Primary, Infant and Junior Schools Admission Policies Directory 2027/2028

North-East Essex

Colchester and Tendring Districts

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Essex County Council

Online admissions

Parents and carers who live in the Essex County Council area (excluding those living in the Borough of Southend-on-Sea or in Thurrock) can apply for their child's school place online using the Essex Online Admissions Service at:

Please ensure that you read the information in this directory alongside the 'Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028' admissions guide, which provides all the information you need to know on the admissions processes.

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

The online application system has a number of benefits for parents and carers:

- you can access related information through links on the website to find out more about individual schools, such as home to school transport or inspection reports;
- when you have submitted your application you will receive an email confirming this;
- you will be told the outcome of your online application by email on offer day if you requested this when you applied.

You will be able to make your application online from **9 November 2026.**

The closing date for primary applications is **15 January 2027.** This is the statutory national closing date set by the Government.

Key Points to Remember

- **APPLY ON TIME - closing date 15 January 2027.**
- **Use all 4 preferences.**
- **Tell us immediately in writing (email or by letter) about any address change.**
- **If entitlement to school transport is important to you, please make sure you read and understand the 'Home to School Transport' section in the 'Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028' admissions guide and also the Education Transport policy at www.essex.gov.uk/schooltransport. School priority admission (catchment) areas are not relevant to transport eligibility. Transport is generally only provided to the nearest available school where the distance criteria is met. It is vital you carefully consider the transport implications before you make your application for a school place. If you need any further advice please contact us at educationawards@essex.gov.uk.**

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Introduction to the Schools' Admissions Policies Directory for North-East Essex

This Directory should be used with the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet which is available on our website at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions by parents and carers whose children will be starting primary education or transferring from infant to junior school in North East Essex in the school year that begins in September 2027.

In this Directory you will find the School Admission policies of all the primary, infant and junior schools in the North-East Essex locality. This includes areas 4 (Colchester) and 5 (Tendring) on the map below. On page 6 it explains what the different parts of these policies mean.

You can make your application via our website: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **15 January 2027**.



The information contained in this booklet is correct as at the time of printing. Policies may change in the light of decisions made by the Schools' Adjudicator, the Education Skills and Funding Agency or any change in the law. An addendum will be available on the website and on request.

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Co-ordinated admission arrangements and what they mean

The law requires a LA to co-ordinate admissions to all primary schools (except independent (fee-paying) or special schools) in their area. Primary schools includes infant schools.

Essex parents must apply for primary school places by completing the Common Application Form. This can either be completed online at **www.essex.gov.uk/admissions**, or you can use a paper application form. **Please do not do both.** Parents can express preferences for up to four schools both in and out of Essex, in the order in which they would like them considered.

On 16 April 2027, parents will be sent one offer of a place at the highest preference school that can be met. If none of the preferences can be met a place will be offered at the nearest Essex school to the child's home address with a space available. Here are some examples of this process:

Example 1 – Parent has applied for four schools and the first preference can be met:

Preference 1 – Offered
Preference 2 – Not offered – right to appeal given*
Preference 3 – Not offered – right to appeal given*
Preference 4 – Not offered – right to appeal given*

Example 2 – Parent has applied for four schools and the second preference can be met:

Preference 1 – Not offered – on waiting list and right to appeal given
Preference 2 – Offered
Preference 3 – Not offered – right to appeal given*
Preference 4 – Not offered – right to appeal given*

Example 3 – Parent has applied to four schools and no preference can be met:

Preference 1 – Not offered – on waiting list and right to appeal given
Preference 2 – Not offered – on waiting list and right to appeal given
Preference 3 – Not offered – on waiting list and right to appeal given
Preference 4 – Not offered – on waiting list and right to appeal given

Child will then be offered a place at the nearest Essex school to the home address with a space available.

* You will note from examples 1 and 2 that children are only held on waiting lists for preferences higher than the one that can be met.

On 16 April 2027 (National offer day) Essex resident families will be sent a notification of the school offer being made. This will either be an email (for those that applied online) or a letter for all other applications.

School information explained

Any Primary School

Acacia End, Chelmsford CM1 2AA

Telephone 0345 603 2200

Email: anyprimary@essex.sch.uk

Website: www.AnyPS.essex.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr A Smith

Community (Co-educational)

4–11

School Number: 881-0123

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **70**

Number on roll: **187**

In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place in the school. In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

The normal age range of the school is shown here. (4-11 for primary, 4-7 for infant and 7-11 for junior. A # shows that the school has a nursery unit.

More information about the school will be available on its website.

This indicates the type of school. See the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet for more information.

Department for Education unique identification number for the school.

No. of Reception places available in Sept 2027.

See Note 1. Years R-6.

Total No. of pupils at the school in January 2026.Years R-6.

The last admissions criterion under which pupils were admitted to the school last year.

See Note 2

A summary of the school's admissions policy.

For Community and Voluntary Controlled schools, the definition of a sibling can be found in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet. Some academy, foundation and voluntary aided schools also use that definition. Where it is different, the definition can be found under the individual school's entry.

Note 1

The Published Admission Number (PAN) is the number of places that the school has available for the new Reception intake In 2027. In general this will be the same as the PAN for 2026. The total number of applications received was collated on 16 April 2026. *The PAN and the number of applications received for 2026 should give you an idea of the demand for places at the school. Treat this information carefully and talk to the school about it. For instance, some applications may have been second, third or fourth preferences and these increase the overall number of applications. However you should be aware that if you only apply for schools that are oversubscribed you may not receive a place at any of them.*

Note 2

Timing of Admission. As required by law with effect from September 2011, all infant and primary schools provide for the full-time admission of all children offered a place in the reception year group from the September following their fourth birthday. This means that you have the right to a full time place at the school your child is offered from September 2026. Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in the school year. Where entry is deferred, the school will hold the place for that child and not offer it to another child. The parent would not however be able to defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted. Parents can also request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age. You would need to check with the individual school(s) what the part-time provision would be. Where parents choose to defer entry, the school may reasonably expect that the child would start at the beginning of a new school term/half term.

ALRESFORD

Alresford Primary

Ford Lane, Alresford, Colchester CO7 8AU
Telephone (01206) 822731
Email: office@alresford.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.alresford.essex.sch.uk
Executive Headteacher: Mrs S Bryson
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2043

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **216**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **114**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 3

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

ARDLEIGH

Ardleigh St Mary's CE Primary

Colchester Road, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7NS
Telephone (01206) 230394
Email: admin@ardleigh.academy
Website: www.ardleigh.academy
Head of School: Mr B Asbridge
Executive Headteacher: Mr M Hawrylak
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881- 3030

Published admission number 2027/2028: **15**
Number on roll: **81**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **12**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling‡ attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

BIRCH

Birch CE (VA) Primary

School Hill, Birch, Colchester CO2 0LZ
Telephone (01206) 330224
Email: admin@birch.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.birch.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs R May
Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3309

Published admission number 2027/2028: **20**
Number on roll: **124**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **40**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 7

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

In the event there being more applicants than places, the Governors will have regard to the following criteria in this priority order:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children whose home address* is in the parishes of Birch, Great & Little Wigborough, Layer Marney, Layer Breton and Salcott-cum-Virley;
3. children who have a brother, sister, stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address, who attends the school in any year group excluding the final year;
4. children whose parents are involved** in the life of the Christian Church, of any denomination, for whom this is the nearest church school (reference may be made to their own priest or minister);
5. children whose parents, although worshipping in another faith, wish to attend a Christian school because of its specifically religious emphasis;
6. children who have medical, pastoral or social reasons for attending this school, which can be supported by professional evidence;
7. all other applications.

In each individual oversubscription criterion, priority will be determined by distance. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

*Home address - Applications will be processed on the basis of the home address or listed allocated address (as informed by Essex County Admissions) for the child at the time of application and determination, unless, where there is a new home address, proof of an exchange of contracts or copy of a tenancy agreement can be provided. The home address is considered to be the address at which the child resides on a permanent basis or is 'ordinarily resident'. This is generally the address of the parent/carer. In some cases, children may be 'ordinarily resident' for the majority of the school week, including overnight, with another relative or carer, such as a grandparent. Where this is the case, the application may be processed on the basis of that address and proof of address and residence arrangement will be required with the application. The child must be living with the relative or carer 24 hours per day, for the majority of the school week. Arrangements where parents can leave and collect children from another relative or carer on a daily basis will be regarded as childcare arrangements, and the child will not be deemed to be 'ordinarily resident' with that person. In all cases we expect that the adult with whom the child is 'ordinarily resident' receives the child benefit for the child (where eligible).

** 'Involved' means attending worship on a minimum of 8 occasions annually for at least 2 years prior to the application.

♦ This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed for consideration under criteria 4, 5 and 6. The SIF is not obligatory and is only required for the previous reasons stated

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

BOXTED

Boxted St Peter's CE Primary

Carter's Hill, Boxted, Colchester CO4 5YN
Telephone (01206) 272239
Email: admin@boxted.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.boxted.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs E Jaggs
Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3018

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **206**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **88**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

BRADFIELD

Bradfield Primary

Bradfield, Manningtree CO11 2UZ
Telephone (01255) 870241
Email: admin@bradfield.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.bradfieldprimary.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs M Luck-Davies
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2044

Published admission number 2027/2028: **18**
Number on roll: **111**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **41**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

BRIGHTLINGSEA

Brightlingsea Primary and Nursery

Eastern Road, Brightlingsea, Colchester CO7 0HU
Telephone (01206) 302719
Email: admin@brightlingsea.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.brightlingsea.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs L Khine
Community (Co-educational)
2–11
School Number: 881-2068

Published admission number 2027/2028: **90**
Number on roll: **555**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **92**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

CHAPPEL

Chappel CE Primary

The Street, Chappel, Colchester CO6 2DD
Telephone (01787) 222296
Email: admin@chappel.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.chappel.essex.sch.uk
Executive Headteacher: Sarah Stevenson
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-2189

Published admission number 2027/2028: **15**
Number on roll: **82**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **33**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

CLACTON-ON-SEA

Alton Park Junior

Alton Park Road, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 1DL
Telephone (01255) 424335
Email: admin@altonpark.school
Website: www.altonparkjunior.org.uk
Headteacher: Mrs N Almond
Academy (Co-educational)
7–11
School Number: 881-2184

Published admission number 2027/2028: **90**
Number on roll: **394**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **82**

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription any remaining places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet) including those who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted;
2. children with a sibling‡ attending the academy or attending Oakwood Infant and Nursery School who will still be on roll at the date of admission;
3. children who reside within the priority admission area;
4. children who attend Oakwood Infant and Nursery School;
5. children of staff; where a member of staff has been employed for two or more years at the time of the application and / or a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage (This should be clearly stated on the application form);
6. any other applicants.

