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A guide for parents and carers

for children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023

STARTING INFANT, JUNIOR & PRIMARY SCHOOL

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE TIME TO READ THIS BOOKLET WHICH OUTLINES THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

What is this booklet about?

This booklet contains a wealth of information to help you choose the right schools, make an application and understand how the application process works. It provides a profile of all of Slough Borough Council's infant, junior and primary schools alongside information about admission arrangements. Please read it carefully, look at the school websites and take the opportunity to visit the schools in your area before applying.

Who is this booklet for?

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you must apply for a school place for September 2027.

When do I need to apply?

You can apply anytime from 1 September 2026. **To receive an offer of a school place on national offer day, you must submit an application by 15 January 2027.**

Please note: In order to maximise your chances of being offered one of your preferred schools

- **You MUST submit an application with all the required documents on time.**
- **Your child must meet the admissions criteria of the school to be offered a place.**
- **You must apply through Slough Borough Council if you are applying for schools in another council area.**

and there is

- **NO automatic transfer from a nursery into a school.**
- **NO automatic offer of a sibling place without making an application.**

Application deadline 15 January 2027

What happens if I miss the closing date?

Applications received after the closing date will be considered after those that are received on time and after the first round of offers have been made.

How do I apply?

The easiest way to apply is online. Go to **www.slough.gov.uk/admissions** and follow the instructions on screen. If you do not have internet access at home you can still apply online at your local library or at the council offices.

Who can submit the application?

Applications must be made by a parent or carer who holds legal parental responsibility for a child. Only one application should be made per child.

The information in relation to Slough Borough Council Schools was correct at the time of printing (September 2026). However it should not be assumed that there will be no change before the start of, or during the school year 2027/28. Like many local authorities Slough Borough Council is experiencing a high demand for primary school places. This means the admission limit shown may change for some schools.

How to contact us:

If you want more information about the school admissions process, or if you want to comment about this booklet or the admission arrangements, please write to;

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Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road
Slough SL1 2EL

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Contact Centre:
Telephone: 01753 475111 (Monday to Friday)

Please note that the School Admissions lines open as and when needed around admissions time.

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INTRODUCTION: Before making an application

This section will provide you with information about what you should know and do before making a school application.

Do talk to your child about your decision

Do not be influenced by others. The right school for other children is not necessarily the right school for your child.

1. **Read the information in this booklet**
2. **Visit schools**
   Ensure that you are entirely happy with your expressed preferences before submitting your application.
3. **Read Ofsted Reports**
   You can view Ofsted reports at **www.ofsted.gov.uk**
4. **Look at the school's prospectus**
   You can get this from the school. It will give you an idea about the school's ethos and character, national test results and public examination results.
5. **Look to see how many places are available in each school**
   This is called the Published Admissions Number or PAN. This number is set to take account of the number of pupils each site can accommodate in each year group and how many places are needed in an area.
6. **Consider how likely it is that your child will be offered a place at your preferred schools**
   Read the oversubscription criteria for each school and look to see which apply to your child.
7. **Consider how your child will travel to and from school**
8. **Use your three preferences**
9. **Be aware there is no guarantee of a place at any school even if you live in the catchment area**

INTRODUCTION: Key dates in the admissions process

For September 2027 entry into reception

From 1 September 2026	Application process for starting in reception or Year 3 in a junior school begins. Opportunity for parents/carers to visit individual schools.
15 January 2027 National Closing date	Closing date for completed online applications. We strongly recommend that you do not delay your application to the last minute in case of technical problems.
1 February 2027	Final date for notification of change of address after the closing date.
February/March/April	Preference forms checked and validated.
16 April 2027	**National offer day.** ▪ Parents that applied online will be notified by email during the afternoon of the outcome of their application ▪ Letters will be posted to parents that submitted a paper application form ▪ No decisions will be issued by telephone
April 2027	Waiting lists established.
30 April 2027	Closing date for parents to either accept or refuse the school place offered If the parent does not reply, the offer will be withdrawn.
From week commencing 17 May 2027	Second round of allocations for late applications received between 16 January and 30 April 2027. Further offers made from this date are subject to places becoming available.
June to July 2027	Independent Appeal Panels meet to consider appeals from parents/carers who are unhappy with their school allocation. Dates for appeal deadlines are available on the council website.
From week commencing 14 June 2027	Third round of allocations for late applications received between 1 May and 31 May 2027. Further offers made from this date are subject to places becoming available.
September 2027	Children start school full or part time. If you wish, you can defer admission.

School term dates 2027/28

Term dates are determined by the Local Authority in liaison with its neighbours. However, please note that the governing bodies of Slough schools and academies may decide to vary the dates.

Further details and clarification are available from the school or academy concerned. **You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making holiday plans or other commitments.**

Autumn term 2027	**Opens - Wednesday 1 September** **Half term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October** **Ends - Friday 17 December**
Spring term 2028	**Opens - Tuesday 4 January** **Half term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February** **Ends – Friday 31 March**
Summer term 2028	**Opens - Tuesday 18 April** **Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June** **Ends - Friday 21 July** **Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2028, Monday 29 May 2028**

Near to the time your child is due to start, you will receive a letter from the school you have been offered with uniform details and information about the school in general. The school will also confirm the date and time your child is expected to start.

Maximise your chance

(All applications will be subject to the published admissions criteria)

1

Apply on time

- The closing date is 15 January 2027
- All applications received after this date will be processed at a later date after majority of places have been allocated.
- A late application therefore means that you are much less likely to get what you prefer or want.
- Notification of places offered will be made on 16 April 2027 (unless your application is late).

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Apply online

- You can apply online at **www.slough.gov.uk/admissions** from 1 September 2026.
- Communication with you will be quicker.
- You will receive email confirmation acknowledging your application and receive email notification of the outcome (rather than having to wait for the post to arrive).

3

Use all preferences

- You could disadvantage yourself if you do not use your opportunity to express a preference for three schools.
- Each preference is considered in its own right so give yourself three separate chances.
- We only look at the order of your preferences (1st, 2nd or 3rd) if we are able to offer you more than one of your preferences. We will always allocate the highest preference.

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Choose wisely

- Consider the school's oversubscription criteria.
- Don't assume that you will be allocated a place at your closest school if you do not state it as one of your preferences.
- Don't assume that your child will get priority because they attend a nursery within the area of the infant or primary school.
- Include your catchment school as one of your preferences.

TYPES OF SCHOOL IN SLOUGH

Community schools

Community schools are owned and maintained by the council, which sets the admissions policy, including the criteria used for allocating places at schools that receive more applications than they have places.

Voluntary controlled schools

Voluntary controlled schools were originally set up by bodies such as Church of England Dio or Roman Catholic Church but are now maintained by the council. The council is responsible for setting the oversubscription criteria.

Voluntary aided (church) schools

Voluntary aided (church) schools are maintained by the council which pays the teachers' salaries and the day-to-day running costs of the schools. Generally the buildings are owned by the diocese. Schools are either Roman Catholic (RC) or Church of England (CofE). The governing body of the school sets the admission policy and criteria.

Foundation schools

Foundation schools are also maintained by the council, but the governing bodies of foundation schools own the school buildings and sites. They are responsible for admissions and set their own policy and criteria.

Academies

An academy is a school that is run by an academy trust and its governors. They are independent of local authority control and funded directly by central government.

Free schools

Free schools are independent of the local authority. There are currently two primary free schools in Slough.

INTRODUCTION: Myth busters

This section helps to clarify some of the most common misconceptions parents have about the school admissions process.

Myth My child has a right to be given one of our school choices.	The schools you list on your application form are preferences only. Each school preference will be processed in accordance with the school's admission arrangements and the highest possible preference will be offered. When we are unable to offer any school listed on your application, we will allocate the next nearest school to your home address with an available place.
Myth I have an older child already at the school so I do not need to apply.	Even if you have an older child at the school, without an application, your child will not be considered for a place at the school. Please look at the admissions criterion for the school you are applying for.
Myth Listing one school will mean that you will have to offer me that school.	If you list only one school and your child cannot be offered a place under the school's admission arrangements, we will offer the next nearest school to your home address with a vacancy.
Myth I live nearer to the school than the last child offered under the distance criterion last year so I'm guaranteed a place.	Although the information listed in Section 5 can give you an idea of how likely it is that you will be offered a place at your preferred school, the 'last distance' will change every year. We cannot guarantee any child will be offered a place at any school.
Myth Children in my road go to the school so my child will too.	The number of pupils offered under each criterion at each school can change every year. Therefore, just because you know pupils living near you that go to a certain school does not mean that your child will be offered a place there.
Myth Listing the same school three times will improve my chances of being offered a school.	Your child can only be considered once for a school and any duplicated preferences will be deleted.

Myth: It does not matter if my form is late.	If you apply after 15 January 2027, we will look at your application after all those that applied on time and it is very unlikely that you will be offered one of your preferred schools.
Myth: I can only apply for Slough schools.	You can apply for both Slough and out of area schools by naming them on the Slough application form.
Myth: My child is in the nursery attached to the school - so my child will automatically get a place at the school.	The nursery a child attends is not considered during the application process. All places are processed in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria.
Myth: My child care arrangements will be taken into consideration before a place is offered	Your child care arrangements are not taken into consideration when school places are allocated.
Myth: Places are offered on a 'first come, first served' basis so my child will get a place at my preferred school if I apply early.	All submitted on-time applications received by the closing date 15 January 2027 are processed together irrespective of when the application is submitted.
Myth: I don't have to list my catchment school as a preference because the Local Authority will offer it to my child anyway.	We will only consider the preferences on your application. If we are unable to offer any of the three preferences, we will allocate the next nearest school to your home address with available places and that may not be your catchment school. It could be a school further away from your home address.
Myth: It is the Local Authority's responsibility to make sure that I apply for a school place for my child.	Applying for a school place is the parent's responsibility.
Myth: I know someone who works at my preferred school so my child will get a place there.	All applications are considered by the Admissions Team strictly in accordance with the oversubscription criteria for the schools - without favour or prejudice.

INTRODUCTION: Age range of schools

Infant schools

Infant schools provide education for children aged 4 to 7 years. The first year of infant school is called the reception year for children who become 5 during that year. Years 1 and 2 then follow for children who become 6 and 7 during these years.

Junior schools

Junior schools provide education for children 7 to 11 years. They cover four school years, Years 3 to 6.

Primary schools

Primary schools provide education across the whole primary age range of 4 to 11 years. They cover the reception year and Years 1 to 6. Children transfer to secondary school at the end of Year 6.

When children start school in Slough

Children start school in the September of the school year in which they will become 5 years of age, which means most children are 4 years old when they start school. For entry in September 2027, children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 are eligible to start school in September 2027.

Children reach statutory school age on the prescribed date following their 5th birthday. The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March. **Statutory school age** means the age when a parent is legally required to make sure that their child attends school (or is educated other than at school).

All children are allowed to start full-time in September or defer admission until they reach compulsory school age (or until the start of the summer term if this is earlier). You can also request that your child attend part-time initially, but you will need to discuss this with the school at which your child has been offered a place.

Please use the table below to see what options are available to you.

