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Information Update for Secondary School Applications & 11+ Testing

Dear Parents and Carers of Y6 Pupils,

The Local Authority have notified schools of a change in the admissions criteria for entry to secondary schools in September 2021.

Parents are now able to select 5 schools in order of preference rather than 3 choices.

Please start looking at High School websites to find out if they are posting virtual tours on their websites, holding online meetings or providing any opportunity for appointments to visit. Colleague Secondary Headteachers are limited in what they can offer due to the COVID19 restrictions and are adopting varied approaches to their usual open evenings so it is important you find out what is available to help you make your decisions.

When completing the admissions application form the schools need to be in order of your preference and the admissions team will then work down your list to rank the places and make an offer for your child. Please consider the distance you live from a particular school so that you and your child are not disappointed.

The online application portal is now open and all application forms must be returned to the admissions team by 31st October 2020. Applications received after this date will be classed as late and will be ranked after those received on time. You can complete the online form by clicking this link:

https://emsonline.wirral.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

If you would like to print a paper copy to complete you can click the link below and hand it in to our school office or return it by post to the admissions team, but make sure it arrives before 31st October.

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/schools%20and%20learning/School%20admissions/Secondary%20Preference%20Form%202021-2022.pdf>

Those pupils sitting the 11+ for Upton and St. Anselms will have been contacted by these schools with details of the date and time of tests. We are expecting the **St. Anselms test to take place on 13th October** and **Upton Hall test on 17th or 20th October.**

If your child is sitting the Wirral non-Catholic grammar school tests the **date has changed** and is now likely to be on either the **22nd or 23rd October.** This will give pupils more time to settle back into learning and additional time for schools to make safe testing arrangements. Families will be contacted 2 weeks prior to the test with details of venue and timings.



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This now means that you will not know your child's test result before you complete the secondary application form. Please make sure you include at least 2 non-grammar choices so that if your child does not meet the 11+ test standard you have requested alternative non-grammar school preferences.

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If there are any factors that families feel may have affected their child's performance on the day of the test, please contact the school office to let me know so that I may forward this information on your behalf.

We expect families to receive the results of the grammar school assessments at the end of November.

1st March 2021 is National allocations day, when you will find out which secondary school your child has been allocated.

10th March is the closing date for families to accept their child's place at the school allocated.

31st March 2021 is the closing date for families to register an appeal, should they feel they have grounds to appeal the allocation.

We will ensure we make time available for parents to discuss allocations during the week of the 1st March so if you need any support we are available to help.

I do appreciate that this is a very unusual way to select secondary schools and not the usual excitement for pupils visiting to make their choices. If you wish to discuss any queries or concerns prior to making your application, please do contact the school office and I will arrange to call you back at a convenient time.

Best Wishes,

A Donelan

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Headteacher