Within each of the above criteria, proximity of the home to the Academy will be taken into consideration, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority. (Straight line distance between home and school will be used as a tie breaker with those living closest to the school having highest priority.)

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

CLACTON-ON-SEA

Burrsville Infant Academy

Craigfield Avenue, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 4HR
Telephone (01255) 425106
Email: admin@burrsvilleinfantacademy.org
Website: www.burrsvilleinfantacademy.org
Headteacher: Mrs A. Westcott
Academy (Co-educational)
4–7
School Number: 881-2085

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **174**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **125**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children. (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. Children with one or more siblings in the School.
3. Children of School staff fulfilling a skills shortage role*;
4. Other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address is the shortest distance from the School. Children in this criteria will be ranked in order of distance.

Tie Breaker

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category '4' above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the School is the same. This process will be independently verified. If a tie-break is required in earlier categories to decide who has priority for admission between two children, distance from the school will be used to decide.

Where multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family are tied for the final place, we will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

'Home address' is defined as "the address at which the child resides on a permanent basis or is 'ordinarily resident'. This is the address of the parent/carer; in some cases, children may be 'ordinarily resident' for the majority of the school week, including overnight, with another relative or carer, such as a grandparent. This may also be the case where a child resides between two parents at different addresses following the breakdown of the parental relationship. Where this is the case, the application may be processed on the basis of that address and proof of address and residence arrangement will be required with the application. The child must be living with the parent, relative or carer for the majority of the school week. Arrangements where parents can leave and collect children from another relative or carer on a daily basis will be regarded as childcare arrangements, and the child will not be deemed to be 'ordinarily resident' with that person. In all cases we expect that the adult with whom the child is 'ordinarily resident' receives the child benefit for the child (where eligible)".

The exceptions to this rule are the children of UK Armed Forces service personnel with a confirmed posting to their area, or Crown Servants returning from overseas to live in the area, for whom an application for admission may be made in advance of their move where it is accompanied by an official letter that confirms the intended relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address for the child.

* Staff - whether teaching or non-teaching, with a permanent contract to work predominantly at the school (not Trust employees in the REAch2 cluster or central teams). The application of this criterion will be subject to confirmation by an independent Trust non-executive that, on the evidence available, the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skills shortage. Staff must contact the school Headteacher when applying for a place under this criterion. For the purposes of this criterion, 'children of school staff' is taken to include a son, daughter or step-son/daughter, or child who is adopted or fostered or for whom a special guardianship order is in place, in all cases providing they are living at the same address as the parent who is employed at the school.

'Siblings' - For applications made in the normal admission round a sibling means a brother or sister, legally adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or stepsister, foster brother or sister, or the child of a parent's co-habiting partner; living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who

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Burrsville Infant Academy *(Continued)*

attends the School at the date of application in any year group excluding the final year. Biological and legally adopted siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Children at the School's Nursery.
Parents should note that children who attend the school's nursery will not automatically transfer to Reception Year at the school. An application for admission to Reception Year must be made in the normal way.

Waiting list held until: 31st December 2027.

CLACTON-ON-SEA

Cann Hall Primary

Constable Avenue, Clacton-on-Sea CO16 8DA
Telephone (01255) 420603
Email: cannhall@compasps.uk
Website: www.cannhall.compassps.uk.
Headteacher: Wendy Byrne
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2025

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **415**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **134**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.*

In the event of oversubscription any remaining places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling# attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area*;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Applications will normally be processed on the basis of the home address for the child at the time of applications, with an expectation that the child will still reside there at the time of admission. Where there is a new home address, proof of an exchange of contracts or copy of a tenancy agreement should be provided. The home address is considered to be the address at which the child resides on a permanent basis or is 'ordinarily resident'. This is generally the address of the parent. The child must be living with the parent or carer 24 hours per day, for the majority of the school week. Arrangements where parents can leave and collect children from a relative or a carer on a daily basis will be regarded as childcare arrangements, and the child will not be deemed to be 'ordinarily resident' with that person. In all cases we expect that the adult with whom the child is 'ordinarily resident' receives the child benefit for the child.

The school will ask applicants to provide proof of their home address. This will include a copy of the following:

- Council tax notification
- Two utility bills dated within the last 6 months (gas, electricity, water or landline phone).

The school reserves the right to take additional checking measures including further documentation and in some cases unannounced home visits.

If a school place is secured through false information regarding a home address, the school may withdraw the place offered.

#A relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister, or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family home and address, who attends the school with an expectation that the sibling will be attending at the time of admission. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

*A map showing the priority admission area for Cann Hall Primary School is available from the school office.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

CLACTON-ON-SEA

Sir Martin Frobisher Academy

Frobisher Drive, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 2QH
Telephone (01255) 427073
Email: Frobisher.admin@smfa.org.uk
Website: www.smfa.org.uk
Headteacher: Miss V Higgins
Academy (Co-educational)
5–11 #
School Number: 881-2139

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **171**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **44**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with one or more siblings in the School;
3. children of school staff fulfilling a skills shortage role*;
4. Other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address is the shortest distance from the School. Children in this criteria will be ranked in order of distance.

Tie Breaker

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category '4' above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the school is the same. This process will be independently verified. If a tie-break is required in earlier categories to decide who has priority for admission between two children, distance from the school will be used to decide. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Where multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family are tied for the final place, we will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

The address at which the child resides on a permanent basis or is 'ordinarily resident'. This is generally, the address of the parent. In some cases, children may be 'ordinarily resident' for the majority of the school week, including overnight, with another relative or carer, such as a grandparent. This may also be the case where the child resides between two parents at different addresses following the breakdown of the parental relationship. Where this is the case, the application will be processed on the basis of the address where the child resides for the majority of the school week and proof of residence and address arrangement will be required with the application. The child must be living with the parent, relative or carer for the majority of the school week. Arrangements where parents can leave and collect children from another relative or carer on a daily basis will be considered childcare arrangements, and the child will deemed to not be 'ordinarily resident' with that person. In all cases, we expect the adult with whom the child is 'ordinarily resident' receives the child benefit for the child (where eligible).

The exceptions to this rule are the children of UK Armed Forces service personnel with a confirmed posting to their area, or Crown Servants returning from overseas to live in the area, for whom an application for admission may be made in advance of their move where it is accompanied by an official letter that confirms the intended relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address for the child.

'Siblings' - For applications made in the normal admission round a sibling means a brother or sister, legally adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or stepsister, foster brother or sister, or the child of a parent's co-habiting partner; living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the School at the date of application in any year group excluding the final year. Biological and legally adopted siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

* Staff - whether teaching or non-teaching, with

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Sir Martin Frobisher Academy *(Continued)*

a permanent contract to work predominantly at the School (not Trust employees in the REAch2 cluster or central teams). The application of this criterion will be subject to confirmation by an independent Trust non-executive that, on the evidence available, the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skills shortage. Staff must contact the School Headteacher when applying for a place under this criterion. For the purposes of this criterion, 'children of School staff' is taken to include a son, daughter or step-son/daughter, or child who is adopted or fostered or for whom a special guardianship order is in place, in all cases providing they are living at the same address as the parent who is employed at the School.

Children at the School's Nursery
Parents should note that children who attend the School's nursery will not automatically transfer to Reception Year at the School. An application for admission to Reception Year must be made in the normal way.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31st December 2027.

CLACTON-ON-SEA

Great Clacton CE Junior

Craigfield Avenue, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 4HR
Telephone (01255) 424906
Email: office.gtclacton@dcvst.org
Website: www.greatclactoncofejunior.com
Headteacher: Mrs T Finney
Academy (Co-educational)
7–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-2097

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **254**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **59**

Admissions Policy♦

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children of staff who have been with the school for two years or when a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage at the same academy;
3. where the child is currently attending Burrsville Infant Academy (this applies to September admission to Year 3 only);
4. where the child has a brother or sister, including step siblings living at the same address, currently attending Great Clacton C of E Junior School;
5. Children living inside the priority admission area who meet the faith criterion#;
6. Other children living in the priority admission area without a sibling at the school and without faith criterion;
7. Children living outside the priority admission area where the child's application is supported in writing by a member of the clergy from any one of Clacton's Anglican Churches indicating that the family worship there at least fortnightly;
8. Where the child's application is supported in writing by a member of the clergy from any one of Clacton's Churches of other denominations indicating that the family worship there at least fortnightly;
9. Children with Exceptional Medical Needs;
10. All other children

Medical need means where written evidence has been provided from a senior clinical medical officer or the child's general practitioner/specialist showing that the child's condition would make it detrimental to the child's health not to admit him/her to the School. This may include written evidence where the parent has a medical need and/or disability which would make it detrimental for the child to attend a different school; this may be supported by evidence of the child as a young carer. Evidence to be relied upon must be submitted with the Supplementary Information Form and sent to the School on or before 15 January 2027.

Where the admission of children cannot be fairly and uniquely determined by using any one of the above criteria, then priority within that criterion will be decided by the proximity of the child's home to the school, as measured by a straight line on a map, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority.