Child's birthday	What options are available to you? You should discuss these with your allocated school
1 September - 31 December (autumn term)	Child can attend full-time, request to attend part-time from September or defer admission until the beginning of January 2028.
1 January - 31 March (spring term)	Child can attend full or part-time from September 2027 or defer admission until the beginning of January 2028 or until after Easter 2028.
1 April - 31 August (summer term)	Child can attend full or part-time from September 2027 or defer admission until January or Easter. You can also choose not to send your child to school until the September following their fifth birthday. If you opt for this, an application under the 2028/29 admissions policy will be required and will normally be considered for Year 1 rather than a reception class.

Request to delay entry to school in the same year (known as deferred entry)

If you feel that your child is not ready to start school in the September following their fourth birthday, you can either arrange for your child to attend part-time until they reach statutory school age, or defer the date your child is admitted to the school until later on in the reception year. If your child's entry is deferred, the school must hold your child's place and not offer it to another child. Your child must also start school in the school year for which the offer was made. The latest your child can start school is at the beginning of the summer term 2028.

If you wish to defer your child's entry, you will need to confirm this with the school where your child has been offered a reception place. You may also need to confirm this with the early learning provider so that your child can continue to receive their free early learning entitlement.

Applying to a year group outside the normal age group (for summer born children only)

Children born between 1 April and 31 August are regarded as summer born children.

In exceptional circumstances, summer born children may be admitted to school in a different year group. This is usually due to concerns in relation to a child's development. If you would like to request for your 'summer born child' to start school outside of their normal age group, and be admitted to reception rather than Year 1, please follow the process below.

Parents should apply for the normal reception year for their child. The normal year in this case, is the academic year when your child will be five years old - between 1 September and 31 August.

When you apply, you should inform the School Admissions Team in writing, that you do not wish to send your child to school until the September after their fifth birthday and **request** that your child is admitted **out of their normal age group** – to reception rather than Year 1. Your letter or email should include reasons for your request and any evidence to support your case.

Evidence could show:

- whether your child is summer born
- information about your child's personal, social, emotional development and academic development

- if relevant, the child's medical history and views of a medical professional
- whether your child has previously been educated out of year group
- whether your child was born prematurely.

The council or school will look at each case on its merits, taking into account the child's best interest and either agree or refuse the request on that basis.

Where the council is the admissions authority, we will seek views of the headteacher of the school where the child is most likely to be allocated a school place before a decision is taken. We may also take into account the views of the manager of their current early years setting and other professionals. We will make sure you are aware of whether your request for admission out of year group has been agreed before the final offers are made in April. Any reasons for refusal will be shared with you.

If your request is refused, your child will still be considered for admission to their normal age group. If we agree to your request, your child will be admitted into reception rather than Year 1 the following year; but you would need to apply again for a reception place for that year. **Please note the decision to agree to delay your child does not guarantee that a place will be available as this depends on the number of applications for entry in that year and it is not possible to reserve a place until the following year.**

How do I get a year 3 place for my child at primary school?

To move your child from an infant school to a primary school rather than a junior school, you will need to follow these steps:

1. Apply for a junior school place online by 15 January 2027. This will ensure that your child has a junior school place in case it is not possible to offer a place at the primary school you prefer. **If you list a preference for a primary school on your junior application it will not be processed.**
2. You will then be offered a junior school place in April.
3. When you have been notified of your child's junior school place, you should apply for a primary school place by completing an in-year application form, and return this to the admissions team as soon as possible
4. We will then check whether it is possible to offer your child a place at the primary school you prefer. If we are able to offer a place at the primary school, we will do so, and take away the junior school place. You will get a decision within two weeks.

Requests for admission out of the normal year group will be considered alongside other applications made at the same time. An application from a child who would 'normally' be a Year 1 child for a reception place will be considered alongside applications for reception. There is no statutory right of appeal if your request is not agreed.

Applying for a Year 3 junior or primary school place (Key Stage 2)

If you live in Slough and your child is in Year 2 at an infant school and is due to transfer to Year 3, you will need to apply for a Year 3 place at a junior school.

You can apply for a place in the junior school linked to your child's infant school, to any other junior school or you can apply through an in-year process for a Year 3 place in a primary school. However, if you express a preference for a primary school, you need to understand that it is most likely that the year group will be full with children already in the school and no additional places are created for those seeking a place in Year 3.

To apply for a **junior school place** you should:

- apply online at **www.slough.gov.uk/admissions**

To apply for a **primary school place** you should:

- complete an 'In-Year' application form.

Applying for a primary school place will mean that you are added to the current Year 2 waiting list for that school (if one exists). If a place becomes available before the following September you will have to decide whether to take the place offered with an immediate start date or refuse the place and re-apply at the end of the school year.

Some schools may require parents/carers to complete a SIF (Supplementary Information Form) to enable the governing body of the school to assess your child's application correctly. Please contact the school concerned to request a form. **Completed supplementary information forms must be sent direct to the school to be received no later than the closing date stipulated by the school.**

SECTION 1: How should I decide my preferred schools?

You need to be aware that many schools in Slough are heavily oversubscribed. This is important to remember when deciding on your preferred schools. In previous years, it has not been possible to meet all preferences at a number of schools in Slough. When considering your preferred schools, you are strongly advised to look at the school's oversubscription criteria and consider which category you would come under.

Think carefully about your preferences

The number of preferences that you can make on your application is limited. You need to be realistic in making your preferences. If your child is unlikely to meet the criteria, you may not receive an offer at any of your preferred schools. This could happen if you live too far away from the schools or if you name a church school but do not attend the church connected to that school. It is therefore important to understand the order in which places are allocated if a school is oversubscribed by reading the admission policy for the school - see Section 8 and 9.

You should think carefully about your order of preference when you decide how to list the schools you are applying for. This is because if your child qualifies for a place at a number of schools, you will only be made one offer of the school which you named as a higher preference.

The law states that you have a right to express a school preference and admission authorities are required to comply with that preference, but please be aware that it is subject to the availability of places at the school. This is because there will be times when there are more applications than places. When there are more applications for a school than places available, oversubscription criteria (often called admission criteria) are used to determine priority for admission.

You should decide which schools you would prefer your child to attend and apply for a school place online listing up to three different preferences. You don't have to express three preferences. However, if you only give one preference, and are not offered a place at that school, you will be offered a place at the next nearest school with an available place after everyone else's three preferences have been considered. This may mean that by the time we look at allocating a place for your child, your local school may be full and your child may have to travel some distance to get to school.

Due to the high demand for places, you are advised to include your catchment school where your application can be considered on home to school distance.

The order of preference in which you list your schools is confidential. Schools are not told the preference order in which you have listed them.

- Each of your preferences will be considered equally and separately. Listing second and third preferences will not affect your chance of being offered your first preference. Each school listed on your application considers your child's application against its admission criteria only and not according to the order of preference you put the school on your application. This guarantees that, for example, an application from a parent who has ranked the school as third preference is considered equally to an application on which the school is ranked as first preference.
- If we can offer your child a place at more than one of your preferred schools, we will offer you the highest ranked school we can, so please make sure you like your first preference more than your second preference and your second preference more than your third.
- If we are not able to offer your child a place at any of the schools you applied for, we will offer a place at the next nearest school with available places.

The following examples are provided to illustrate what may happen. Please note: they are only possible scenarios and they are in no way a guide to oversubscription levels. Please do not assume that if your situation is the same as one of these examples, your application will inevitably have the same outcome.

Example 1

1) Rayyan lives in Langley. His parents are keen for him to attend a local school. They list the following preferences:

- Langley Hall Primary School
- Langley Heritage Primary School
- Langley Primary Academy

All three of these schools are oversubscribed with first, second and third preferences. Rayyan does not live close enough to Langley Hall Primary School to be offered a place there. However he lives close enough to both Langley Heritage Primary and Langley Primary Academy to be offered a place. As Langley Heritage Primary was higher on his preference list than Langley Primary Academy he is offered a place at Langley Heritage Primary School.

Example 2

2) Ayesha lives near Chalvey. Her parents are not sure whether they live nearer to Willow Primary School or Iqra Primary School but they would like her to attend Willow as she attends the nursery there at the moment. They list the following preferences:

- Willow Primary School
- Iqra Primary School
- St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School

The governors of St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School are notified of Ayesha's application. However they are not able to offer Ayesha a place as she does not meet their religious criteria. Although Willow Primary School is closer to the family home than Iqra Primary School, Ayesha cannot be offered a place there

as she lives further away than 90 of the other children whose parents have applied for a place there. However, she does live close enough to Iqra Primary School to be offered a place, even though it is slightly further from her home than Willow Primary School. She is offered a place at Iqra Primary School.

Example 3

3) Syeda lives in Horton Road. Her parents list the following preferences for a primary school for Syeda:

- Castleview School Primary School
- Pippins Primary School
- Wexham Court Primary School

Unfortunately Syeda does not live close enough to any of the schools to be offered a place. This means that she has to be offered a place at the nearest school to her home with an available place - so Syeda is offered Colnbrook Primary School.

Changing your preferences or changing the order

You can make any changes to your application before the closing date. However, if you wish to change your preferences after the closing date or you wish to change the preference order, all your preferences would be considered as late applications and considered after all on-time applications. It is possible to change your preferences after your application has been downloaded by the Admissions Team but you will need to complete an amendment form which you will find on the council's website.

Please note

If applying for a church school, please check if you need also to complete the school's supplementary information form. **Completed supplementary information forms (SIF) must be sent direct to the school to be received no later than the closing date stipulated by the school.** The school governors are responsible for admissions to these schools, therefore any questions you have about admission to these schools should be addressed directly to the school.

BE AWARE:

- Living in the catchment area does not automatically guarantee a place in a school.
- A sibling link at the preferred school does not automatically guarantee a place.
- Attendance at a nursery - even on a school's premises - is not a criterion and does not guarantee a place in the school.

SECTION 2: Making an application

How do I apply?

If you live in Slough and your child is due to start school or transfer to a junior school in September 2027, you **must** apply online at: **www.slough.gov.uk/admissions**

You are required to use the online system - it is quicker, safer and provides you with a confirmation receipt. (In the rare cases of you not being able to access this, please contact the School Admissions Team who will talk you through the process.)

Local libraries, council offices and most schools have public access computers where you can access the website. Most of our schools will help you access the online system if you do not have a home computer, smart phone or ipad.

- The online facility is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week from 1 September 2026.
- You can apply at any time from 1 September 2026 to midnight on **15 January 2027.**
- We will email you confirmation that your application has been received.
- There are clear simple prompts to guide you through making your application. (Further information is available in this booklet under 'completing the application form').
- There is no risk that your application will get lost or be delayed as long as you remember to submit the application.
- You can change the information online at any time until the closing date, **remembering to re-submit if you make any changes to your account.** Once submitted and downloaded by us, you need to contact the admissions team to make any changes. You will receive a confirmation email from us when your application has been downloaded.
- The outcome of your application will be available to view on national offer day.

It is important to keep a record of your email address and password to be able to make changes to your application before the closing date and to log on to view your offer. Record them here for future use.

Email address:
Password:

If you need help with the online system and all technical issues using the Citizen Portal including account, registration and login issues, please email siteam@slough.gov.uk.

