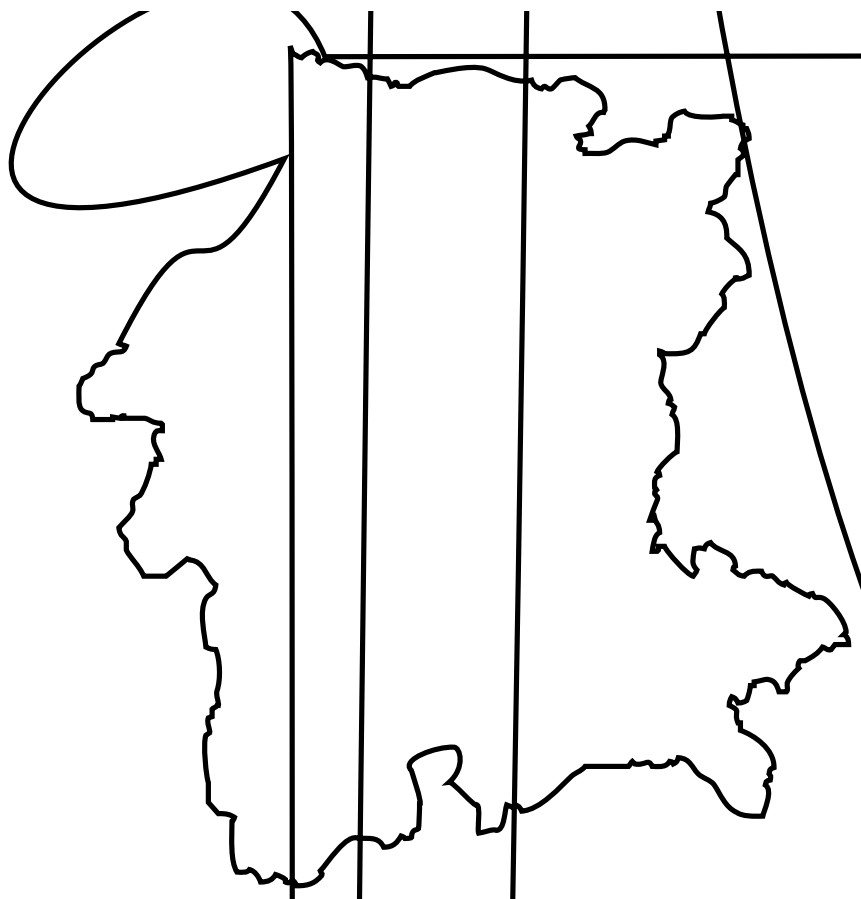
Blackminster Middle School
Bredon Hill Academy
The De Montfort School
St Egwin's CE Middle School

(4) PERSHORE (Yr 5 entry)

Abbey Park Middle School
St Barnabas CE First & Middle School
St Nicholas' CE Middle School

(5) REDDITCH (Yr 5 entry)

Birchensale Middle School
Church Hill Middle School
Ipsley CE RSA Academy
St Bede's Catholic Middle School
Walkwood Church of England Middle School
Woodfield Academy



All schools in the County are co-educational, and all high schools are comprehensive. However, there are different types of school and there are also differences across the County in the age groups that the schools provide for, as explained below.

The areas served by a three-tier system of first, middle and high schools are as follows:

Bromsgrove Droitwich Evesham Pershore Redditch

The three-tier system consists of first schools for pupils from 5 to 8, 9 or 10 years, middle schools for pupils from 8, 9 or 10 years to 12 or 13 years, and high schools which provide for pupils of 11, 12 or 13 years to 18 years. A two-tier system of schools, including Catholic schools also serves Droitwich, Evesham and Pershore areas.

In the other areas of Worcestershire, there is a two-tier system of primary schools for pupils up to the age of 11, with high schools for pupils over the age of 11.

If applying for a A, FD, FR or VA school place, you should check the details in the relevant **2024/25 Information for Parents Admissions and Transfers to Schools book** at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions or contact the school direct to find out if you need to complete a supplementary information form for that school.

Dates of Open Events in 2023 at Worcestershire Schools

The table below tells you what date each school will hold its open event. It is in alphabetical order within district. Full details of each open event including dates of any visits during the day can be found on the individual schools website.

Town	School Name and Website Address	Date and time of open event
Bromsgrove	Alvechurch CE Middle School	

Checklist for applying - 15th January 2024 is the closing date for Middle School applications.

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