The churches included within the phrase Clacton's Anglican Churches are defined as St. Bartholomew's, St. James, St. John's and St. Paul's.

Faith criterion:

- Regular attendance at public worship in any Church of England church, for not less than eight times in a twelve-month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school.
- Regular attendance at public worship in any other Christian church for not less than eight times in a twelve-month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'other Christian church' means a church which is Designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the diocesan bishop; or which is a member of Churches Together in England; or affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance; or a Partner Church of Affinity
- Regular attendance at public worship in any faith group which is a member of the local Council of Faiths for not less than eight times in a twelve-month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school.

♦This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

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Holland Haven Primary

Primrose Road, Holland-on-Sea CO15 5PP
Telephone (01255) 813704
Email: admin@hollandhaven.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs S Bardetti
Foundation (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-5216

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **420**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **141**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

When applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet) including those who appear to Holland Haven, to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted;
2. children of fully qualified teachers, where the staff member has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school has been made;
3. children who, at the time of consideration, can prove that they reside in the priority admission area which comprises the political wards of St Bartholomew and Holland Haven (a map of this area is available at the school) who have a sibling# living in the same family unit, in the same family household and address, who will be attending the school on the date of entry;
4. children, who at the time of consideration, do not reside in the priority admission area but have a brother, sister, stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family household and address who will be attending this school on the date of entry;
5. children who, at the time of consideration, can prove that they reside in the priority admission area which comprises the political wards of St Bartholomew and Holland Haven (a map of this area is available at the school) who do not have a brother, sister, stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family household and address who will be attending this school on the date of entry;
6. remaining applications.

Please note that should there be more applicants than spaces available in each category then priority will be given to the child who lives nearest to the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

The definition of a 'sibling' is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit, in the same family household and address, who attends Holland Haven in any year group excluding the final year (year 6). Biological and adopted siblings who attend Holland Haven in any year group excluding the final year (year 6) will also be treated as siblings, irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

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Holland Park Primary

Holland Road, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 6NG
Telephone (01255) 422942
Email: admin@hollandpark.school
Website: www.hollandparkprimary.org.uk
Headteacher: Mr M Moseley
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2183

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **413**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **142**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area. In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet) including those who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted;
2. children with a sibling‡ attending the school who will still be on roll at the date of admission;
3. children who reside in the priority admission area of the school;
4. children of staff; where a member of staff has been employed for two or more years at the time of the application and/or a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage; (This should be clearly stated on the application form.)
5. any other applicants.

Within each of the above criteria, proximity of the home to the Academy will be taken into consideration, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority. Straight line distance is calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

Oakwood Infant and Nursery

Windsor Avenue, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 2AH
Telephone (01255) 421168
Email: admin@oakwood.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.oakwoodinfantandnurseryschool.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Community (Co-educational)
4–7 #
School Number: 881-2027

Published admission number 2027/2028: **90**
Number on roll: **247**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **98**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school or Alton Park Junior school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

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Ravens Academy

Nayland Drive, Clacton-on-Sea CO16 8TZ
Telephone (01255) 424328
Email: office@ravensacademy.attrust.org.uk
Website: www.ravensacademy.attrust.org.uk
Principal: Mrs M Cartwright
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2067

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **262**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **35**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

If there are more applications for places than there are places available, the academy will give preference to children according to the following rules in this order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. siblings of current pupils, which, for the purposes of this policy, are defined as children living permanently at the same address as a child attending the academy and either have one or both parents in common; are related by a parent's marriage; are adopted or fostered by a common parent or are related children who live at the same address whose parents are partners. These conditions must be met at the time of their admission;
3. children of permanent staff of the Academy Transformation Trust Academy who have been employed at the academy where the application for admission is made for 2 years or more at the time of application OR when a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage at the same academy;
4. other children by distance from the academy, with priority for admission given to children who live nearest to the academy as measured by a straight line distance from the child's home address to the main school entrance using Google Maps.

If following the application of oversubscription criteria two or more applicants cannot be separated for the final place at an academy then random allocation will be used to determine the priority for that place; except in the case where the applicants that cannot be separated live at the same address, in which case the academy should admit them all.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term, longer by request.

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St Clare's Catholic Primary

Cloes Lane, Clacton-on-Sea CO16 8AG
Telephone (01255) 425344
Email: admin@st-clares.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.st-clares.essex.sch.uk
Executive Headteacher: Mrs B Harris
Headteacher: Mr J Whiteside
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 Catholic
School Number: 881-2060

Published admission number 2027/2028: **45**
Number on roll: **312**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **82**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 7

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Where applications for admissions exceed the number of places available, the Governing Body will allocate places in the following categories in the order set out below:

1. Catholic Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet).
2. Baptised Catholic* children resident in the Parish of Our Lady of Light (Clacton on Sea), and adjoining Parishes of St Sabina's (Brightlingsea) and Sacred Heart and St Francis (Frinton on Sea) where one or both parents are known to be Practising Catholic as evidenced by the Certificate of Catholic Practice. (This will be available from your Parish priest).
3. Baptised Catholic* children resident in the Parishes of Our Lady of Light (Clacton on Sea), St Sabina's (Brightlingsea) and Sacred Heart and St Francis (Frinton on Sea).
4. Other Baptised Catholic* children.
5. Other looked after children or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
6. Children from families with a commitment to other Christian churches as supported by a baptism certificate or letter from their Church leader.
7. Any other application will be considered if places remain.

TIE BREAK
In the event of over subscription in any category the following criteria in the order given below will be used to determine priority:

1. Children that attend St. Clare's Nursery will be given priority in each criteria in the event of a tiebreak.

2. Those children who have brother(s) or sister(s) in the School in any but the final year at the time of application. A Brother or Sister includes a half brother or a half sister an adopted brother or sister and a foster brother or sister provided they are resident at the same address.

3. The straight line distance from the school will be taken into account, with those living nearer the school having a higher priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet. In the unlikely event of two applicants with an identical distance competing for a single place at a school the place will be offered to one applicant on the basis of lots drawn.

*A Catholic means a child baptised, or received into the Church, by a Priest in a Church which is in communion with the See of Rome.

You are encouraged to contact the school or your Parish Priest if you are unsure of the Parish boundary.

Parents include guardians and carers or any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child.

In accordance with the Code of Canon Law practising means attending Mass on every Sunday and on Holy Days.

Governors will give no preference to applicants where both parents are Catholics.

The medical conditions of children may have priority at the Governors' discretion – with due regard to the efficient running of the School, that is, the efficient education of the children in a given year group and the efficient use of School resources. Evidence of medical considerations must be presented at the point of application.

♦This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

CLACTON-ON-SEA

White Hall Academy

Melbourne Road, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 3SP
Telephone (01255) 422825
Email: admin@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.whitehallacademy.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs E Eames
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 #
School Number: 881-2022

Published admission number 2027/2028: **90**
Number on roll: **622**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **134**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children who have a brother or sister currently attending the Academy;
3. children who live within the boundaries of the existing catchment area. (A map of this area is available from the Academy);
4. proximity of the child's home to Academy, measured in a straight line.

A sibling is defined as a child living in the same family unit, in the same family household and address as a child who attends the preferred school or partner school at the time of application and determination and with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the time of admission. This includes brothers, sisters, step-brothers and step-sisters. In addition, biological siblings who attend the preferred school will be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet. Please note that admission to the nursery does not imply automatic entry to the Academy.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

COLCHESTER

Braiswick Primary School

Apprentice Drive, Colchester CO4 5QJ
Telephone (01206) 841951
Email: admin@braiswickprimary.org.uk
Website: www.braiswickprimary.org.uk
Executive Headteacher: Mr A Smith
Headteacher: Miss C Russell
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2100

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **419**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **113**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee for a place for children living in the priority admission area. Priority will then be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling‡ attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area*;
4 remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

* A map of the priority admission area is available at the school.

A relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit, in the same family household and address, who attends the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year. Biological siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings, irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

Brinkley Grove Primary

Rawlings Crescent, Colchester CO4 9GF
Telephone (01206) 852266
Email: info@brinkleygrove.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.brinkleygrove.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs T Cooke
Foundation (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-5280

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **403**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **99**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

The criteria for allocating and offering places are as follows:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school in Reception and Years 1–5 inclusive at the time of application. For this purpose siblings will include half and step siblings, foster siblings and adopted children residing in the same household;
3. children where a parent is a member of staff at Brinkley Grove Primary School and has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made;
4. children whose only, or main residence, is within the school's priority admission area. The priority admission area is defined by reference to a map, a copy of which can be obtained from the school office;
5. all other applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any criteria priority will be determined by the straight line distance of the child's sole or main residence to the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

COLCHESTER

Camulos Academy

Whitmore Drive, Colchester, CO4 6AL
Telephone 01206 588588
Email: office@camulosacademy.co.uk
Website: www.camulosacademy.co.uk
Headteacher: Mr A Bond
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2128

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **406**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **125**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with one or more siblings in the School;
3. children of school staff fulfilling a skills shortage role*;
4. other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address is the shortest distance from the School. Children in this criteria will be ranked in order of distance.

Tie Breaker

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category '4' above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the School is the same. This process will be independently verified. If a tie-break is required in earlier categories to decide who has priority for admission between two children. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Where multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family are tied for the final place, we will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

The address at which the child resides on a permanent basis or is 'ordinarily resident'. This is generally, the address of the Parent. In some cases, children may be 'ordinarily resident' for the majority of the school week, including overnight, with another relative or carer, such as a grandparent. This may also be the case where the child resides between two parents at different addresses following the breakdown of the parental relationship. Where this is the case, the application will be processed on the basis of the address where the child resides for the majority of the school week and proof of residence and address arrangement will be required with the application. The child must be living with the parent, relative or carer for the majority of the school week. Arrangements where parents can leave and collect children from another relative or carer on a daily basis will be considered childcare arrangements, and the child will deemed to not be 'ordinarily resident' with that person. In all cases, we expect the adult with whom the child is 'ordinarily resident' receives the child benefit for the child (where eligible).