You can use the online preference form to apply for a voluntary aided (church) school, an academy, a free school or a school in another Local Authority area, but you **must** remember to provide any additional supporting documents or information as required by that school's admission criteria. The supporting documents and information must be handed directly to the school and you must at that point tell the church school or academy if you have applied online.

Co-ordinated admissions

The council co-ordinates admission arrangements for schools in Slough by using the same application form for all church aided, community schools and academies. This means that regardless of whether you wish to apply for a church aided, community school or academy in Slough or in another local authority in England, you only need to complete one application form.

We also share admissions information with neighbouring Local Authorities. If you live in Slough, any applications for schools in the area of another Local Authority should be made through Slough Borough Council. You are entitled to apply to different academies, church aided and community schools and schools in other Local Authorities, but you must do this through Slough Borough Council Admissions Team if you are a Slough resident.

Church aided and academies have their own admission criteria, (usually including religious requirements in the case of church aided schools). If applying to a church aided or academy you must still apply online to the council.

If one of your preferences is a church aided school you may also be asked to complete a supplementary information form or provide other information.

Where you are required to complete a supplementary information form or provide other information to a church aided school or academy, you should provide it to the school by the closing date stipulated by the school. Please check this with the school.

The co-ordination of admissions runs until 31 August. During that period only the council can notify parents of offers on behalf of all admission authorities. A school cannot offer places directly to parents during the co-ordination period.

If you live in Slough and do not apply online you will not be allocated a place at a school. You need to ensure that you apply to the Local Authority where you pay your Council tax.

The contact numbers of the neighbouring councils to Slough are:

Buckinghamshire Council..... 0300 131 6000
London Borough of Hillingdon..... 01895 556644
London Borough of Hounslow 020 8583 2711
Reading Council ..... 01189 373777 (option 1)
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maindenhead..... 01628 683870
Surrey County Council 03456 009009

Completing the online application

Your child's details

Enter your child's details ensuring that the address, postcode and date of birth are correct so that we can process your application accurately. It is essential that this information is correct. We regularly check addresses and if they are not correct we may have to withdraw our offer of a school place. The address you give us should be the child's permanent address at the time of application. 'At the time of application' means the closing date for applications unless you are in the process of moving house when the second deadline applies.

Home address

- The child's current permanent residential address must be used. The home address is the address of the parent with whom the child normally lives from Monday to Friday.
- The address of a relative or childminder, or where your child stays or sleeps because of special domestic arrangements or personal circumstances cannot be considered. All applicant addresses will be thoroughly checked.
- **You cannot use an address until you are permanently residing there and able to prove you have no connection with the previous address.** All changes of address will be thoroughly investigated to ensure there is a permanent commitment to the new address and that it is not a temporary arrangement to access a preferred school. **A temporary address cannot be considered. This includes other property owned by the applicant, temporary rental agreements and temporary moves to live with friends or family.**
- **Any recent change of principal carer and/or parental responsibility** (for example, if a child moves to live at another address) must be supported by satisfactory legal documents such as a court order. **Only applications from a person who is legally responsible for the child can be accepted.** If a child does not live with their parent/s and is looked after by relatives, documentary evidence such as a Will or a Court order are required as proof that the relatives are the child's guardians. A private fostering arrangement will not give parental responsibility. Please let Slough Admissions know if a parent at another address is to be kept advised of the progress and outcome of their child's application.
- Schools expect to see continuity of address throughout the application process; and you will be asked for proof at any time if your address is different from the address on your application.
- **If it is discovered that a place has been offered on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application (for example a false claim to residence), that offer will be withdrawn even if the child has started at the school.**

Parents who live separately

When parents live separately, the application must be based on the address at which the child usually lives. When parents live separately, but the child lives with both parents at different addresses, the child's home address will be taken to be the address where the child lives for most of the week. If the child spends an equal amount of time with each parent, the address will be taken to be that of the main parent/carer eligible to receive Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit.

Proof of address

As part of the school admission process, you will be asked to provide proof of address to the school your child has been offered. To ensure that offers of school places are made fairly, Slough Borough Council is committed to following strict address verification procedures. Further information about proof of address can be found in Section 7 of this booklet.

Are you the parent of the child?

The definition of a 'parent' in education law is wider than just those with parental responsibility. The definition of a parent is defined in section 576 of the Education Act 1996.

This can include all natural parents whether they have parental responsibility or not, other people who have acquired parental responsibility by court order or anyone else who has care of a child such as another family member.

Statement of special educational needs (or children with an education health and care plan (EHCP)

If your child has an education health and care plan (EHCP) please contact the SEND team to discuss your child's school placement. **Please call 01753 787676 or email SEND@slough.gov.uk**

SECTION 2: Making an application (continued)

Looked after children[1]

Please indicate in the appropriate place if your child is or was a 'looked-after child' and the name of the local authority that is or was dealing with your case.

Your details

It is important that this information is correct as we may use this to contact you about the admissions process. We also need to know your relationship with the child and whether you have parental responsibility as defined by the Children Act 1989[2].

Your preferences

- Rank the schools you would like your child to attend in order of preference by writing the name of the school in the boxes with the school you want first in the 'Preference 1' section and the school you want second in the 'Preference 2' box etc.
- We strongly recommend you use your options of listing three schools and that one of these schools should be your catchment school. There is no advantage in listing only one school.
- If you choose to list just one school and your application is unsuccessful, you will have no say in the school you are allocated to. You could be allocated a school some distance from your home if nearer schools have received more applications than there are places available.
- The online system will not allow you to select the same school/college more than once as we can only process one application per child per school/college.

Please note:

You may be allocated any one of your preferences and you need to be sure that you are willing and able to get your child to that school. If you are offered one of your preferences the council will not pay for transport to school; this is your responsibility.

YOUR CATCHMENT SCHOOL

If you do not apply to your catchment area school as one of your preferences, you will not automatically be offered a place there if you are unsuccessful with your other preferences (as your catchment area school may already have been filled with preference requests). You need to consider whether your catchment school should be one of your preferences.

Your reasons for applying for each of your preferences

- We need you to give us this information so that the local authority or school governors can correctly apply their over-subscription criteria. If you do not provide us with the correct information in this section it could mean that we cannot consider you under a particular criterion, e.g. if you fail to tell us that the child has a sibling (brother or sister) connection within the school, then this will not be considered.

Siblings (brothers and sisters)

- Many schools give priority to brothers and sisters. It is important to show on the form if there will be a brother or sister at the school when your child starts. Add the names of any brothers or sisters that attend the school and their date of birth in the appropriate place. By sibling, we mean a brother or a sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner but in every case the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address. Every effort will be made to ensure that twins and those from multiple births can attend the same school.

[1] *A 'looked after child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority, or (c) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application.*

[2] *A parent is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child. 'Family members' include only parents and siblings.*

Confirming the accuracy of information provided

In this section you are confirming that all the information you have provided is correct as at the time of application and you have not deliberately given any false information. 'At the time of application' means the closing date for applications unless you are in the process of moving house when the second deadline applies (see section 6).

The council, as a responsible admissions authority, reserves the right to verify any address given as the child's permanent address in order to ensure that it is allocating places appropriately and fairly.

Where a suspected fraudulent application is identified during the allocation process (before allocation day), if relevant evidence is not provided and the application is deemed to be fraudulent, the family concerned will be offered the opportunity to provide their correct address and advised that the application will now be treated as 'late'. We may also undertake sample spot checks.

Failure to provide any document reasonably required by Slough Borough Council to verify residence after the allocation day will result in the place being withdrawn. We will then offer a place at the nearest school to the home address with an available place. This may be some distance away.

Multiple applications

The council can only accept one application per child. If applications are received from both parents which are not the same, we will accept the application of the main parent/carer eligible to receive Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit.

False information

If you deliberately give false information, the school admissions code allows for the offer of a school place to be withdrawn. Slough Borough Council takes this matter very seriously and will move to the withdrawal of the place if it is proved to be a fraudulent application. This applies even after the child has started at the new school. **Providing false information could also lead to prosecution.**

Whistle-blowing

If you believe that someone else has given false information, we would encourage this to be reported, by emailing admissionshelpline@slough.gov.uk. All reports received will be investigated.

Supplementary Information Forms (SIFs)

Some schools request additional information from parents and will require a SIF as well as the online application. SIFs are obtainable from the school and should be returned to the school concerned. SIFs will not be considered on their own. The schools must be also be listed on your application.

Amending/reviewing online applications

If you re-visit your online account, to make any changes, you must re-submit your application in order for it to be downloaded by ourselves.

Submitting your application

The closing date for receipt of your application is 15 January 2027. Before you submit your application please check that you:

- **are familiar with the oversubscription criteria for each school you are applying for;**
- **are clear on the order you want to list the schools you are applying for;**
- **think carefully about naming a school where your child is unlikely to qualify for a place; and**
- **do not disadvantage your child by listing only one preference;**
- **have considered naming your nearest school and you have used all three preferences, as this will increase your chances of obtaining a place for your child at one of your preferred schools.**

Moving into Slough before the allocation process

If you move into Slough after the closing date, but before Monday 1 February 2027, and you can provide documentary evidence to confirm this, your application will be processed at the same time as those applications received by 15 January 2027.

If you move into the area after 1 February 2027 your application will only be considered as a late application and will be processed with other late applications in subsequent rounds of allocations commencing from 17 May 2027.

Applying for a school place after the allocation process

If you apply for a school place or move into the area after the allocation of places, you will still be able to apply and name up to three preferences. We will offer you a place at one of your preferred schools if this is possible. If all the places at your preferred schools have been allocated, your child's name will be added to waiting lists in criteria order. Your child will be allocated a place at the next nearest school to your home with available places.

Changing your application information

You can change the information at any time until the closing date, but once submitted and downloaded by us you would need to contact the admissions team to amend your application. You will receive a confirmation email from us when your application has been downloaded.

What happens if my application is late?

Late applications received after the closing date of 15 January 2027 will only be considered after all applications received by the closing date. This means it is much more likely you will not get a place at your preferred school, as the places may already have been given to other children.

If you are moving within Slough, you must still make your application by the deadline. Late applications received for oversubscribed schools will be placed on a waiting list for that school.

Please note:
If you re-open your online account to make any changes, you must re-submit. Failure to do so may mean that we are unable to download the application and it will not be added to our database.

Once the closing date has passed and before 1 February 2027 you can only change your preferences if there is genuine reason to do so, e.g. a change of address.

SECTION 3: How your application is processed

This section tells you how school places are allocated.

Who decides who is offered places?

There are different types of schools. Decisions about which children should be offered school places are made by the admissions authority for each school type. However, Slough Borough Council notifies applicants of the decisions of all the admissions authorities for each school. The schools within each school type category that make school offer decisions in Slough are as follows:

Voluntary controlled schools

The council decides who is offered school places. There is only one voluntary controlled school in Slough.

- St Mary's C of E Primary

Academies, voluntary aided schools and free schools

The governing bodies of the following schools are the admission authorities for their schools and they set and publish their own admissions criteria. They also decide which children are allocated places at their schools. Slough Borough Council informs applicants of the decisions of these schools.

