



Dear Parent/Carer,

Secondary School Admissions - September 2027

We are writing to let you know that if your child is in year 6 it is now time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2027. Please note, it is your responsibility to apply for the school that you wish your child to attend.

Our website www.swindon.gov.uk contains a host of useful information to help you make an informed decision about which school you would like your child to attend. The application process will be available from 1st September 2026 until midnight 31st October 2026.

How do I apply for a school place?

Applying could not be easier. Simply complete the online application form which will be available on our website 24 hours a day 7 days a week at:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/424/secondary_school_places_and_admissions

Your first step will be to register your details and select a password on the Application Portal account. You will then be able to make your application.

You will receive a notification by email that your application has been received. You can make changes to your application, including the preferences, up until midnight on the closing date of **31st October 2026**. If you return to your application at any time, to make changes, or even to simply view it, you must remember to complete the process and **re-submit the application**.

Any un-submitted applications will not be considered.

Before making an application please carefully read the School Admission Guide which can be found on our website at the address below. This also tells you how the last years places were allocated for each school including the cut of distance for each school for the last child allocated.

Please remember each intake year is different as the number of children applying changes and some years there are more siblings to be considered, but it will give you a sense of if you may be able to secure a place.

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/downloads/file/6696/secondary_school_admissions_guide_2023

Please do look at the school websites to see their Admissions Policy for each of the schools you are thinking of applying to.

We recommend that you apply for three schools including one of your local schools to increase your chances of securing a place in one of your chosen schools. If you only apply for one school then you are limiting your chances of securing a place in one of your chosen schools. If we are not able to offer a place at your preference then your child will be allocated the next nearest school to your home address with a space.

Key dates in the application process

You must submit your application **no later than midnight on the 31st October 2026**. This is the national closing date.

Offer emails will be sent out on the **1st March 2027**.

You must accept the place offered by the **15th of March 2027**. (You will be sent instructions on how to accept your place in your offer email). Once you have accepted your child's place the school will contact you with further information.

We will also be holding drop in sessions for parents, the admissions team will be on hand to assist parents / carers with any queries they may have.

The sessions will be held on the following dates and times listed below:

Every Tuesday during Term Time- Town Centre Library- 10am-1pm

Monday 5th October- Park Library Community Hub 10am-4pm

Wednesday 4th November- North Swindon Library- 11am-2pm

Monday 14th December- The Meadows Best Start Family Hub- 12pm-4:30pm

Please do come along and meet the team who will be more than happy to assist and answer any questions you may have.

If you would like any further information or assistance with the Admission process, the Admissions Team will be able answer any queries you have, please submit a general enquiry request- <https://www.swindon.gov.uk/xfp/form/680>

Yours sincerely

The School admissions Team