The exceptions to this rule are the children of UK Armed Forces service personnel with a confirmed posting to their area, or Crown Servants returning from overseas to live in the area, for whom an application for admission may be made in advance of their move where it is accompanied by an official letter that confirms the intended relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address for the child.

'Siblings' - For applications made in the normal admission round a sibling means a brother or sister, legally adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or stepsister, foster brother or sister, or the child of a parent's co-habiting partner; living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the School at the date of application in any year group excluding the final year. Biological and legally adopted siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

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Camulos Academy *(Continued)*

* Staff - whether teaching or non-teaching, with a permanent contract to work predominantly at the School (not Trust employees in the REAch2 cluster or central teams). The application of this criterion will be subject to confirmation by an independent Trust non-executive that, on the evidence available, the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skills shortage. Staff must contact the School Headteacher when applying for a place under this criterion. For the purposes of this criterion, 'children of School staff' is taken to include a son, daughter or step-son/daughter, or child who is adopted or fostered or for whom a special guardianship order is in place, in all cases providing they are living at the same address as the parent who is employed at the School.

Children at the School's Nursery
Parents should note that children who attend the School's nursery will not automatically transfer to Reception Year at the School. An application for admission to Reception Year must be made in the normal way.

Waiting list held until: 31st December 2027.

COLCHESTER

Cherry Tree Academy

Holt Drive, Colchester CO2 0BG
Telephone (01206) 575224
Email: adminche@inspiresmat.co.uk
Website: www.cherrytree.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Miss C Newley
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2132

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **180**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **34**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school other than Year 6;
3. children living in the priority admission area please see 'Catchment area Finder' tool on www.essex.gov.uk/admissions;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

For applications made in the normal admission round, or mid-year, a relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister, or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family home and address, who attends the school with an expectation that the sibling will be attending at the time of admission. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

Friar's Grove Primary

Upland Drive, Colchester CO4 0PZ
Telephone (01206) 843683
Email: admin@friarsgrove.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.friarsgroveprimaryschool.com
Headteacher: Mr C Ruck
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2075

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **408**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **96**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

Gosbecks Primary

Owen Ward Close, Shrub End, Colchester CO2 9DG
Telephone (01206) 575407
Email: admin@gosbecks.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.gosbecks.co.uk
Executive Headteacher: Mr M Millbourne
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2054

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **227**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **64**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

Hamilton Primary

Constantine Road, Colchester CO3 3GB
Telephone (01206) 572362
Email: admin@hamilton.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.hamiltonprimary.com
Headteacher: Mr N Hutchings
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2003

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **420**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **178**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

Hazelmere Infant and Nursery

Hawthorn Avenue, Greenstead Estate,
Colchester CO4 3JP
Telephone (01206) 861836
Email: admin@hazelmere-inf.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.hazelmere-inf.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr S Turnbull
Community (Co-educational)
4–7 #
School Number: 881-2058

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **156**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **63**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school or Hazelmere Junior school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

Hazelmere Junior

Hawthorn Avenue, Greenstead Estate,
Colchester CO4 3JP
Telephone (01206) 862691
Email: admin@hazelmere-jun.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.hazelmere-jun.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr M Sawtell
Community (Co-educational)
7–11
School Number: 881-2057

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **229**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **37**

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription any remaining places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school or Hazelmere Infant school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

Highwoods Primary (Colchester)

Tynedale Square, Highwoods, Colchester CO4 9SN
Telephone (01206) 845887
Email: admin@highwoodsprimary.com
Website: www.highwoodsprimary.com
Headteacher: Mr P Disley
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2424

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **453**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **155**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling‡ attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term, longer by request.

Home Farm Primary

Shelley Road, Colchester CO3 4JL
Telephone (01206) 577430
Email: admin@homefarmprimary.com
Website: https://homefarmprimary.com
Headteacher: Mr R Potter
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2064

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **422**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **244**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children of teaching and non-teaching staff who have been employees of The Alpha Trust working at Home Farm Primary School for two or more years at the time of the application for a school space. Parents applying under this criterion must inform the Headteacher of Home Farm Primary School in writing;
3. children with a sibling‡ attending the school;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

COLCHESTER

Kendall CE Primary

Recreation Road, Colchester CO1 2HH
Telephone (01206) 794634
Email: admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.kendallprimary.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs C French
Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3001

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **209**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **140**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 3

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

King's Ford Infant and Nursery

Gloucester Avenue, Shrub End, Colchester CO2 9AZ
Telephone (01206) 574524
Email: admin@kingsford-inf.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.kingsford-inf.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Melanie Atwell
Community (Co-educational)
4–7 #
School Number: 881-2017

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **105**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **58**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school or King's Ford Academy (Junior);
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

King's Ford Academy (Junior)

Gloucester Avenue, Shrub End, Colchester CO2 9AZ
Telephone (01206) 573807
Email: AdminIceni@Inspiresmat.co.uk
Website: www.iceniacademyclmat.co.uk
Head of School: Mrs K Jackson
Academy (Co-educational)
7–11
School Number: 881-2131

Published admission number 2027/2028: **32**
Number on roll: **152**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **31**

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription any remaining places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school other than Year 6;
3. children living in the priority admission area, please see 'Catchment area Finder' tool on www.essex.gov.uk/admissions;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

For applications made in the normal admission round, or mid-year, a relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister, or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family home and address, who attends the school with an expectation that the sibling will be attending at the time of admission. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

Lexden Primary with Unit for Hearing Impaired Pupils and Nursery

Trafalgar Road, Colchester CO3 9AS
Telephone (01206) 573519
Email: admin@lexden.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.lexden.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr A Candler
Community (Co-educational)
4–11 #
School Number: 881-2006

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **206**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **93**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

Monkwick Infant and Nursery

School Road, Monkwick, Colchester CO2 8NN
Telephone (01206) 573849
Email: admin@monkwickinfant.school
Website: www.monkwick-infant.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs C Cumming
Academy (Co-educational)
4–7 #
School Number: 881-2053

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **126**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **60**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet) including those who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted;
2. children with a sibling attending the school or a sibling attending Monkwick Junior School who will still be on roll at the date of admission;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. children of staff; where a member of staff has been employed for two or more years at the time of the application and / or a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage. (This should be clearly stated on the application form);
5. any other applicants.

Within each of the above criteria, proximity of the home to Academy will be taken into consideration, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority. (Straight line distance between home and the Academy will be used as a tie breaker with those living closest to the Academy having highest priority.)

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

Monkwick Junior

School Road, Monkwick, Colchester CO2 8NN
Telephone (01206) 575399
Email: office@monkwickjunior.school
Website: www.monkwickjunior.school
Headteacher: Miss R McCutcheon
Academy (Co-educational)
7–11
School Number: 881-2165

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **234**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **31**

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet) including those who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted;
2. children with a sibling attending the Academy or a sibling attending Monkwick Infant and Nursery School, excluding children attending the nursery, who will still be on roll at the date of admission;
3. children living in priority admission area;
4. children who attend Monkwick Infant and Nursery School;
5. children of staff; where a member of staff has been employed for two or more years at the time of the application and / or a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage. (This should be clearly stated on the application form.)
6. any other applicants.

Within each of the above criteria, proximity of the home to the Academy will be taken into consideration, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority. (Straight line distance between home and the Academy will be used as a tie breaker with those living closest to the Academy having highest priority.)

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

COLCHESTER

Montgomery Primary

Baronswood Way, Colchester CO2 9QG
Telephone (01206) 572288
Email: admin@montgomery-pri.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.montgomery-pri.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs Michelle Wright
Community (Co-educational)
3–11 #
School Number: 881-2062

Published admission number 2027/2028: **90**
Number on roll: **568**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **112**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children attending the nursery at Montgomery Primary who are eligible for the service premium;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

Myland Community Primary

Mill Road, Mile End, Colchester CO4 5LD
Telephone (01206) 852109
Email: admin@myland.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.mylandprimary.co.uk
Headteacher: Miss D Griggs
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2007

Published admission number 2027/2028: **45**
Number on roll: **307**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **157**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 3

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

North Primary and Nursery

John Harper Street, Colchester CO1 1RP
Telephone (01206) 574225
Email: admin@north.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.northschool.org.uk
Headteacher: Mr A Garnett
Community (Co-educational)
3–11 #
School Number: 881-2008

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **415**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **109**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

Old Heath Community Primary

Old Heath Road, Colchester CO2 8DD
Telephone (01206) 794334
Email: admin@oldheath.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.oldheath.com
Headteacher: Mrs T Bourne
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2010

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **209**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **75**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

Parsons Heath CE (VC) Primary

Templewood Road, Colchester CO4 3EZ
Telephone (01206) 860612
Email: admin@parsonsheath.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.parsonsheathprimary.org.uk
Headteacher: Mrs C Newson
Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3040

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **197**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **65**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

Prettygate Infant

Plume Avenue, Colchester CO3 4PH
Telephone (01206) 577608
Email: j.hughes@prettygateschools.co.uk
Website: www.prettygateschools.co.uk
Headteacher: Mr M Millbourne
Community (Co-educational)
4–7
School Number: 881-2056

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **172**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **151**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school or Prettygate Junior school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

Prettygate Junior

Plume Avenue, Colchester CO3 4PH
Telephone (01206) 577608
Email: admin@prettygateschools.co.uk
Website: www.prettygateschools.co.uk
Headteacher: Mr M Millbourne
Community (Co-educational)
7–11
School Number: 881-2055

Published admission number 2027/2028: **64**
Number on roll: **250**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **68**

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription any remaining places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school or Prettygate Infant school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