Academies:

- Castleview Primary School
- Cippenham Primary School
- Colnbrook C of E Primary School
- Foxborough Primary School
- Godolphin Junior School
- Holy Family Catholic Primary School
- James Elliman Academy
- Khalsa Primary School
- Lynch Hill School
- Marish Primary School
- Montem Academy
- Phoenix Infant Academy
- Ryvers Primary School
- St Anthony's Catholic Primary School
- St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School
- The Langley Heritage Primary
- Western House Academy
- Willow Primary School

Voluntary aided (VA) schools:

- Iqra Slough Islamic Primary School
- Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary School

Free schools

- Grove Academy (All-through)
- Langley Hall Primary Academy

- The Langley Academy Primary

Foundation schools

- Pippins Primary School
- Priory Primary School

Community schools

Slough Borough Council sets the admissions criteria and determines which children can be offered places at community schools in accordance with the admissions policy.

- Claycots Primary School
- Penn Wood Primary School
- Wexham Court Primary School

If you are applying for a place at a voluntary aided school or academy, you must complete the school's supplementary information form (if they have one) and also submit an application online to the council for a school place. You must return the completed supplementary information form directly to the school to enable the governing body to assess your application correctly. Please note that the supplementary form is not an application form, but it is an important part of the process. You can obtain copies of supplementary information from the council's website or from the school.

The oversubscription criteria are also known as admission criteria. You will find the oversubscription criteria for Slough community primary schools in section 8 of this booklet. The criteria for all other schools vary depending on the type of school you are applying for and can be found in section 9.

How school places are allocated

On submission of the application, each one of your preferences is treated as a separate application regardless of the order you have listed them in.

Slough Admissions will give your child's details to each school/admissions authority. All on time applications will be considered at the same time. Schools will not be told which preference number they are or which other schools you have applied for.

If you have listed a voluntary aided school or academy we send your application details to the relevant school as the school governors decide who should be offered places.

If a school receives more applications than they have places available, the school will use its oversubscription criteria to rank and determine which applicants can receive an offer. This information is then returned to Slough Admissions and matched against the applicant's list of preferences. All possible offers are shared and exchanged across neighbouring Local Authorities through the Co-ordination Scheme.

If you have listed a community or voluntary controlled school, Slough Borough Council Admissions will apply the council's oversubscription criteria if there are more applications than available places.

If you have listed a school in a neighbouring authority, the application will be sent to the local authority for processing.

If more than one of your preferred schools can offer your child a place, we will offer a place at the one which features highest in your list of preferences.

If only one preferred school can offer your child a place, this is the place you will be offered.

If a place cannot be offered at any of the preferred schools, a place will be offered at the catchment area school **(if places remain available)**, or the next nearest school with places available.

Your child's name is automatically added to the waiting list of the preferred schools higher than the school we have offered.

You will receive only one offer of a school place for each child.

If you are unhappy with your allocated school or with the preferences you listed on your original application, you do have the option to submit a revised form listing different preferences. However, if you do this, your new form will considered with other late applications. This is to ensure that parents who change their minds are not given an unfair advantage by being allowed to list more than three preferences.

Note: Most Slough schools receive more applications than they have places available and use admissions over-subscription criteria to determine who can be offered. All over-subscribed community & voluntary controlled schools will offer places using the criteria listed in section 8, however voluntary aided schools offer places using religious criteria have different priorities (see section 9).

Please refer to the relevant schools' websites for details and complete and return **supplementary information forms** as required by school's the application deadline.

Distance measurement

For admission purposes, distance is measured in a straight line using the co-ordinates derived from the National London Property Gazetteer from the centre of the child's home address to the school's main gate.

The straight line measurement is used purely as a tie-breaker; it has no relevance to how you would walk to school. Distance is not measured using Google or other similar apps.

How school places are allocated?

Application received

Admission criteria are applied to each of your listed preferences

Places are offered up to the admission number at each school

The highest possible preference is offered to each child

If it has not been possible to allocate your child a place at any of your preferred schools, **the School Admissions Team will allocate a place to your child at the next nearest school to your home address** with spaces available at the time.

Please note: If a school cannot offer your child a place, it will be because it has met its published admission limit with children higher on its admission criteria.

Please note:

1. Any revised preferences submitted after an initial offer of a school place will take precedence over any previous preferences submitted on the existing application; and where we are able to offer one of your revised preferences, it will cancel any previous offer made regardless of whether you have accepted the offer of a school place.
2. If you are offered a lower preference and do not request to be removed from the waiting list of your higher preferences and we are subsequently able to offer one of your higher preferences, it will cancel the previous offer made regardless of whether you have accepted the offer of a school place.

SECTION 4: Outcome of your application

This section sets out when you will know the outcome of your application and what to do when you find out.

When and how will I be told the outcome of my application?

If you live in Slough and have applied online, you will be able to access the school admissions website from 12.30am on the morning of 16 April 2027 and see where we have been able to offer your child a school place. Notification letters will be emailed on 16 April 2027 to parents that submitted a paper application. If you live outside of Slough, your own local authority will offer you a school place either through their online system and/or by email.

Please note that decisions will not be given over the telephone and there are no facilities to come and pick up a letter from council offices.

After you receive your school admission decision

How do I accept my child's school place?

You must accept or refuse the offer of a school place as soon as possible but no later than 30 April 2027. To accept or decline a place offered, please log back into the Citizen Portal on the council website with the email address and password you created when you initially applied for a school place.

If you do not reply to the offer letter, the offer of a school place will be removed and offered to another child on the waiting list.

What happens if I am not happy with the school my child has been offered?

- you may ask the School Admissions Team about places at other schools
- your child's name will be automatically placed on a waiting list for your first preference school
- you may appeal.

Refusing (declining) the offer of a school/college place

If you refuse the place you have been offered, that place will be offered on to the next child on the waiting list, leaving your child without a school place.

You will not be able to come back to that offer in the future (unless there are still spare places at that particular school). You are advised to discuss this issue with the admissions team before refusing/declining a school place offer.

School waiting lists

How do I get my child's name on a waiting list?

If you have applied for your child to start in reception or year 3 (of a junior school) and you do not get your first, second or third preferred school, your child's name will be automatically placed on the waiting list for the school(s) you have listed above the one you have been offered. Your child's name will remain on the waiting list until the end of the academic year, or until a place becomes available if this happens sooner. If you wish your child's name to remain on the waiting list for the next academic year, you will need to reapply in the July or end of the academic year.

How is the waiting list managed?

When all available places have been allocated, a waiting list will be established for each over-subscribed school. Your child will automatically be added to the waiting list of any school you named on your application that was a higher preference than the school where your child was allocated a place. Positions on a waiting list must follow the same order as the oversubscription criteria and are not allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. If new or late applications have a higher priority under the oversubscription criteria, they will be ranked higher than those who have been on the waiting list for some time. So it's possible that over time a child's position on a waiting list can change.

A waiting list can be lengthened when any future applications for new pupils are refused and the names of these children are added to the list. These names are not added to the end of the list but are inserted according to how well they meet the oversubscription criteria. So, a new application from a child with a higher priority for admission than any of the children already on the list would force all those other children down by one place.

A waiting list can be shortened if any places become free at the preferred school. The free place would be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list at the time in which the place becomes available. If the place is accepted, all the other children on the list would go up by one position. If the place is declined, the child in the top position would be removed from the list and the child in the next position would be offered the place.

Parents can ask for their child's name to be removed from a waiting list at any time. **Being on a waiting list does not affect the parent's right of appeal.**

Waiting lists for Slough schools where Slough is the admissions authority will last until the end of the current academic year. If you would like your child to be considered for a school in Slough for the next academic year starting 1 September, you will need to complete a new In-Year application. Waiting lists for out of area schools are maintained by the relevant authority responsible for the school or the school themselves. Please refer to their admission arrangements for details of how they are maintained.

If you no longer wish to be on the waiting list of any of your school preferences, you must inform the School Admissions Team before subsequent rounds of allocation.

Please note: If a place becomes available at a school it will be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list.

If you are subsequently offered a place at one of your higher ranked preferred schools this will automatically remove the place previously offered at any lower preference school. It is important, therefore, to tell us if you do not wish to remain on the waiting list as you are now happy to accept a lower preference.

In-year transfer waiting lists

After the end of the autumn term, the waiting lists will be transferred into our in-year admissions system. Waiting lists will be maintained by the local authority for Slough community schools and by the individual schools/college if they are their own admission authority. They will last until the end of the current academic year. If you wish to remain on the school's waiting list for the next academic year you will need to complete a new in-year application form. Waiting lists for out of area schools are maintained by the relevant authority responsible for the school or the school themselves. Please refer to their admission arrangements for details of how they are maintained.

What happens if a place becomes available at a school with a waiting list?

The School Admissions Team will offer the place to the child at the top of the waiting list. Parents must accept the place within 10 days otherwise, the place is offered to another child.

Appeals

If you are unhappy with the school place your child has been offered, you have a right to appeal to the independent appeals panel. Information relating to appeals along with the timetable for appeals to be heard are on our website. Academies, voluntary aided, trust and free schools are all responsible for their own appeals and you should contact these schools direct to discuss the process.

You can only appeal for a school for which you have expressed a preference and have been refused. If you wish to appeal, it is a good idea to accept the place at the school you have been offered, as this will have no effect on the outcome of your appeal, and will prevent your child from missing out on a school altogether. The appeal panel's decision is binding on the council and on parents/carers.

There is a legal limit on the size of infant classes, set at thirty children. Where classes are at maximum capacity an appeal panel can only agree the appeal if it can be shown that the authority has made a mistake in applying its oversubscription criteria or has acted unreasonably.

SECTION 5a: List of schools in Slough

Alphabetical list of Slough primary, infant and junior schools.

PAN is the Published Admission Number (the number of spaces available for entry into school).

