

Hertfordshire County Council’s coordinated schemes of admission for first, primary, junior, middle, secondary, upper schools, academies (including free schools, studio schools and university technical colleges) for 2017/18

The schemes of coordination are set out below in accordance with the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 (SSFA), as amended.

Definitions used in the schemes:

- “the LA” -Hertfordshire County Council acting in its capacity as local authority;
- “the LA area” - the area in respect of which the LA is the local authority;
- “home LA” - the LA in which the applicant is resident;
- “maintaining LA” -the LA where the school is located;
- “primary education” – as outlined in section 2(1) of the Education Act 1996;
- “primary school” – as outlined in section 5(1) of the Education Act 1996;
- “secondary education” - as outlined in section 2(2) of the Education Act 1996;
- “secondary school” - as outlined in section 5(2) of the Education Act 1996;
- “school” - a community, foundation, or voluntary school (but not a special school”) which is maintained by the LA;
- “VA school” - a schools that is voluntary aided;
- “Foundation school” - a school that has foundation status;
- “Academy” - a school that has Academy status. Academies are state funded, non fee paying schools set up under a Funding Agreement between the Secretary of State and an Academy Trust. In line with paragraph 4, footnote 3 of the School Admissions Code 2014, academies include free schools, studio schools and university technical colleges;
- “admission authority” - for any school which is community or voluntary controlled, the LA and, in respect of any school which is foundation, voluntary aided school or Academy, the governing body or academy trust of that school;
- “the equal preference system” – the application system required by the School Admissions Code which requires preferences listed by parents/carers on the common application form to be considered equally in accordance with a school’s over subscription criteria without reference to ranking. Where a pupil could be offered a place at more than one school, rankings are used to determine a single offer by selecting the highest ranked school on the common application form where a place could be offered;
- “the academic year” - the period commencing with 1 September and ending with the next 31 August;
- “admission arrangements for the specified year” - the arrangements for a particular school or