Queen Boudica Primary

Cowper Crescent, Colchester CO4 5XT
Telephone (01206) 844654
Email: admin@qbps.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.qbps.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Ms C Woodward
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-3839

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **408**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **124**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

Roach Vale Primary

Roach Vale, Parsons Heath, Colchester CO4 3YN
Telephone (01206) 861324
Email: admin@roachvale.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.roachvaleprimary.co.uk
Headteacher: Miss S Denyer
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2317

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **177**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **59**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

St George's School

Canterbury Road, Colchester CO2 7RU
Telephone (01206) 506800
Email: contact@stgeorgesschool.org
Website: www.stgeorgesschool.org
Headteacher: Mr Carl Messer
Community (Co-educational)
3–11 #
School Number: 881-2001

Published admission number 2027/2028: **75**
Number on roll: **572**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **120**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

St James the Great CE Primary

Guildford Road, Colchester CO1 2RA
Telephone (01206) 865747
Email: office.sjc@dcvst.org
Website: www.st-james-colchester-essex.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs L Turner & Mrs N Emrich
Academy (Co-educational)
3–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-2149

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **403**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **105**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 7

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

The Governing Body of the school will consider application for admission against the following criteria and in the following order:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children whose parents attend the Parish Church of St James the Great*;
3. children whose parents are 'at the heart'* of other Anglican churches or other Trinitarian Christian churches expressing a wish for a CE education and whose involvement is confirmed by a reference from their Parish Priest or Church Minister**;
4. children living in the priority admission area with a sibling at the School;
5. children living outside the priority admission area with a sibling at the School;
6. Other children living in the priority admission area without a sibling at the school;
7. children outside the priority admission area but living in the Parish of St James & St Paul, Colchester.
8. all other children

In each of the above categories, distance from home to school by straight line distance will be a determining factor in priority of admission, those living nearest to the school being given priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

* Regular attendance is defined as the child and parent or carer attending public worship, either: at St James the Great Church; St James the Great Church of England Primary School or at another event led by clergy of St James the Great Church for not less than twelve times in a twelve-month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school. (Supplementary information form is required).

** Regular attendance at public worship in any other Christian church for not less than eight times in a twelve-month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'other Christian church' means any Anglican church or a church which is Designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the diocesan bishop; or which is a member of Churches Together in England; or affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance; or a Partner Church of Affinity.

Priority admission area, means the geographical area from which children will be afforded priority for admission to the School. A map showing this area is shown as an appendix to this Admission Policy and is available to view on the School website as well as a hard copy in the school office.

Sibling means brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, foster brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner 'A Christian Community Achieving Excellence and Equality' where the child for whom admission is sought is living in the same family unit as that sibling and at the same address.

♦This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

COLCHESTER

St John's CE (VC) Primary

Clay Lane Grove, Colchester CO4 0HH
Telephone (01206) 841288
Email: admin@st-johns-colchester.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.stjohnscofe.com
Headteacher: Mr C Twin
Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3003

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **210**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **101**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

St John's Green Primary

St John's Green, Colchester CO2 7HE and 5 Circular Road East, Colchester CO2 7SZ*
Telephone (01206) 762884
Email: admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk
Headteacher: Mr S Billings
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2011

Published admission number 2027/2028: **90**
Number on roll: **591**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **137**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school*, those living closest being given the highest priority.

*Distances will be measured to the 5 Circular Road East site of the school.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

St Michael's Primary School & Nursery

Camulodunum Way, Colchester CO2 9RA
Telephone (01206) 546412
Email: office@st-michaels.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.stmichaelsprimary.co.uk
Headteacher: Ms G Morgan
Community (Co-educational)
4–11 #
School Number: 881-2297

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **214**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **60**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children attending the nursery at the school who are eligible for the service premium;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

St Teresa's Catholic Primary

Clairmont Road, Lexden, Colchester CO3 9BE
Telephone (01206) 508445
Email: admin@st-teresas.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.st-teresas.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs B Maguire
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 Roman Catholic
School Number: 881-3321

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **214**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **95**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 9

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Children will be considered for admission using the following criteria, listed in order of priority:

1. Catholic looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet).
2. Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice who are resident in the parishes of St. Teresa's, Lexden and St. Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels, Kelvedon and Catholic children of armed service personnel who are resident inside or outside the boundaries of the above mentioned parishes.
3. Other Baptised Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice.
4. Other Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St. Teresa's, Lexden and St. Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels, Kelvedon;
5. Other Catholic children.
6. Other looked after and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet).
7. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.
8. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
9. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order:
i) Children of permanent teaching staff who are employed at the school at the time of application for the school place or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

Tie Break
In a tie break situation, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.
i. Attendance at Little Flowers Nursery.
ii. Children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance.

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

Certificate of Catholic Practice' means a certificate issued by the family's parish priest in the form laid down by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

'Catechumen' means a member of the catechumenate of the Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.

'brother or sister' includes:
i) all natural brothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address, and
ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.

'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches, and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.

For the full Admission Policy and notes please refer to the school's website.

♦This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

COLCHESTER

St Thomas More's Catholic Primary

Priory Street, Colchester CO1 2QB
Telephone (01206) 865722
Email: office@st-thomasmores.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.stthomasmores.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs B Harris
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 Catholic
School Number: 881-3824

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **209**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **81**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 8

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Children will be considered for admission using the following criteria, listed in order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet) from Catholic# families;
2. baptised Catholic# children resident in the parishes of St James the Less and St Helen (Colchester), St John Payne (Greenstead) and St Monica's (Wivenhoe, Parish of St Sabina's Brightlingsea with Wivenhoe), where one or both parents are known to be regularly practising* (as evidenced by the Certificate of Practice);
3. baptised Catholic# children resident in the above parishes;
4. baptised Catholic# children resident in the District of Colchester where one or both parents are known to be practising Catholic* (as evidenced by the Certificate of Practice);
5. other baptised Catholic# children resident in the District of Colchester;
6. other Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
7. children of a parent who is a Catechumen, as evidenced by the Certificate of Practice;
8. children baptised or being brought up according to the beliefs of another Christian denomination whose parents are in sympathy with the aims and ethos of St Thomas More's School and whose application is supported by a letter from their Minister of Religion. First priority in this category will be given to those children who are members of the Eastern Rites Churches;
9. any other application.

In the event of oversubscription in any of the above categories, the following criteria will be applied:

1. children with a sibling in any but the final year at the time of application. A brother or sister includes a half brother or a half sister, an adopted brother or sister and a foster brother or sister provided they are resident at the same address;
2. children of teaching staff who:
   a. have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application for the school place or
   b. the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
3. straight line distance from the school with those living nearer having higher priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

In the unlikely event of two applicants with an identical distance competing for a single place at a school the place will be offered to one applicant on the basis of lots drawn by a person Independent of the school.

* In accordance with the Code of Canon Law practising means attending Mass on every Sunday and on Holy Days.

A Catholic means a child baptised by a Priest in a Church which is in communion with the See of Rome.

Governors will give no preference to applicants where both parents are Catholics.

♦This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

The school holds a rolling waiting list.

COLCHESTER

Unity Primary Academy

Hickory Avenue, Colchester CO4 3QJ
Telephone (01206) 864226
Email: office@unityprimaryacademy.com
Website: www.unityprimaryacademy.com
Headteacher: Mr. P Labuschagne
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 #
School Number: 881-2107

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **398**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **57**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with one or more siblings in the School;
3. children of school staff fulfilling a skills shortage role*;
4. other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address is the shortest distance from the School. Children in this criteria will be ranked in order of distance.

Tie Breaker

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category '4' above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the School is the same. This process will be independently verified. If a tie-break is required in earlier categories to decide who has priority for admission between two children, distance from the school will be used to decide Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Where multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family are tied for the final place, we will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

The address at which the child resides on a permanent basis or is 'ordinarily resident'. This is generally, the address of the Parent. In some cases, children may be 'ordinarily resident' for the majority of the school week, including overnight, with another relative or carer, such as a grandparent. This may also be the case where the child resides between two parents at different addresses following the breakdown of the parental relationship. Where this is the case, the application will be processed on the basis of the address where the child resides for the majority of the school week and proof of residence and address arrangement will be required with the application. The child must be living with the parent, relative or carer for the majority of the school week. Arrangements where parents can leave and collect children from another relative or carer on a daily basis will be considered childcare arrangements, and the child will deemed to not be 'ordinarily resident' with that person. In all cases, we expect the adult with whom the child is 'ordinarily resident' receives the child benefit for the child (where eligible).

The exceptions to this rule are the children of UK Armed Forces service personnel with a confirmed posting to their area, or Crown Servants returning from overseas to live in the area, for whom an application for admission may be made in advance of their move where it is accompanied by an official letter that confirms the intended relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address for the child.

'Siblings' - For applications made in the normal admission round a sibling means a brother or sister, legally adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or stepsister, foster brother or sister, or the child of a parent's co-habiting partner; living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the School at the date of application in any year group excluding the final year. Biological and legally adopted siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

COLCHESTER

Unity Primary Academy (Continued)

* Staff - whether teaching or non-teaching, with a permanent contract to work predominantly at the School (not Trust employees in the REAch2 cluster or central teams). The application of this criterion will be subject to confirmation by an independent Trust non-executive that, on the evidence available, the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skills shortage. Staff must contact the School Headteacher when applying for a place under this criterion. For the purposes of this criterion, 'children of School staff' is taken to include a son, daughter or step-son/daughter, or child who is adopted or fostered or for whom a special guardianship order is in place, in all cases providing they are living at the same address as the parent who is employed at the School.

