

Moving On

The Secondary Transfer Process

Moving On 2021

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Timetable for the Applications Process

- ▶ Monday 12th April - Registration opens for Consortium Test
- ▶ 18th June - Registration closes
- ▶ 1st July- test venue notification
- ▶ 18th June - deadline for SEN notification
- ▶ 4th September - Academic test
- ▶ 6th September - Music test
- ▶ 14th September - PE Aptitude Test
- ▶ 16th September First Round Music Results Notification
- ▶ w/c 20th September - 2nd Round music tests
- ▶ 20th October - scores notified to parents (around noon)
- ▶ **31st October - Application Deadline Day**

South West Hertfordshire School Admissions Consortium

The Consortium consists of the following schools:

- ▶ Croxley Danes (music only)
- ▶ Rickmansworth (academic & music)
- ▶ St Clement Danes (academic & music)
- ▶ Parmiters'(academic & music)
- ▶ Queens' (academic music & sport)
- ▶ Watford Grammar School for Boys (academic & music)
- ▶ Watford Grammar School for Girls (academic & music)

Consortium Test 2021

<http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

- ▶ Schools
- ▶ How to register
- ▶ Familiarisation Papers
- ▶ Calendar
- ▶ FAQs
- ▶ Contact Details

Choosing a School

- ▶ School Websites
- ▶ School Prospectus
- ▶ OfSTED Reports
- ▶ Some schools are offering virtual open events

Choosing a School (2)

- ▶ Consider how popular the school is and your child's chances of getting a place there -look at the admissions criteria closely- be realistic about your child's ability and aptitude
- ▶ Express your preference by ranking up to 4 schools.
 - ▶ Apply online at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions
 - ▶ Some schools also require you to complete Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for the individual secondary school that you have ranked You return that completed form to the secondary school to which you are applying

Admissions Criteria

Examples:

- ▶ Children Looked After
- ▶ Children with an EHCP
- ▶ **Exceptional Social or Medical Need**
- ▶ Siblings
- ▶ Priority areas & Distance from the school
- ▶ Because all the SW Herts Consortium Schools have a “selective” element - Specialist Places/Consortium Test Results

Preferences

All applications for schools are considered at the same time and admissions criteria administered equally regardless of the order in which the schools are listed on the application form. The order of preference (rank) will only be used if it is possible for your child you be offered a place at more than one of your preferred schools. If this is the case, a place will be offered at the highest ranked school able to offer a place.

How Places are Allocated

Ranked 1st	Ranked 2nd	Ranked 3rd	Ranked 4th
<p>School A Popular and oversubscribed school some distance away from home</p> <p>↓</p>	<p>School B Closest community school to the home address and within the priority area</p> <p>↓</p>	<p>School C Some distance away, but a sibling attends and will still be at the school next year</p> <p>↓</p>	<p>School D School is popular and oversubscribed but she lives quite close to the school</p> <p>↓</p>
Rules not met for this school - no offer	Rules met for this school - offer could be made	Rules met for this school and would be allocated a place	Rules not met for this school - no offer
		↓	↓
	School ranked higher - a place is offered	This place is reallocated to the next child on the list	

Distance Rule

All home-school distances for admissions purposes will be measured by straight line distance between the child's home and the school.

Distances are measured using a computerised mapping system to 2 decimal places

The measurement is taken from the point of your child's house to the address point of the school

It is not the same as the method of measuring for the assessment of home-school transport entitlement

Oh dear! What do I do now?

- ▶ The process is explained on the admissions website:
- ▶ Complete an Appeal Form on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk

Continuing Interest

- ▶ All unsatisfied higher preferences will be automatically rolled over to continuing interest
- ▶ You can opt out of the continuing interest process by:
 - ▶ Going on-line
 - ▶ Emailing the admissions team
- ▶ New or amended preferences must be notified to the County Council

Continuing Interest

- ▶ If an applicant is offered a place through the continuing interest process, they will not be able to decline the CI place in favour of the school initially allocated

Appeals

An appeal will allow you to put your case to an independent appeals panel

Appeal on-line

Customer Services Team - tel:01992588548

Accepting a place at the school you are offered will not affect your chances of a successful appeal

Hertfordshire Data

- ▶ 95% of Hertfordshire children were offered 1 of their 4 school preferences in 2020/21.
- ▶ 78% got their first preference.

Good Luck!

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