School details	Category type and age range	DFE	Breakfast Club	After School Club	PAN	No. on roll as of January 2026 (excluding nursery)	Admission Criteria	Supplementary App Form Required
Castleview Primary School Woodstock Avenue, Slough, SL3 7LJ 01753 810615 Headteacher: Rebecca Austin mail@castleview.slough.sch.uk www.castleview.slough.sch.uk	Academy 4-11 Years	5204	Yes	Yes	60	421	Page 38	NO
Cippenham School Elmshott Lane, Slough, SL1 5RB 01628 604665 Headteacher: Jatinder Virk office@cippenham-pri.slough.sch.uk www.cippenhamschool.org.uk	Academy 4-11 Years	5200	Yes - Outsourced to Kidz Enterprise	Yes - Outsourced to Kidz Enterprise	120	998	Page 38	NO
Claycots (Bath Road) Town Hall Campus, Slough, SL1 3UQ 01753 531415 Executive Head: Sarah Mijatovich enquiries@claycots.com www.claycots.co.uk	Community 4-11 Years	2256	Yes	Yes	120	TBC	Page 38	NO

*## Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 8 ** Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 9*

School details	Category type and age range	DFE	Breakfast Club	After School Club	PAN	No. on roll as of January 2026 (excluding nursery)	Admission Criteria	Supplementary App Form Required
Claycots (Monksfield Way) Britwell Campus, Slough, SL2 1QX 01753 521215 Headteacher: Sarah Mijatovich enquiries@claycots.slough.sch.uk www.claycots.co.uk	Community 4-11 Years	2256	Yes - Outsourced to SCL	Yes - Outsourced to SCL	120	1,507	Page 38	NO
Colnbrook Church of England Primary School High Street, Slough, SL3 0JZ 01753 683661 Acting Headteacher: Amy Bharj mail@colnbrookprimary.com www.colnbrookprimary.com	Academy 4-11 Years	2003	Yes	Yes	30	207	Page 38	NO
Foxborough Primary School Common Road, Slough, SL3 8TX 01753 546376 Head of School: Jessica Theisinger post@foxboroughprimary.co.uk www.foxboroughprimary.co.uk	Academy 4-11 Years	2004	Yes	Yes	30	202	Page 38	NO

*## Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 8 ** Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 9*

SECTION 5a: List of schools in Slough (continued)

School details	Category type and age range	DFE	Breakfast Club	After School Club	PAN	No. on roll as of January 2026 (excluding nursery)	Admission Criteria	Supplementary App Form Required
Holy Family Catholic Primary School High Street, Langley, Slough, SL3 8NF 01753 541442 Headteacher: Sara Benn school.admin@holyfamilycatholicschool.org.uk www.holyfamilycatholicschool.org.uk	Academy 4-11 Years	5202	Yes	Yes	60	430	Page 38	YES
Iqra Slough Islamic Primary School Fernside, Slough, SL2 5FF 01753 520018 Headteacher: Dr Mineza Maher office@iqra.slough.sch.uk www.iqraprimary.com	Voluntary aided 4-11 Years	3367	No	Yes	90	624	Page 38	NO
James Elliman Academy Elliman Avenue, Slough, SL2 5BA 01753 810686 Principal: Tajinder Johal jeaoffice@theparkfederation.org www.jameselliman.academy	Academy 4-11 Years	2002	Yes	No	90	624	Page 38	NO

*## Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 8 ** Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 9*

School details	Category type and age range	DFE	Breakfast Club	After School Club	PAN	No. on roll as of January 2026 (excluding nursery)	Admission Criteria	Supplementary App Form Required
Khalsa Primary School Wexham Road, Slough, SL2 5QR 01753 823501 Principal: Parvin Dhaliwal office@kpsslough.com www.khalsaprimaryschool.com	Academy 4-11 Years	3366	Yes	Yes	60	480	Page 38	YES
Langley Hall Primary Academy Lower School - St Mary's Road, Slough, SL3 6BZ Upper School - Station Road, Slough, SL3 8GW 01753 580516 Principal: Stella Kalamaj info@lhpa.co.uk www.lhpa.co.uk	Free school 4-11 Years	2000	Yes	Yes	112	646	Page 38	NO
Lynch Hill School Primary Academy Garrard Road, Slough, SL2 2AN 01753 524170 Headteacher: Lindsey Tomlinson office@lhspa.org.uk www.lhsprimaryacademy.org.uk	Academy 4-11 Years	5208	Yes	Yes	90	757	Page 38	NO

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SECTION 5a: List of schools in Slough (continued)

School details	Category type and age range	DFE	Breakfast Club	After School Club	PAN	No. on roll as of January 2026 (excluding nursery)	Admission Criteria	Supplementary App Form Required
Marish Primary School Swabey Road, Slough, SL3 8NZ 01753 819900 Headteacher: Amanda Court post@marishandwillow.co.uk marish.marishacademytrust.co.uk	Academy 4-11 Years	3365	Yes	Yes	90	709	Page 38	NO
Montem Academy Chalvey Grove, Slough, SL1 2TE 01753 528050 CEO: Dr Martin Young Principal: Carmen Nel maoffice@theparkfederation.org www.montem.academy	Academy 4-11 Years	2005	Yes	Yes	120	835	Page 38	NO
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nursery School Derwent Drive, Slough, SL1 6HW 01628 661886 Headteacher: Nick Stopps post@olopprimary.co.uk www.olopprimary.co.uk/web	Voluntary aided 4-11 Years	3353			30	363	Page 38	YES

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School details	Category type and age range	DFE	Breakfast Club	After School Club	PAN	No. on roll as of January 2026 (excluding nursery)	Admission Criteria	Supplementary App Form Required
Penn Wood Primary and Nursery School Penn Road, Slough, SL2 1PH 01753 521811 Headteacher: Clare Fletcher enquiries@pennwood.slough.sch.uk www.pennwood.slough.sch.uk	Community 4-11 Years	2255	Yes - Only offered to targeted pupil premium children	Yes	90	626	Page 38	NO
Phoenix Infant Academy Warrington Avenue, Slough, SL1 3BQ 01753 521888 Principal: Amanda Jarret post@phoenixinfants.uk www.phoenixinfants.uk	Academy 4-7 Years	2196			90	262	Page 38	NO
Pippins School Raymond Close, Colnbrook, Slough, SL3 0PR 01753 682937 Acting Headteacher: Gill Denham office@pippins.slough.sch.uk www.pippins.slough.sch.uk	Foundation 4-11 Years	5207	No	Yes	30	187	Page 38	NO

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SECTION 5a: List of schools in Slough (continued)

School details	Category type and age range	DFE	Breakfast Club	After School Club	PAN	No. on roll as of January 2026 (excluding nursery)	Admission Criteria	Supplementary App Form Required
Priory School Orchard Avenue, Slough, SL1 6HE 01628 600300 Headteacher: Hannah Foster office@prioryschool.com www.prioryschool.co.uk	Foundation 4-11 Years	5201	Yes	Yes	90	556	Page 39	NO
Ryvers School Trelawney Avenue, Slough, SL3 7TS 01753 544474 Executive Head: Pete Rowe Head of School: Nikki Price office@ryvers.slough.sch.uk www.ryversschool.com	Academy 4-11 Years	5209	Yes	Yes	90	622	Page 39	NO
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School Farnham Road, Slough, SL2 3AA 01753 645828 Headteacher: Siobhan Oppe post@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk www.stanthonys.slough.sch.uk	Academy 4-11 Years	3364	Yes	No	60	425	Page 39	YES

*## Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 8 ** Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 9*

School details	Category type and age range	DFE	Breakfast Club	After School Club	PAN	No. on roll as of January 2026 (excluding nursery)	Admission Criteria	Supplementary App Form Required
St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School Wexham Road, Slough, SL2 5QR 01753 522048 Headteacher: Fiona Maynard post@stethelberts.slough.sch.uk www.stethelberts.slough.sch.uk	Academy 4-11 Years	3363	Yes	Yes	60	388	Page 39	YES
St Mary's Church of England Primary School Yew Tree Road, Slough, SL1 2AR 01753 534791 Headteacher: Saba Khan head@stmarys.slough.sch.uk www.stmarys.slough.sch.uk	Voluntary controlled 4-11 Years	3070	Yes	No	90	623	Page 39	NO
The Godolphin Junior Academy Oatlands Drive, Slough, SL1 3HS 01753 521481 CEO: Dr Martin Young Principal: Pavnit Dhillon gjaoffice@theparkfederation.org www.thegodolphin-jun.academy	Academy 7-11 Years	2009	Yes	Yes	90	413	Page 39	NO

*## Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 8 ** Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 9*

SECTION 5a: List of schools in Slough (continued)

School details	Category type and age range	DFE	Breakfast Club	After School Club	PAN	No. on roll as of January 2026 (excluding nursery)	Admission Criteria	Supplementary App Form Required
The Langley Academy Primary Langley Road, Slough, SL3 7EF 01753 214450 Headteacher: Tracey Bowen office@langleyacademyprimary.org www.langleyacademyprimary.org	Free school 4-11 Years	2008	Yes	Yes	90	628	Page 39	NO
The Langley Heritage Primary Kennett Road, Slough, SL3 8EQ 01753 542269 Headteacher: Hanna Blackmore post@parlaunt.slough.sch.uk www.langleyheritageprimary.org	Academy 4-11 Years	2007	Yes	Yes	60	455	Page 39	NO
Western House Academy Richards Way, Slough, SL1 5TJ 01753 526326 CEO: Dr Martin Young Principal: Coral Snowden whaoffice@theparkfederation.org www.westernhouse.academy	Academy 4-11 Years	2006	Yes	Yes - Outsourced to BuzzKidz	90	623	Page 39	NO

*## Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 8 ** Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 9*

School details	Category type and age range	DFE	Breakfast Club	After School Club	PAN	No. on roll as of January 2026 (excluding nursery)	Admission Criteria	Supplementary App Form Required
Wexham Court Primary School Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, SL3 6LU 01753 524989 Headteacher: Navroop Mehat mail@wexhamprimary.com www.wexhamprimary.com	Community 4-11 Years	2252	Yes	Yes	90	585	Page 39	NO
Willow Primary School Fernside, Slough, SL2 5FF 01753 551854 Executive Head: Gill Denham Headteacher: Amanda Court officewillow@marishandwillow.co.uk willow.marishacademytrust.co.uk	Academy 4-11 Years	2001	Yes	Yes	60	409	Page 39	NO
All through school - Primary and Secondary phase								
Grove Academy Ladbrooke Road, Slough, SL1 2SR 01753 517359 Executive Principal: Nick Caulfield Associate Principal: Natalie Wismayer office@groveacademy.co.uk www.groveacademy.co.uk	Free school 4-15 Years	4008			60	516 (primary only)	Page 39	NO

*## Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 8 ** Additional information on these schools can be found in Section 9*

SECTION 5b: How places were allocated on offer day 2026

The information we provide in this section about applications and offers is based upon the number of 'on time' applications we received and the allocations we made on the allocation day - 16 April 2026.

School	PAN	Total requests	Total offers	1st Preference	2nd Preference	3rd Preference	Alternative	Last place offered
Castleview Primary School	60	76	42	37	4	0	1	Distance 4.06
Claycots (Town Hall Site)	120	208	120	117	3	0	0	Distance 0.549
Claycots School (Britwell Site)	120	100	70	64	4	0	2	Distance 2.442
Colnbrook CE Primary School	30	46	30	26	4	0	0	Distance 1.893
Foxborough Primary School	30	38	24	20	1	0	3	Distance 1.751
Grove Academy	60	59	40	31	4	0	5	Distance 1.018
Holy Family Catholic Primary School	60	93	60	59	1	0	0	Distance 3.84
Iqra Slough Islamic Primary School	90	239	90	90	0	0	0	Non Muslim 0.451
James Elliman Academy	90	142	88	64	11	1	12	Distance 2.083
Khalsa Primary School	60	135	60	60	0	0	0	Non Sikh 2.512
Langley Hall Primary Academy	112	113	46	43	2	1	0	Distance 3.971
Lynch Hill School Primary Academy	120	108	87	83	4	0	0	Distance 4.586
Marish Primary School	90	160	81	73	7	1	0	Distance 4.08
Montem Academy	120	217	120	110	10	0	0	Distance 1.367
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nurs School	30	58	29	28	1	0	0	Distance 0.991

School	PAN	Total requests	Total offers	1st Preference	2nd Preference	3rd Preference	Alternative	Last place offered
Penn Wood Primary and Nursery School	90	151	90	78	9	2	1	Distance 1.867
Phoenix Infant Academy	90	131	90	88	2	0	0	Distance 0.758
Pippins School	30	48	30	29	1	0	0	Distance 0.268
Priory School	90	102	59	55	3	1	0	Distance 4.687
Ryvers Primary School	90	83	52	49	1	0	2	Distance 1.535
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	60	59	60	60	0	0	0	Distance 0.478
St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School	60	68	42	40	2	0	0	Distance 1.428
St Mary's Church of England Primary School Slough	90	152	90	85	4	1	0	Denominational 0.346
The Cippenham School	120	167	104	102	1	0	1	Distance 2.091
The Langley Academy Primary	90	218	90	83	5	2	0	Distance 1.945
The Langley Heritage Primary	60	110	60	56	3	1	0	Distance 4.046
Western House Academy	90	148	81	79	1	0	1	Distance 1.745
Wexham Court Primary School	90	94	45	34	6	1	4	Distance 2.892
Willow Primary School	60	165	60	41	17	2	0	Distance 2.794
TOTAL	2,302	3,488	1,940	1,784	111	12	32	

SECTION 6: Moving house

If you are in the process of moving house or recently changed address, you must still apply by the closing date (to us if you are moving within Slough or to your home local authority if you are currently living outside Slough). You must state your child's current address at the time of application in order for your application to be considered.