Children at the School's Nursery
Parents should note that children who attend the School's nursery will not automatically transfer to Reception Year at the School. An application for admission to Reception Year must be made in the normal way.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

COLCHESTER

Willow Brook Primary and Nursery

Barnardiston Road, Colchester CO4 0DT
Telephone (01206) 864375
Email: office@willowbrook-tkat.org
Website: willowbrook-tkat.org
Headteacher: Kate Nunn
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 #
School Number: 881-2111

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **176**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **22**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling* attending the school;
3. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

*A sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit, at the same address who attends Willow Brook Primary at the time of entry. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: at least the end of autumn term.

COPFORD

Copford CE VC Primary

School Road, Copford, Colchester CO6 1BX
Telephone (01206) 210439
Email: admin@copford.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.copford.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr D Bome
Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3020

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **202**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **93**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

DEDHAM

Dedham CE (VC) Primary

Parsons Field, Dedham, Colchester CO7 6BZ
Telephone (01206) 322242
Email: office@dedham.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.dedham.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs G Chester
Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3022

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **202**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **68**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

EIGHT ASH GREEN

Holy Trinity CE Primary Eight Ash Green & Aldham

Fiddlers Folley, Fordham Heath, Colchester CO3 9UE
Telephone (01206) 240880
Email: office@eightashgreen.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.holytrinityeightashgreen.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs S Stevenson
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3021

Published admission number 2027/2028: **20**
Number on roll: **102**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **21**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling* attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

*A sibling is defined as a child living in the same family unit, in the same family household and address as a child who attends the preferred school or partner school in any year group excluding the final year. This therefore, includes brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters or stepbrothers and stepsisters living in the same family unit in the same family household. In addition, biological siblings, in any year group excluding the final year, will be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

ELMSTEAD MARKET

Elmstead Primary

Elmcroft, Holly Way, Elmstead Market,
Colchester CO7 7YQ
Telephone (01206) 822889
Email: admin@elmstead.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.elmsteadprimary.com
Headteacher: Mr I MacDonald
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-5220

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **211**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **78**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet).
2. Children who are ordinarily resident in the catchment area with a sibling who is either on roll at the time of the application, or has been offered a place and will still be a pupil of the School at the time of admission. Priority will be given, where necessary, to applications where there is the smallest age gap. If you have more than one child at the School, please name the youngest one.
3. Children who are ordinarily resident outside of the catchment area with a sibling who is either on the roll at the time of the application, or has been offered a place and will still be a pupil at the School at the time of admission. Priority will be given, where necessary, to applications where there is the smallest age gap. If you have more than one child at the School, please name the youngest one.
4. Children who are ordinarily resident in the catchment area.
5. Children of any teaching or support staff employed by the School in the following circumstances:
    1. where the member of staff has been employed for two or more years at the time the application for admission to the School is made; or
    2. where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a skill shortage.
6. All other applicants by distance from the address where the child is ordinarily resident, as per the distance tie breaker.

If it is necessary to use a tie-breaker to distinguish between two or more applications, a distance criterion will be used. We will give priority to applicants who are ordinarily resident nearest to the School as measured by a straight line. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

In the case of twins or other multiple births, where there is only one place available in the School, all will be considered and admitted together as one application.

By ordinarily resident we mean the place where your child usually lives. We consider this to be where they sleep overnight. We may need proof of this address. If you use another address to give the impression that your child lives at a different address to where they are ordinarily resident, such as a second home or a grandparent's address, so that you have a higher priority for a place at that school; we consider this to be a fraudulent application.

Where a child lives at two or more addresses, each for part of the week, the address at which the child is ordinarily resident will be considered to be the address that the child lives at for most of the week (excluding weekends and school holidays). Separate evidence in writing from each parent must be provided to confirm the child's living arrangements at the time of application.

Siblings include a brother or sister who share the same parents; a half-brother, half-sister or legally adopted child ordinarily residing at the same address; a child looked after by a local authority placed in a foster family with other school age children; a stepchild or children who are not related but ordinarily reside at the same address as a family unit.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

FINGRINGHOE

Fingringhoe CE (VA) Primary

Church Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester CO5 7BN
Telephone (01206) 729266
Email: admin@fingringhoe.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.fingringhoeprimaryschool.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs H Coyle
Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3310

Published admission number 2027/2028: **15**
Number on roll: **96**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **54**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

In the event of there being more applications than places available the following criteria will apply in priority order. Should there be more applicants than can be accommodated that fall within any one of these selected criteria then places will be assigned first to those living closest to the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. whether the pupil resides in the civil parish of Fingringhoe and surrounding parishes, including, but not limited to: Rowhedge, Langenhoe, Abberton and Peldon. To determine proximity of home address to the school, the school will measure and use the distances by road distance using Google Maps software;
3. whether the child has any siblings at the school, including step-siblings and half-siblings;
4. remaining applications. If there are more applications than places, then admission will be decided on the basis of road distance (see above).

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

FORDHAM

Fordham All Saints CE Primary

Mill Road, Fordham, Colchester CO6 3NN
Telephone (01206) 240251
Email: admin@allsaints-fordham.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.allsaints-fordham.essex.sch.uk
Executive Head Teacher: Mrs S Stevenson
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-2190

Published admission number 2027/2028: **15**
Number on roll: **84**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **38**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

For applications made in the normal admission round a relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the preferred school or partner school in any year group excluding year 6. Biological and adopted siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

FRINTON

Frinton-on-Sea Primary

Fifth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea CO13 9LQ
Telephone (01255) 674007
Email: admin@frintononsea.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.frintononsea.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs L Chapman
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2028

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **211**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **71**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet).
2. Children who are ordinarily resident in the catchment area with a sibling who is either on roll at the time of the application, or has been offered a place **and** will still be a pupil of the School at the time of admission. Priority will be given, where necessary, to applications where there is the smallest age gap. If you have more than one child at the School, please name the youngest one.
3. Children who are ordinarily resident outside of the catchment area with a sibling who is either on the roll at the time of the application, or has been offered a place **and** will still be a pupil at the School at the time of admission. Priority will be given, where necessary, to applications where there is the smallest age gap. If you have more than one child at the School, please name the youngest one.
4. Children who are ordinarily resident in the catchment area.
5. Children of any teaching or support staff employed by the School in the following circumstances:
   1) where the member of staff has been employed for two or more years at the time the application for admission to the School is made; or
   2) where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a skill shortage.
6. All other applicants by distance from the address where the child is ordinarily resident, as per the distance tie breaker.

If it is necessary to use a tie-breaker to distinguish between two or more applications, a distance criterion will be used. We will give priority to applicants who are ordinarily resident nearest to the School as measured by a straight line. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

In the case of twins or other multiple births, where there is only one place available in the School, all will be considered and admitted together as one application.

By ordinarily resident we mean the place where your child usually lives. We consider this to be where they sleep overnight. We may need proof of this address. If you use another address to give the impression that your child lives at a different address to where they are ordinarily resident, such as a second home or a grandparent's address, so that you have a higher priority for a place at that school; we consider this to be a fraudulent application.

Where a child lives at two or more addresses, each for part of the week, the address at which the child is ordinarily resident will be considered to be the address that the child lives at for most of the week (excluding weekends and school holidays). Separate evidence in writing from each parent must be provided to confirm the child's living arrangements at the time of application.

Siblings include a brother or sister who share the same parents; a half-brother, half-sister or legally adopted child ordinarily residing at the same address; a child looked after by a local authority placed in a foster family with other school age children; a stepchild or children who are not related but ordinarily reside at the same address as a family unit.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

FRINTON

Lift Hamford

Elm Tree Avenue, Walton-on-the-Naze CO14 8TE
Telephone (01255) 673415
Email: contactus@lifthamford.org
Website: www.lifthamford.org
Principal: Mrs N Vorster
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2012

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **374**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **79**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

If the Academy is oversubscribed, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling (brother or sister) who will still be on roll at the Academy at the time of admission;
3. children resident in the Priority Admission Area;
4. distance - children resident closest to the Academy. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Where two or more applicants have equal priority for the last available place (except for twins and children from multiple births), then random allocation will be used as the final tie breaker to decide who has higher priority for admission. This process will be independently verified.

Where the parent has made the same preferences of school and, through the normal operation of the admission arrangements, the last available place has been allocated to one twin or child from a multiple birth, the other twin or children from the multiple birth will be offered a place at the Academy. In such circumstances, both the PAN and the infant class size limit would be exceeded. The other sibling(s) would remain as exceptions to the Infant Class Size legislation for the time they are in an infant class or until the number in the year group falls back to the PAN.

Sibling is a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, foster brother or sister or the child of the parent's/carer's partner, living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the Academy in any year group excluding Year 6 Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

GREAT BENTLEY

Great Bentley Primary

Plough Road, Great Bentley, Colchester CO7 8LD
Telephone (01206) 250331
Email: admin@greatbentley.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.greatbentley.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs T Caffull
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2045

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **258**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026:**121**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet).
2. Children who are ordinarily resident in the catchment area with a sibling who is either on roll at the time of the application, or has been offered a place **and** will still be a pupil of the School at the time of admission. Priority will be given, where necessary, to applications where there is the smallest age gap. If you have more than one child at the School, please name the youngest one.
3. Children who are ordinarily resident outside of the catchment area with a sibling who is either on the roll at the time of the application, or has been offered a place **and** will still be a pupil at the School at the time of admission. Priority will be given, where necessary, to applications where there is the smallest age gap. If you have more than one child at the School, please name the youngest one.
4. Children who are ordinarily resident in the catchment area.
5. Children of any teaching or support staff employed by the School in the following circumstances:
   1) where the member of staff has been employed for two or more years at the time the application for admission to the School is made; or
   2) where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a skill shortage.
6. All other applicants by distance from the address where the child is ordinarily resident, as per the distance tie breaker.

If it is necessary to use a tie-breaker to distinguish between two or more applications, a distance criterion will be used. We will give priority to applicants who are ordinarily resident nearest to the School as measured by a straight line. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

In the case of twins or other multiple births, where there is only one place available in the School, all will be considered and admitted together as one application.

