

# Preparing to apply for secondary school



# Key dates and information

## Applications:

- Open **17 July 2023**
- Close **31 October 2023**
- Notification **1 March 2024**

## Some facts:

- It is NOT first come first served
- You can (and should) apply for up to 6 places.
- You apply to the council you live in. This includes if you are applying for a school in a neighbouring borough.
- Only list a grammar school as a preference if your child has sat and passed the entrance test (results 20 October 2023)
- Form cannot be changed once submitted.



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# What else to consider





# How to apply

- Check the admissions policy for each school
  - Available via each schools website (check policies section)
  - Check if your child meets the criteria
  - Look out for any additional requirements
  - For example Sandwell Academy require your child to sit a non-verbal reasoning test
- [www.sandwell.gov.uk](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk)
  - Click – schools and learning
  - Click – apply for a school place
  - DO NOT submit until you are 100% sure.

# Schools with additional application forms

## **Aptitude:**

- George Salter (Arts Aptitude)
- Shireland Collegiate Academy (Arts Aptitude)
- Wood Green Academy (Sporting Aptitude)
- Sandwell Academy (Sporting Aptitude)

## **Denominational grounds**

- St Michael's COFE High School
- Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School

## **Medical grounds:**

- Holly Lodge High School
- Oldbury Academy
- Ormiston Community Sandwell Academy
- Ormiston Forge Academy
- Perryfields Academy
- The Phoenix School
- Wodensborough Ormiston Academy

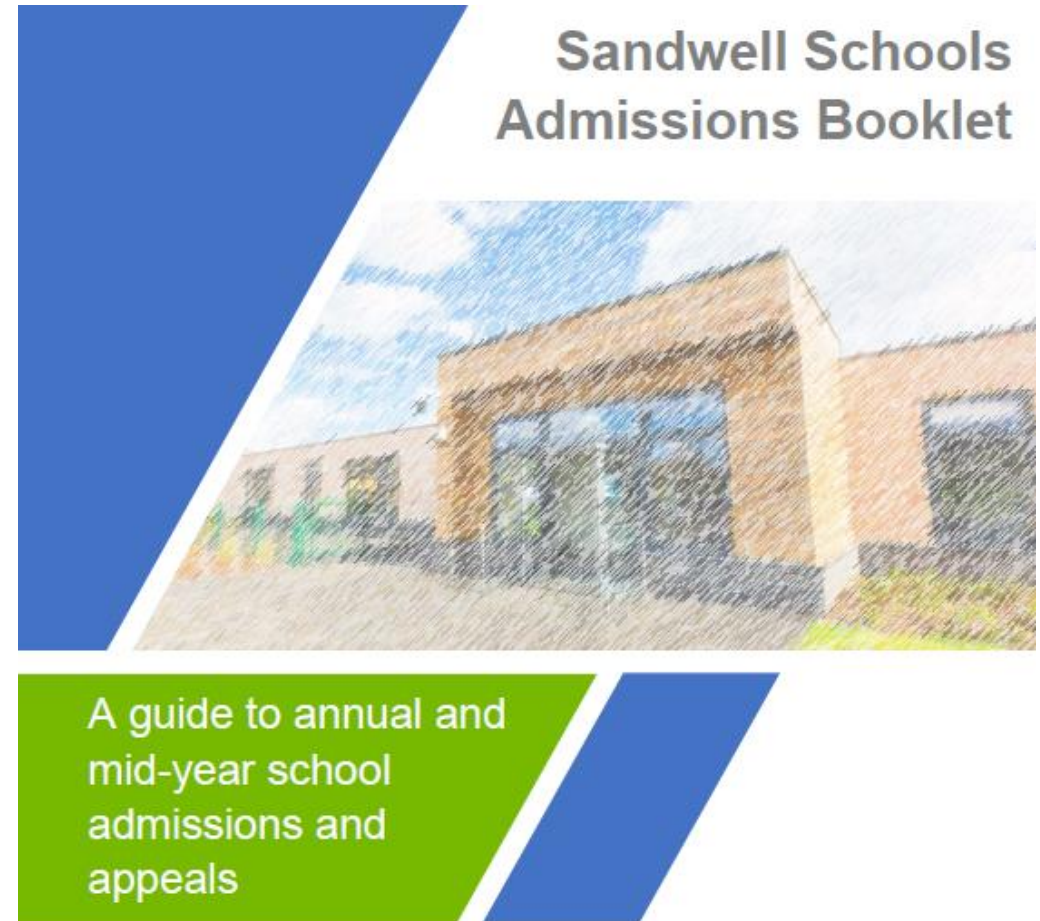
# Appealing a school place

**If you do not get the school you wanted:**

- Accept the place you have been given, even if it is not the school you want.
- Download, complete and post appeals form ([sandwell.gov.uk](http://sandwell.gov.uk))
- **or** appeal the decision online (My Sandwell)
- You can only appeal for a place at a school that you put on your preference list
- To appeal for Sandwell Academy, contact them directly
- To appeal for a school outside of Sandwell you will need to contact the relevant local authority

# For more details

- 2024/25 Sandwell School Admissions Booklet available on the [sandwell.gov.uk](https://www.sandwell.gov.uk) website:
- [Sandwell Schools Admission Booklet | Sandwell Council](#)



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# Questions