In order for your new address to be used in the allocation, you must be residing at the property by 1 February 2027 and be able to provide the necessary proof of address set out in section 7 of this booklet.

We will be able to use your new address to process your application providing we receive the proof of address by 1 February 2027.

You will also be able to change the schools you have listed on your application form up to this date if a material change in circumstances has taken place. We may ask at a later stage that you support previous evidence by sending us further evidence, for example a utility bill. If you cannot provide this evidence until after **1 February 2027**, we will not be able to take your new address into account during our initial allocations. However, we will be able to use your new address for any waiting list application you make.

You must also inform us of any move which makes a material change to your application; i.e. if you move out of the catchment area for a school you have requested.

If you move before we send out the allocation letters, please send us evidence of your new address (proof) so that we can make sure that your allocation letter goes to the new address.

Please note: If your proposed house move falls through, then you must inform us so that the correct address can be used for the allocation. Failure to do so may result in an offer being withdrawn.

What happens if I move to the area at a time when my child would not normally change school?

If you have moved house and it is no longer practical to make the journey to your child's current school, you may need to apply for a place at a different school. If you wish to apply for a maintained school in Slough, you will need to apply via the School Admissions Team, using an 'In-Year Application Form'.

You can apply for a school place in advance of your move if you wish, however you will not receive a decision until you have moved into the area.

No school places are reserved for people who move into the area, but we will be pleased to advise you about which schools have places available at the time you require a school. Please bear in mind however, that available places at individual schools change from time to time.

Fair access protocol

As required by law, Slough Borough Council has a fair access protocol with schools. This protocol ensures that children to whom the protocol applies and who are without a school place take precedence over children on a school's waiting list.

SECTION 7: Proof of address

To ensure that offers of school places are made fairly, Slough Borough Council is committed to following strict home address verification procedures. When you apply for a school place, you must have parental responsibility for the child and submit the correct documentary evidence to avoid any unnecessary delay in the child's admission to school.

The following documentary evidence **must** be submitted with your application before a school place can be allocated and your child admitted into school:

1. Proof of where you (the parent/carer) live

2. Proof that the child lives with you (the parent/carer)

3. Proof of the child's date of birth

Where there is any doubt about **parental responsibility,** the school will also ask you to provide proof of parental responsibility.

Acceptable proof of where you live

All documents must be dated at or before the time of making a school application.

Please provide any **two** of the following:
(Original copies only)

- A copy of a current tenancy agreement signed by all parties and arranged through a letting/estate agency or solicitor's letter showing exchange of contracts, if you have just moved house.
- Current private tenancy agreement (not arranged through a letting/estate agency) must be supported with three copies of utility bills.
- A copy of your Council Tax bill or letter for the current year
- A copy of a recent utility bill for your home address, showing usage - gas, electricity, water, telephone (not mobile phones)

- Copy of rent book for a current council tenancy
- Copy of letter from a housing association confirming that you and the child reside at the address
- Copy of house insurance dated within the last 12 months
- HMRC Tax notification documentation
- Benefit letter or Universal Credit notice
- Current driving licence
- Letter from National Asylum Support Service (NASS) OR UK Border Force (UKBA) confirming placement at their address.

Recently moved house?

If you have recently moved house and your present address is different from the address on your application, you must provide us with a Closing Council Tax bill or Closing utility bill for gas, water or electricity for your previous address to prove that you were living at the address at the time of application.

You will also need proof of your **new address.**

If you do not provide the required proofs of address, we will assume your child does not live in the catchment area. Even if you prove that you live at the address yourself, we still need proof that your child lives there as well.

Please be aware that irrespective of the proof you provide, we may ask you to supply further evidence to verify your address or prove a sibling link.

SECTION 7: Proof of address (continued)

Proof that the child lives with you

We would also require proof that the child lives with you. Therefore, please provide **at least two documents** to prove that your child lives with you.

For example; a letter from your child's GP, dentist, hospital, optician; child's NHS registration card; medical letter or prescription within the last 12 months; immigration documents; child benefit letter for the current financial year showing the home address and child's name; letter from Social Care or housing department confirming your child's placement at the address; or a photocopy of any state benefit letter for the current financial year which clearly states your child's name and address.

Proof of the child's Date of Birth

One of the following documents **must** be provided:

- The child's birth certificate **or**
- The child's passport (this must be valid) **or**
- European Economic Area (EEA) identity cards **or**
- Home Office paperwork including the child's name and date of birth
- Prescription or medical letter.

Proof of Parental Responsibility

Where there is any doubt about parental responsibility, we may ask you to provide proof of parental responsibility. In such cases, whatever you choose to provide will be entirely up to you. However, it must indicate that you have parental responsibility.

In law, having "Parental Responsibility" (PR) means all the rights, duties, powers, responsibility and authority that a parent of a child has in relation to the child and his property.

For example, having the right to make important decisions about the child's life in areas like medical treatment and education. People other than a child's natural parents can acquire parental responsibility through;

- being granted a residence order
- being appointed a guardian

According to current law, a natural mother always has parental responsibility for her child. A father however, has this responsibility only if he is married to the child's mother or has acquired legal responsibility for this child in a manner detailed below.

Changes in the Adoption and Children Act 2002 mean that from 30 December 2005 unmarried and same-sex couples that have jointly adopted a child will also have equal rights with regard to parental responsibility.

Others can also acquire parental responsibility by holding a Residence Order, Emergency Protection Order, or the Local Authority via a Care Order.

Examples of documents that denotes parental responsibility include:

- The child's Birth Certificate;
- Marriage Certificate;
- Parental Responsibility Agreement entered into by birth parents;
- Copy of a Court Order giving father parental responsibility
- Child arrangement Order in respect of the child
- Upon taking office as a formally appointed guardian of the child
- Adoption Order
- Upon taking office as a formally appointed guardian of the child

If none of the documents can be provided

If you can't provide any of the documents above, a sworn affidavit, statutory declaration or affirmation must be provided. It must state the parent's and child's full name, address, the date you started living at that address and the child's date of birth.

The document must be signed by a solicitor holding a current practicing certificate issued by the Solicitors Regulation Authority.

Please note that Slough Borough Council cannot contribute towards the cost of obtaining this documentation.

Please note: it is an offence to give a false address. If we offer your child a school place based on information which then turns out to be false or misleading, we reserve the right to withdraw the offer and your application will be re-considered based on the correct facts. This may apply even if your child has started at the school offered.

SECTION 8: Oversubscription criteria

FOR COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR 2027-2028

Admission arrangements for Slough community primary schools for 2027-28

As the admissions authority, the local authority gives priority to children whose parents have applied for a school place by the published deadline. Community and voluntary controlled schools do not always have enough places available for every child whose parents have applied for a place. In this case the local authority will use an order of priority for admissions to all community and voluntary-controlled schools in Slough.

The local authority will admit children with a statement of special educational needs or an education health and care plan which names a school. This will be in addition to any specific arrangements to specialist provision.

The order of priority for all other children is as follows:

1. **A Looked after child** (as defined in the Children Act 1989) or a child who was previously looked after and has left care under a Child arrangements order, special guardianship order or who was adopted; and those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in care as a result of being adopted
2. **Exceptional Medical/Social need** – Applicants whose child's medical or social circumstances require attendance at a particular school rather than any other school. (See Appendix I for further information relating to exceptional medical/social need)
3. **Sibling*** - Children who will have a brother or sister, including all blood half-, step-, adoptive and foster brothers and sisters of the child (not cousins) who live at the same home as the child, in the infant, linked junior or primary school in September 2027. This would not apply if the sibling were due to leave in the July before the younger child would be admitted.
4. **Children of staff** – children of any member of staff, regardless of role in the school where

   a. The member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application or

   b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
5. **Distance** - Distance will be measured in a straight line using the co-ordinates from the National Property Gazetteer from the centre of the child's home address (including flats) to the school's main gate

*For the purposes of admissions, the Department for Education definition of sibling is as follows:

'Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.

Every effort will be made to ensure that brothers or sisters (as defined above) and those from multiple births can attend the same primary school, understanding that the local authority must comply with the Education (Infant Class Sizes) (England) Regulations 1998.

Tie breaker

If there is one place available and two or more children next in order of priority or next on the waiting list meet the appropriate criterion equally, the place will be allocated using the distance criterion. Distance will be measured in a straight line using the co-ordinates derived from the National London Property Gazetteer from the centre of the child's home address to the school's main gate. If the distances are equal, a place will be allocated by drawing lots in the presence of an independent witness.

Parents should note that admission to reception classes is determined using the admission criteria for primary schools.

Attendance at a nursery does not guarantee a reception place at an attached infant or primary school.

It may be necessary to use other OS maps or online resources for any home address outside of the Slough local authority area not covered by the local authority's computerised distance measuring system. In the case of flats, the priority is that of floor level i.e. ground, first, second etc. in that order.

In cases of exactly the same measurement where no differentiation can be established, a lottery will be used to decide the allocation of the place. For late applications, the local authority will allocate places in the same order of priority. In cases of equal merit, priority will be given to the child living nearest the school as measured by a straight line as above.

Waiting list

The Local Authority will maintain a waiting list for all community schools. To ensure that the LA, as the admissions authority, meets its duty to continue to co-ordinate admissions beyond the offer date and comply with the parents' highest possible preference, we will ensure that waiting lists do not contain lower ranked preferences.

Waiting lists for community schools will include all those that applied after the national closing date. Waiting lists will be held in the order of oversubscription criteria, not in order of when an application is received. This means a child's position can move down as well as up following the addition of any applications that may have a higher priority. **The waiting list will be in operation until at least 31 December 2027.**

Parents should complete and submit an in-year application form thereafter if they wish their child's details to be kept on the waiting list for the remainder of the academic year. For the in-year waiting list, parents must complete and submit a new application form at the beginning of the new academic year.