By ordinarily resident we mean the place where your child usually lives. We consider this to be where they sleep overnight. We may need proof of this address. If you use another address to give the impression that your child lives at a different address to where they are ordinarily resident, such as a second home or a grandparent's address, so that you have a higher priority for a place at that school; we consider this to be a fraudulent application.

Where a child lives at two or more addresses, each for part of the week, the address at which the child is ordinarily resident will be considered to be the address that the child lives at for most of the week (excluding weekends and school holidays). Separate evidence in writing from each parent must be provided to confirm the child's living arrangements at the time of application.

Siblings include a brother or sister who share the same parents; a half-brother, half-sister or legally adopted child ordinarily residing at the same address; a child looked after by a local authority placed in a foster family with other school age children; a stepchild or children who are not related but ordinarily reside at the same address as a family unit.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

GREAT BROMLEY

St George's CE Primary

Brook Street, Great Bromley, Colchester CO7 7HX
Telephone (01206) 230305
Email: admin@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs R Keitch
Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3032

Published admission number 2027/2028: **17**
Number on roll: **110**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **45**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

GREAT HORKESLEY

The Bishop William Ward CE Primary

Coach Road, Great Horkesley, Colchester CO6 4AT
Telephone (01206) 271336
Email: admin@bishopwilliamward.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.bishopwilliamward.net
Headteacher: Mr T Bull
Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3324

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **203**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **48**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

In the event of more applications than places available the following criteria will be applied in order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet) and Children Previously Looked After from outside England;
2. children who at the time of application will have a sibling at the school in any year except Year 6;
3. children with no sibling‡ within the school but who reside in the ecclesiastical parish^ of Great Horkesley;
4. children with at least one parent who is regularly* participating in the worship of the churches of All Saints with St. Johns, Gt. Horkesley;
5. children with at least one parent who is regularly* participating in the worship of another Christian church and whose application is supported by the appropriate Church authority;
6. any remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

* 'Regularly' means regular attendance twice a month.

^ A map of the ecclesiastical parish can be viewed by parents in the school office.

‡ A sibling is defined as a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address as a child who attends or has been offered a place at the preferred school or partner school at the time of application and determination and with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the time of admission. Biological siblings who attend the preferred school will be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

♦ This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed which is available from the school.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

GREAT OAKLEY

All Saints CE (VA) Primary

Beaumont Road, Great Oakley, Harwich CO12 5BA
Telephone (01255) 880315
Email: admin@allsaints-oakley.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.allsaintsgreatoakley.co.uk
Headteacher: Mr A Battersby
Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881- 3314

Published admission number 2027/2028: **19**
Number on roll: **100**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **25**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 9

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

In the event of over subscription the Governors will consider applications in the following order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. whether the child is resident within the ecclesiastical parish of Great Oakley;
3. Whether the child has siblings‡ on roll at the school at the date of entry to the school;
4. *whether the parents/guardians of the child regularly worship at the parish church of Great Oakley. A statement of support must be supplied by the parish priest;
5. *whether the parents/guardians of the child, for whom this is the nearest Church School, regularly worship at another Anglican Church. A statement of support must be supplied by the parish priest;
6. *whether the parents/guardians of the child regularly worship in a church of another Christian denomination and express a preference for a Christian school. A statement of support must be supplied by a relevant minister;
7. whether the parents/guardians of the child are members of another faith and express a desire for a Church School education. A statement of support must be supplied by a relevant religious leader;
8. any other applications.

In the event of over subscription in any category, the straight line distance between home and school will be taken into account with those whose habitual home is nearest the school being given priority. All straight line distances are calculated electronically by the Local Authority. The data plots the co-ordinates of each property and provides the address points between which straight line distance is measured and reported to three decimal places.

* The Governors' definition of "regularly worship" is attending church on at least six occasions over the past twelve months excepting weddings, baptisms and funerals.

‡ LA sibling Definition applies

♦ This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

GREAT TEY

Great Tey CE (VC) Primary

Chrismund Way, Great Tey, Colchester CO6 1AZ
Telephone (01206) 210415
Email: admin@greattey.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.greatteyprimary.org.uk
Headteacher: Mrs L Overton
Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3025

Published admission number 2027/2028: **12**
Number on roll: **86**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **24**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

HARWICH

All Saints CE (VA) Primary, Dovercourt

Main Road, Dovercourt, Harwich CO12 4HT
Telephone (01255) 502389
Email: contact@allsaints-harwich.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.allsaints-harwich.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs S Moseley
Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3822

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **194**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **44**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. Whether the child has siblings on roll at the school at the point of their entry to the school;
3. Whether the parents or child are regularly involved in the worship of the Parish churches of Harwich, Dovercourt, Ramsey and Little Oakley to the boundaries to Great Oakley. The Governors will request a supporting statement from the priest or minister;
4. Whether the parents or child are involved in the worship of another Christian Church. Christian Church means any church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishop of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or as a member of Churches Together in England (CTE), or the Evangelical Alliance or a partner church of Affinity. The Governors will request a supporting statement from the priest or minister;
5. Children of teaching and non-teaching staff who have been employees of All Saints' Church of England Primary School for two or more years at the time of application for a school place. For the purpose of this criterion, 'children of school staff' is taken to include a son, daughter or step-son/daughter, or a child who is adopted or fostered or for whom a special guardianship order is in place, in all cases providing they are living at the same address as the parent who is employed at the school. Parents applying under this criterion must inform the Headteacher in writing.
6. Remaining applications.

In the event of over subscription in any category, the straight line distance between home and school will be taken into account with those whose habitual home is nearest the school being given priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

For applications made in the normal admission round a relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the preferred school or partner school in any year group excluding the final year. Biological siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

* The Governors define active and regular involvement as attending Church on at least four occasions over the previous 12 months excepting Christmas, Easter, weddings, baptisms and funerals.

♦This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

HARWICH

Chase Lane Primary and Nursery

Chase Lane, Dovercourt, Harwich CO12 4NB
Telephone (01255) 502416
Email: admin@chaselane.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.chaselane.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Ms R Saunders
Community (Co-educational)
4–11 #
School Number: 881-5261

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **411**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **78**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

Harwich Community Primary and Nursery

Barrack Lane, Harwich CO12 3NP
Telephone (01255) 245440
Email: admin@harwich-pri.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.harwich-pri.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs R Anderson
Community (Co-educational)
4–11 #
School Number: 881-2414

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **200**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **56**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from the Pier Hotel to the home address, those living closest to the Pier Hotel being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

HARWICH

The Mayflower Primary

Main Road, Dovercourt, Harwich CO12 4AJ
Telephone (01255) 502444
Email: admin@mayflowerprimary.com
Website: www.mayflower-pri.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Ms A Larue
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2059

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **356**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **73**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. children living in the priority admission area of Harwich Primary School;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

HARWICH

St Joseph's Catholic Primary

The Drive, Dovercourt, Harwich CO12 3SU
Telephone (01255) 503493
Email: admin@st-josephs-dovercourt.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.st-josephs-dovercourt.essex.sch.uk
Acting Head of School: Mr L Bevan
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 Roman Catholic
School Number: 881-3302

Published admission number 2027/2028: **17**
Number on roll: **114**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **33**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 8

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine which children to admit:

1. Catholic Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. Catholic children from practising Catholic families resident in the parish of Harwich and Dovercourt;
3. other Catholic children;
4. other Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
5. catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church;
6. children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion;
7. children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader;
8. any other children.

It is the policy of the school in the event of oversubscription that within each category:

i. Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.

ii. The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required.

catechumen' means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.

'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches, and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.

"children of other Christian denominations" means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities.

"children of other faiths" means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of 'other Christian denominations' at 6 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law.

'brother or sister' includes: all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.

♦ This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of spring term.

HARWICH

Spring Meadow Primary School and Nursery

Pound Farm Drive, Dovercourt, Harwich CO12 4LB
Telephone (01255) 504528
Email: office@springmeadow.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.springmeadow.essex.sch.uk
Executive Headteacher: Mrs N Patrick
Head of School: Mrs C Pallett
Academy (Co-educational)
2–11
School Number: 881-2374

Published admission number 2027/2028: **50**
Number on roll: **294**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **55**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN

Kirby Primary Academy

Halstead Road, Kirby Cross, Frinton-on-Sea CO13 0LW
Telephone (01255) 674056
Email: admin@kirbyacademy.org
Website: www.kirbyacademy.org
Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Byles
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2084

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **207**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **58**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with one or more siblings in the School;
3. children of school staff fulfilling a skills shortage role*;
4. other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address is the shortest distance from the School. Children in this criteria will be ranked in order of distance.

Tie Breaker

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category '4' above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the School is the same. This process will be independently verified. If a tie-break is required in earlier categories to decide who has priority for admission between two children, distance from the school will be used to decide. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Where multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family are tied for the final place, we will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN

Kirby Primary Academy *(Continued)*

The address at which the child resides on a permanent basis or is 'ordinarily resident'. This is generally, the address of the Parent. In some cases, children may be 'ordinarily resident' for the majority of the school week, including overnight, with another relative or carer, such as a grandparent. This may also be the case where the child resides between two parents at different addresses following the breakdown of the parental relationship. Where this is the case, the application will be processed on the basis of the address where the child resides for the majority of the school week and proof of residence and address arrangement will be required with the application. The child must be living with the parent, relative or carer for the majority of the school week. Arrangements where parents can leave and collect children from another relative or carer on a daily basis will be considered childcare arrangements, and the child will deemed to not be 'ordinarily resident' with that person. In all cases, we expect the adult with whom the child is 'ordinarily resident' receives the child benefit for the child (where eligible).

The exceptions to this rule are the children of UK Armed Forces service personnel with a confirmed posting to their area, or Crown Servants returning from overseas to live in the area, for whom an application for admission may be made in advance of their move where it is accompanied by an official letter that confirms the intended relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address for the child.

