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To Parents / Carers of pupils in Year 6 at a Primary or Junior school

Dear Parent / Carer,

Applying for a Year 7 place in secondary school for September 2027

Parents / carers of pupils in year 6 who are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027 are reminded that the closing date for applications is **31st October 2026**. If you have not already done so, please ensure that you apply for a secondary school place for your child and that this is received before the closing date. A late application will mean that the chance of getting one of your preferred schools is greatly reduced.

School places are **not** automatically allocated to any child even if there is an older brother or sister attending a secondary school or you live in an area linked to a particular school.

How to apply

The easiest and quickest way to apply is online at: www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions

You may also download a copy of the composite prospectus from our website; 'Applying for a Secondary School Place for 2027/28', and you are advised to read this carefully before making your application. Alternatively, you can make an application by completing a common application form on paper. You can request an application form from the School Admissions Team (contact details above).

Some schools require you to complete a supplementary information form (SIF) and some also require your child to sit a common ability test (CAT). There is a list of schools which require a SIF on our website. SIFs should be returned directly to the school. It is important to be aware that some schools give priority to children who sit their common ability test, so those who do not will have less chance of getting a place.

Pupils living outside West Northamptonshire

If your home address is outside West Northamptonshire (even if your child attends a West Northamptonshire primary / junior school), you should make your application to the local authority where you live (your home local authority), not WNC. Contact details of neighbouring local authorities can be found on our website.

Please contact the School Admissions team (details above) if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,

School Admissions Team