SECTION 8a: Oversubscription criteria (voluntary controlled schools)

FOR VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR 2027-2028

Admission arrangements for St Mary's Church of England Primary School for 2027-28

As the admissions authority, the local authority gives priority to children whose parents have applied for a school place by the published deadline. voluntary controlled schools do not always have enough places available for every child whose parents have applied for a place. In this case the local authority will use an order of priority for admissions to all voluntary controlled schools in Slough.

The local authority will admit children with a statement of special educational needs or an education health and care plan which names a school. This will be in addition to any specific arrangements to specialist provision.

Where a school is oversubscribed, the order of priority that will be applied for all children is as follows:

1. **A Looked after child** Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in care as a result of being adopted.
2. **Sibling** Children who have a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step-brother or sister, foster brother or sister (not cousins), living in the same family unit at the same address as the child on roll at the school - at the time of application and expected to still be on roll at the time of admissions.
3. **Catchment area** Children who live in the catchment area of the school.
4. **Denomination** Children whose parents have selected the school on denominational grounds.
5. **Strong medical and social grounds** Children who have exceptional medical or social circumstances require attendance at a particular school rather than any other school. The reasons must be fully supported in writing by a professional person involved with the child such as a doctor or social worker. This must show that the school requested is the only school that the child can attend because of the exceptional medical and social needs. All documents must be submitted with the common Application Form (CAF) or with a printed copy of the online form if completed online.
6. **All other applicants** All other applicants who live nearest from home to school.

**For the purposes of admissions, the Department for Education definition of sibling is as follows:*

'Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.

Every effort will be made to ensure that brothers or sisters (as defined above) and those from multiple births can attend the same primary school, understanding that the local authority must comply with the Education (Infant Class Sizes) (England) Regulations 1998.

Tie breaker

If there is one place available and two or more children next in order of priority or next on the waiting list meet the appropriate criterion equally, the place will be allocated using the distance criterion. Distance will be measured in a straight line using the co-ordinates derived from the National London Property Gazetteer from the centre of the child's home address to the school's main gate. If the distances are equal, a place will be allocated by drawing lots in the presence of an independent witness. Parents should note that admission to reception classes is determined using the admission criteria for primary schools.

Attendance at a nursery does not guarantee a reception place at an attached infant or primary school.

It may be necessary to use other OS maps or online resources for any home address outside of the Slough local authority area not covered by the local authority's computerised distance measuring system. In the case of flats, the priority is that of floor level i.e. ground, first, second etc. in that order.

In cases of exactly the same measurement where no differentiation can be established, a lottery will be used to decide the allocation of the place. For late applications, the local authority will allocate places in the same order of priority. In cases of equal merit, priority will be given to the child living nearest the school as measured by a straight line as above.

Waiting list

The Local Authority will maintain a waiting list for voluntary controlled schools. To ensure that the LA, as the admissions authority, meets its duty to continue to co-ordinate admissions beyond the offer date and comply with the parents' highest possible preference, we will ensure that waiting lists do not contain lower ranked preferences.

Waiting lists for voluntary controlled schools will include all those that applied after the national closing date. Waiting lists will be held in the order of oversubscription criteria, not in order of when an application is received. This means a child's position can move down as well as up following the addition of any applications that may have a higher priority. **The waiting list will be in operation until at least 31 December 2027.**

Parents should complete and submit an in-year application form thereafter if they wish their child's details to be kept on the waiting list for the remainder of the academic year. For the in-year waiting list, parents must complete and submit a new application form at the beginning of the new academic year.

SECTION 9: Oversubscription criteria

FOR OWN ADMISSION AUTHORITIES

This section sets out the oversubscriptions criteria adopted by the governors of each own admission authority school in Slough. These pages are a synopsis of the individual schools' admissions arrangements. You should refer to the school's own website for sight of the full admissions policy or contact the schools if you are in any doubt about this.

All information given is up-to-date at the time of printing.

To see each school's admission policy, please click the relevant button below to visit their website and view their criteria.

Castleview Primary School
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Cippenham School
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Colnbrook Church of England Primary School
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Foxborough Primary School
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Grove Academy
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Iqra Slough Islamic Primary School
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

James Elliman Academy
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Khalsa Primary School
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Langley Hall Primary Academy
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Lynch Hill School Primary Academy
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Marish Primary School
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Montem Academy
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Our Lady of Peace Catholic
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Phoenix Infant Academy
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Pippins School
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Priory School
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Ryvers School
Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School

Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

The Godolphin Junior Academy

Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

The Langley Academy Primary

Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

The Langley Heritage Primary

Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Western House Academy

Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Willow Primary School

Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

CHECKLIST:

Have you…

- ✓ made sure that all addresses (including postcode) on your application are correct?
- ✓ checked to make sure your child's date of birth is correct?
- ✓ told us if your child has a statement of special educational needs (or an education and health care plan) or is in care?
- ✓ listed up to three schools in order of preference?
- ✓ told us why you want each of your schools?
- ✓ noted any documents that will need to be supplied and to whom to support your application?
- ✓ finally, submitted the form and received an acknowledgement email?

If you need help with any part of this process, then please contact the admissions team via **_admissions.helpline@slough.gov.uk** or call/email the relevant people as per the information contained in this booklet.

Please remember: Your online application must be submitted by midnight on 15 January 2027

Special Schools in Slough

Please note: Places at these schools are allocated through Slough Borough Council's assessment and review team.

Arbour Vale School

Farnham Road, Slough, SL2 3AE

Telephone: 01753 515560
Headteacher: Neil Sykes
office@arbourvaleschool.org
www.arbourvaleschool.org

Littledown School

Queens Road, Slough, SL1 3QW

Telephone: 01753 521734
Headteacher: Angela Mumford
post@littledown.slough.sch.uk
www.littledownschool.co.uk

SECTION 10: School transport

Please note: This is a very short summary of the council's School Transport Policy.

If getting to school may be an issue for you, you should read the whole of the policy before making your preferences for school places. Full details of the current policy are available at **www.slough.gov.uk/schooltransport** or or email **education.transport@slough.gov.uk** for a copy to be sent to you.

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child can get to school.

Only a very small number of children qualify for free home to school transport as most catchment schools will be under the two or three mile lower limit (according to the age of the child). If you make a preference for a school other than your catchment school you will be expected to make your own arrangements for your child's journey to and from school and to meet any costs involved.

When is transport available?

Slough Borough Council will provide free transport for a pupil if they live within the boundaries of Slough Unitary Authority (i.e. the family's council tax is paid to Slough Borough Council) and the nearest suitable school at which the pupil is registered is not within walking distance of home measured by the shortest walking route, being:

- More than two miles for primary pupils up to and including year 3 (age 8) and
- Three miles for primary pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 (ages 8 to 11)

Primary school children from low income families qualify for free school transport if they:

- Are aged 8 to 11 years
- Go to their nearest suitable school, and live more than two miles away from school

Slough Borough Council will provide free transport for a pupil if they live within the boundaries of Slough Unitary Authority (the family's council tax is paid to Slough Borough Council) and meet one of the following criteria:

- The nearest suitable school at which the pupil is registered is not within walking distance of the pupils home, i.e. more than three miles for primary pupils measured by the shortest available walking route
- Where the pupil lives further than the maximum distances referred to above and is registered at the designated school (as designated by Slough Borough Council for transport purposes) measured by the shortest available walking route
- Where the school attended is not the nearest suitable school or the designated school (as designated by Slough Borough Council for transport purposes) for the pupil's home address, and is further than the qualifying walking distances, and the Admissions Team can confirm that at the time of transferring to the school there were no available places at the designated school or at any school nearer to the pupil's home.

Secondary-aged pupils from low income families qualify for free school transport if they:

- Attend one of three nearest suitable schools which are more than two miles and less than six miles (measured by the shortest available walking route) from the home address
- Attend the nearest school chosen on the grounds of religion or belief, and the school is between two and fifteen miles away from their home address.

SECTION 11: In-year admissions

In-year admissions

If your child is or has been at a primary, infant, junior or secondary school and you want to move them to a different school during an academic year, you need to apply for an in-year admission.

An in-year admission is when you apply for a school outside the normal admissions at a time when your child should already be attending school. You would normally be making an in-year application if you have recently moved, just arrived in Slough or you want to transfer your child to another school.

You can apply to us for schools located in Slough. For some schools, you will need to apply direct.

Schools currently participating in the in-year co-ordination

School name	Telephone	Website
Castleview Primary School	01753 810615	www.castleview.slough.sch.uk
Claycots Primary (Bath Road)	01753 531415	www.claycots.co.uk
Claycots Primary (Monksfield Way)	01753 521215	www.claycots.co.uk
Colnbrook CE Primary	01753 683661	www.colnbrookprimary.com
Grove Academy	01753 517359	www.groveacademy.co.uk
James Elliman Primary	01753 810686	www.jameselliman.academy
Montem Primary	01753 528050	www.montem.academy
Penn Wood Primary	01753 521811	www.pennwood.slough.sch.uk
Phoenix Infant	01753 521888	www.phoenixinfants.uk
Ryvers Primary School	01753 544474	www.ryversschool.com
St Mary's CE Primary	01753 534791	www.stmarys.slough.sch.uk

School name	Telephone	Website
The Godolphin Junior	01753 521481	www.thegodolphin-jun.academy
Western House Academy	01753 526326	www.westernhouse.academy
Wexham Court Primary	01753 524989	www.wexhamprimary.com

The following schools have chosen not to participate in the locally agreed co-ordinated in year admissions and will accept applications directly. It will NOT be possible for the council to process an application for one of these schools.

School name	Telephone	Website
Cippenham Primary	01628 604665	www.cippenhamschool.org
Foxborough Primary	01753 546376	www.foxboroughprimary.co.uk
Holy Family Catholic School	01753 541442	www.holyfamilycatholicschool.org.uk
Khalsa Primary School	01753 823501	www.khalsaprimaryschool.com
The Langley Academy Primary	01753 214450	www.langleyacademy.org
Langley Hall Primary Academy	01753 542269	www.langleyheritageprimary.org
Lynch Hill School Primary Academy	01753 524170	www.lhsprimaryacademy.org.uk
Marish Primary	01753 819900	www.marish.marishacademytrust.co.uk
The Langley Heritage	01753 580516	www.lhpa.co.uk
Iqra Slough Islamic Primary School	01753 520018	www.iqra.slough.sch.uk
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary	01628 661886	www.olopprimary.co.uk/web
Pippins Primary	01753 682937	www.pippins.slough.sch.uk
Priory Primary	01628 600300	www.prioryschool.co.uk
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	01753 645828	www.stanthonys.slough.sch.uk
St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School	01753 522048	www.stethelberts.slough.sch.uk
Willow Primary	01753 551854	willow.marishacademytrust.co.uk

SECTION 12: Frequently asked questions

My child was not offered a place at one of our preferred schools.

Unfortunately your preferred school was over-subscribed, and all the children offered a place had higher priority under the school's admission criteria. Your child is automatically added to the waiting list for higher preference schools than the school you have been offered. Although a place cannot be made available at the present time, the position may change over the coming weeks and months as some parents decide not to accept the offers they have received. However, please note any places that become available will be offered from the waiting list strictly in accordance with the school's published admission criteria and there is no guarantee that you will be offered a place before September.

