

Shropshire School Admissions

Secondary School Transfer 2023/24

Shropshire and the other local authorities across the West Midlands region are experiencing an exceptional year with increased demand for school places for Year 7 entry, September 2023. This is as a result of the high birth rate for this particular cohort.

Whilst in overall terms there are sufficient places in Shropshire schools for the 2023/24 academic year secondary transfer group intake, there are areas of the county where there are significant pressure on available school places which may result in parental preference not being met.

To assist the Local Authority (LA) School Admissions Team with the allocation of school places this year, Shropshire secondary headteachers have worked with LA officers to find a solution to this exceptional situation. This has resulted in many of the schools exceeding their Published Admissions Number (PAN) prior to National Offer Day on 1 March and has enabled as many on-time applicants to be offered a school place within as reasonable a distance from their home address as possible.

The LA is very grateful to the schools for accommodating additional pupils, recognizing the significant challenges this presents and will continue to offer support throughout this process.

It is vital to note that whilst the initial allocation number may have increased, each school's individual PAN remains unchanged.

Shropshire Council's pupil forecast data shows this particular cohort is unique in size and numbers should revert to previous levels in future years. Any increase to a school's initial allocation number this year, does not set a precedent for future allocations.

Key Dates

1 March 2023	National Offer Day	Parents are notified via email of the school place allocated to their child
10 March 2023	Shropshire Review Deadline	Date for changes of preference or requests for a school's waiting list
17 March 2023	Shropshire Review Outcome	Letters are sent to parents following the review process

Any places released during the review stage will be reallocated in line with the individual school's PAN and oversubscription criteria and not the initial allocation number.

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