You will have been offered a place at an alternative school which would have been the next nearest school with available places. If you would like information about other schools which may have vacancies or short waiting lists or wish to make applications for other schools, please contact the Admissions Team.

I don't agree with the decision not to offer my child a place at our preferred school.

If your application has been unsuccessful, you will be added to the school's waiting list. You also have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel against the decision made to not offer your child a place at your preferred school. When considering whether to appeal, it is important that you are aware that although the law allows you have the opportunity to appeal against admission decisions, it does not give your child the right to a place at a particular school. There is no guarantee that your appeal will be successful.

Most schools will already have a reception class at the legal maximum of 30 pupils. In such cases, an appeal panel can only uphold the appeal if they decide that the child has not been offered a place because of an error in applying the admission arrangements, or that those arrangements do not comply with admissions law, or that the decision was entirely unreasonable in legal terms. Unless you think there is a case to be made on any of these grounds, it is unlikely that an appeal will be successful.

Why has a child who lives near me been offered a place at my preferred school, but my child hasn't?

Community school, foundation school, free school or academy?

- This will be because siblings and children who live nearer to the school than your child have been offered all the available places.
- Although you may live fairly near to a school, if there were enough other applicants living closer than you to fill the available places, it will not have been possible to offer your child a place.

Church or Faith school?

- This will be because children who meet the religious criteria more fully, and/or who live nearer to the school than your child, have been offered all the available places.
- If there are more applicants who meet the religious criteria than there are places, most schools will decide which children will get a place based on how close they live to the school.

Please contact the school if you need more information about the religious criteria.

Last year children living in my area got a place at my preferred school, so why hasn't my child been offered a place this year?

Usually, distance from the school is used in the case of a tiebreak, therefore the child you are referring to may meet different admission criteria or lives slightly closer to the school than you. The pattern of applications can also vary from year to year, ie there may be more pupils living closer to the school or who have a sibling already attending the school. This in turn will lead to a change in the allocation of places at a school from year to year.

What happens if I don't accept the school offered to me?

You can choose how to educate your child. If you have accepted a place at another school, ie an independent school, you should inform us that you do not want to accept the school you have been offered. This will enable another child to be offered the place your child vacates.

If the council are unable to ascertain whether you want the school place within a reasonable time (by 1 May), it will be assumed that you do not want the place and it will be withdrawn. If, by September, the council has not been notified of your intention to provide your child with education, your case may be referred to Children Missing Education.

Please note there is no guarantee that you will be offered a place from your preferred school's waiting list or on appeal. If you have been offered a place at another school you should therefore accept this in the meantime.

How important is distance from home to school?

Distance from home to school is used by many schools to decide which children qualify for a place. Unless your application meets religious criteria for a church school, you are more likely to be offered a place in a school closer to home than one further away. However, this isn't always the case, especially if the nearby school is particularly popular. Information about the furthest distance that places were offered under the distance criterion at each school for the September 2026 intake can be found in Section 5 of this booklet.

What is an Admission Authority?

The admission authority is the body responsible for setting the admission criteria and deciding which children should be offered places at a particular school. This will vary according to the type of school.

For community schools the admission authority is the council whilst for foundation schools, voluntary aided schools, academies, and free schools it is the school's governing body or academy trust.

My child does not have a school place for September

If you have not already applied for a school place, you should do so immediately. If you live outside of Slough, you should contact your home local authority.

If you have made an application, this will mean that unfortunately all your preferred schools were over-subscribed, and the children offered a place had higher priority under the schools' admission criteria. If you wish to be included on the waiting list for any of your preferred schools you should contact the admission authority for the school. Although a place cannot be made available at the present time, the position may change over the coming weeks and months as some parents decide not to accept the offers they have received. However, please note any places that become available will be offered from the waiting list strictly in accordance with the school's published admission criteria and there is no guarantee that you will be offered a place before September. You will have been offered a place has at an alternative school which would have been the next nearest school with available places.

If you would like information about other schools which may have vacancies or short waiting lists or wish to make applications for other schools, please contact the Admissions Team by email at _**admissions.helpline@slough.gov.uk**

Am I guaranteed a place for my child in one of the schools I list?

No, this cannot be guaranteed. Much depends on:

- how many people apply for places at each school
- whether applicants have brothers or sisters already there
- and other factors.

These things can vary from year to year. The more schools you list, the better your chances of getting a place for your child at one of them.

Admission authorities publish information on the number of applications to schools in previous years and how far away schools have tended to recruit from. This can give you some idea of how likely it is you will obtain a place - but it is only a guide, not a prediction. It can help you make a more realistic choice, but you are entitled to express a preference for any school you wish.

Does the order in which I list my schools affect my chances of getting a school place?

No, we will not pass on details to the school of where the school is ranked within your preferences. No school will be told about other schools you have applied for.

The order of preference is only used where it is possible to offer you a place at more than one school. For example, if you list four schools and you could be offered a place at Numbers 2 and 4, you will be offered School 2 - the highest ranked on your list.

Do I have to apply for a school place?

Yes - everyone must apply.

If you would like your child to attend a school which is state funded, the law states you must make an application for admission. Neither the local authority nor the school will assume you want a place and reserve one for you; even if you have an older child attending the same school, your child attends a nursery class at the school or you live next door to the school.

My older child was allocated a place at a particular school last year; does this guarantee a place for my younger child this year?

No. It is not possible to guarantee a place for siblings. The number of pupils who are offered a place depends on the number who apply and where they live.

Should I list the catchment school for my home address?

Yes. If you do not list the catchment school for your home address as a preference it may fill up with children whose parents have listed it as a preference. If we are then unable to offer you your preferred school we would have to look at the next nearest school with places available. This school may be further away from your home address than you would like, therefore you should consider carefully how you intend to get your child to school. If you are unaware of the catchment school for your home address, please contact the Admissions Team.

Please note if you list a school which is not your catchment school you will be responsible for transport arrangements and any associated costs for the duration of your child's time at that school.

How can I assess the likelihood of securing a place for my child?

You can work out how high up the list of admission criteria your child will be by looking at the schools admission policy (see Section 8 & 9) in this booklet. The admission policy will also tell you how many children the school can admit. You may also want to look at how many children were admitted under each admission category in previous years. However, you must treat this information with caution because circumstances can change from year to year. For example, if a new housing development opens in the catchment area of a small infant school, it may affect the number of out-catchment applicants the school can admit.

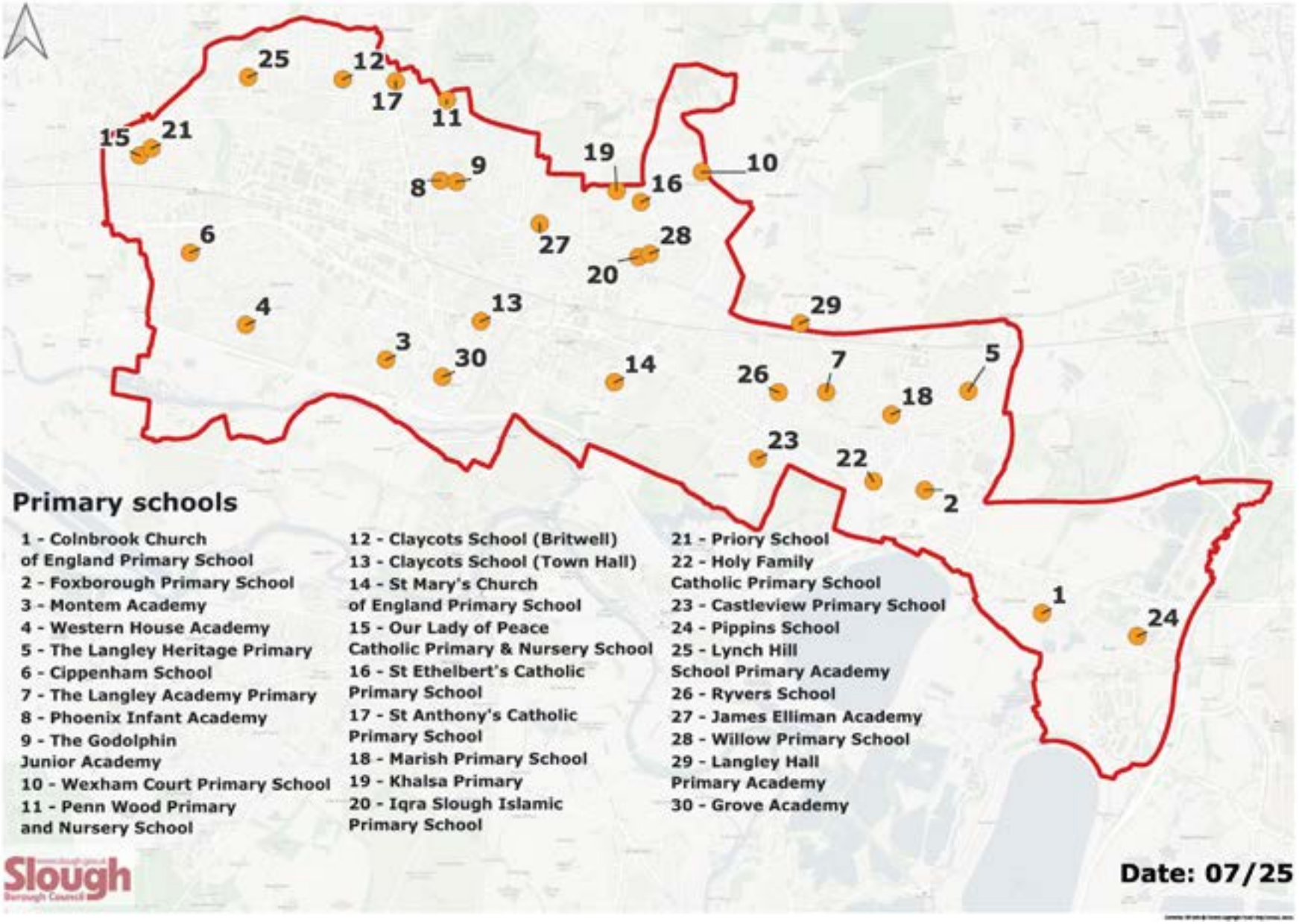
Do I have a right to a place at the school of my choice for my child?

No. Parents do not have an absolute right to choose the school they want for their child. Parents have a right to express a preference for a school and the council and other admission authorities have a duty to comply with that preference except where it would prejudice what the 1998 School Standards and Framework Act calls 'efficient education or the efficient use of resources'. If the council or governors of an admission authority school are unable to meet a parental preference, parents have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel.

Will my child be guaranteed a place in the catchment area school?

The council cannot guarantee places in any school. If you apply to your catchment school the chances are usually high that you will be offered a place, but this cannot be guaranteed. Changes in the pattern of parents' preferences and changes in local population may mean that a few schools will be oversubscribed from within their catchment area.

SECTION 13: Location map for primary schools



My primary school preferences

Preference 1:
Preference 2:
Preference 3:

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Infant, junior & primary school admissions in Slough 2027/28

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Please note that the School Admissions lines open as and when needed around admissions time.

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