'Siblings' - For applications made in the normal admission round a sibling means a brother or sister, legally adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or stepsister, foster brother or sister, or the child of a parent's co-habiting partner; living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the School at the date of application in any year group excluding the final year. Biological and legally adopted siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

* Staff - whether teaching or non-teaching, with a permanent contract to work predominantly at the School (not Trust employees in the REAch2 cluster or central teams). The application of this criterion will be subject to confirmation by an independent Trust non-executive that, on the evidence available, the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skills shortage. Staff must contact the School Headteacher when applying for a place under this criterion. For the purposes of this criterion, 'children of School staff' is taken to include a son, daughter or step-son/daughter, or child who is adopted or fostered or for whom a special guardianship order is in place, in all cases providing they are living at the same address as the parent who is employed at the School.

Children at the School's Nursery
Parents should note that children who attend the School's nursery will not automatically transfer to Reception Year at the School. An application for admission to Reception Year must be made in the normal way.

Waiting list held until: 31st December 2027.

LANGENHOE

Langenhoe Community Primary

Bracken Way, Abberton, Colchester CO5 7PG
Telephone (01206) 735267
Email: admin@langenhoe.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.langenhoeprimaryschool.com
Headteacher: Mrs S Stevenson
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2038

Published admission number 2027/2028: **15**
Number on roll: **100**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **50**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

LANGHAM

Langham Primary

School Road, Langham, Colchester CO4 5PB
Telephone (01206) 272266
Email: admin@langham.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.langham.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr A MacDonald
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2039

Published admission number 2027/2028: **16**
Number on roll: **101**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **39**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children resident in the priority admission area with a sibling attending the school;
3. children resident outside the priority admission area with a sibling attending the school;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

LAWFORD

Highfields Primary

Colchester Road, Lawford, Manningtree CO11 2BN
Telephone (01206) 392223
Email: office@highfields.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.highfields.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs T Marshall
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2090

Published admission number 2027/2028: **45**
Number on roll: **320**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026:**106**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

Lawford CE (VA) Primary

The Avenue, Lawford, Manningtree CO11 2FR
Telephone (01206) 393585
Email: secretary@lawford.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.lawford.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs K Usher
Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-5257

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **349**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **92**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

When applications exceed the intended number the prioritised criteria below will be used to determine which children will be admitted:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling‡ attending the school at the time of application and admission;
3. children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are *active worshipping member(s) of the 'Cross Reach' churches (Lawford, Mistley and Bradfield);
4. children who live in the priority admission area (please use the link on the Essex Admissions website to check if you live in our catchment area);
5. children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are *active worshipping member(s) of any other Anglican or non - Anglican Christian Church;
6. other children who do not satisfy the above criteria.

Priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those nearer being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

* 'active membership' is defined in terms of regular worship, which means at least 12 times in the year preceding application, by the parents or guardians.

♦ This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed. For Criteria 3 and 5 the application must be supported in writing by a parish priest, minister of the religion.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

LAYER-DE-LA-HAYE

Layer-De-La-Haye CE (VC) Primary

High Road, Layer-de-la-Haye, Colchester CO2 0DS
Telephone (01206) 734249
Email: admin@layer-de-la-haye.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.layer-de-la-haye.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs D Gaffney
Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3026

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **203**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **79**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

LITTLE CLACTON

Engaines Primary School and Nursery

St Osyth Road East, Little Clacton, Clacton-on-Sea CO16 9PH
Telephone (01255) 860210
Email: admin@engaines.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.engainesprimaryschool.co.uk
Headteacher: Mr C Joy
Foundation (Co-educational)
Age 4–11 #
School Number: 881-5274

Published admission number 2027/2028: **38**
Number on roll: **295**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **98**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children living within the boundaries of the existing catchment area who have a sibling currently attending the school (proof of residency required);
3. other children living within the catchment area;
4. children living outside the catchment area with a sibling attending the school;
5 remaining applicants.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to the school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

MARKS TEY

St Andrew's CE (VC) Primary

Mandeville Road, Marks Tey, Colchester CO6 1HL
Telephone (01206) 210638
Email: admin@st-andrews.academy
Website: www.st.andrews.academy
Headteacher: Mr K Birbeck
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3027

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **131**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **51**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

For applications made in the normal admission round a relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or step brother or step sister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the preferred school or partner school in any year group excluding the final year. Biological siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence (not including children who are part of the Autism Support Centre). Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

MESSING

Messing Primary

School Road, Messing, Colchester CO5 9TH
Telephone (01621) 815415
Email: admin@messingprimaryschool.co.uk
Website: www.messingprimaryschool.co.uk
Headteacher: Ms C Brown
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2032

Published admission number 2027/2028: **12**
Number on roll: **89**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **59**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

If the school is oversubscribed, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below in order:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters;
3. other children from the priority admission area, with priority for admission given to children who live nearest to the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet;
4. remaining applications.

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category "3" above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the school is the same. The process will be independently verified.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

MISTLEY

Stourview C of E Primary Academy

Remercie Road, Mistley, Manningtree CO11 1LS
Telephone (01206) 484227
Email: admin@stourview.academy
Website: www.stourview.academy
Headteacher: Mrs J Crowley
Academy (Co-educational)
5–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-2194

Published admission number 2027/2028: **15**
Number on roll: **23**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **11**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 9

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with Exceptional Medical or Social Needs;
3. children living in the priority admission area with a sibling* at the School;
4. children living outside the priority admission area with a sibling* at the School;
5. children living inside the priority admission area who meet the faith# criterion;
6. children of staff;
   where children of staff do not fall into any of the previous categories then the following criterion will apply:
   (i) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made.
   (ii) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
7. other children living in the priority admission area without a sibling at the school;
8. children living outside the priority admission area who meet the faith# criterion;
9. remaining applications.

Medical need means where written evidence has been provided from a senior clinical medical officer or the child's general practitioner / specialist showing that the child's condition would make it detrimental to the child's health not to admit him/her to the School. This may include written evidence where the parent has a medical need and/or disability which would make it detrimental for the child to attend a different school; this may be supported by evidence of the child as a young carer.

Social Need means where the child is of confirmed refugee status. Written evidence of this must be submitted with the Supplemental Information Form and sent to the School on or before 15th January 2026.

*Sibling means brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, foster brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom admission is sought is living in the same family unit as that sibling and at the same address.

Priority admission area means the geographical area from which children will be afforded priority for admission to the School. A map showing the priority admission area. A hard copy is available at the School office.

Faith criterion:
- Regular attendance at public worship in any Church of England church, for not less than eight times in a twelve-month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school.
- Regular attendance at public worship in any other Christian church for not less than eight times in a twelve-month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'other Christian church' means a church which is Designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the diocesan bishop; or which is a member of Churches Together in England; or affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance; or a Partner Church of Affinity
- Regular attendance at public worship in any faith group which is a member of the local Council of Faiths for not less than eight times in a twelve-month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school.

♦ The school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

RAMSEY

St Michael's C of E Primary Academy

Mayes Lane, Ramsey, Harwich, CO12 5EL
Telephone (01255) 323184
Email: office@st-michaels.academy
Website: www.st-michaels.academy
Headteacher: Mr S Taylor
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-2195

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **130**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **37**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling at the School;
3. children living in priority admission area;
4 remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest to the school given the highest priority.

A map showing the priority admission area is available at the School office.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

ROWHEDGE

St Lawrence CE Primary

Rectory Road, Rowhedge, Colchester CO5 7HR
Telephone (01206) 728517
Email: admin@st-lawrence-pri.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.st-lawrence-pri.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs K Ekins-Malcolm
Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3023

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **223**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **74**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

STANWAY

Lakelands Primary

Wagtail Mews, Stanway, Colchester CO3 8AJ
Telephone (01206) 484 033
Email: admin@lakelandsprimary.com
Website: www.lakelandsprimary.com
Headteacher: Mrs K Anslow
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881- 2185

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **340**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **126**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

When the school is oversubscribed, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school. Siblings are defined as children with a brother or sister, step brother/sister, adopted brother/sister in the same family unit living at the same address. Biological siblings who attend the school in any year group (excluding the final year Year 6) will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence;
3. staff with children;
   a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
   b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications (living outside the priority admissions area, with priority determined by straight line distance from the home or primary residence of the child to school.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, using Ordnance Survey Maps as held by Essex County Council, those living closest to the school being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

STANWAY

Stanway Primary

Villa Road, Stanway, Colchester CO3 0RH
Telephone (01206) 574819
Email: admin@stanway-pri.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.stanway-pri.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs R Loader
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2041

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **390**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **125**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

Stanway Fiveways Primary

Winstree Road, Stanway, Colchester CO3 0QG
Telephone (01206) 574849
Email: admin@stanwayfiveways.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.stanwayfiveways.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr A Squirrell
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2081

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **473**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **117**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

ST OSYTH

St Osyth CE Primary

Norman Close, St Osyth, Clacton-on-Sea CO16 8PN
Telephone (01255) 820823
Email: schooloffice.stosyth@dcvst.org
Website: www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/
Headteacher: Mrs C Jackson
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-2137

Published admission number 2027/2028: **45**
Number on roll: **290**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **45**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

When applications exceed the intended number to admit, applications will be considered according to the following criteria in order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children living in the priority admission area with a sibling* attending the school;
3. children living outside the priority admission area with a sibling* attending the school;
4. children living inside the priority admission area who meet the faith criterion#;
5. other children living in the priority admission area without a sibling attending the school;
6. children of staff who have been with the school for two years or when a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage at the same academy;
7. children with exceptional medial or social needs;
   (i) Medical need means where written evidence has been provided from a senior clinical medical officer or the child's general practitioner / specialist showing that the child's condition would make it detrimental to the child's health not to admit him/her to the School. This may include written evidence where the parent has a medical need and/or disability which would make it detrimental for the child to attend a different school; this may be supported by evidence of the child as a young carer. Evidence to be relied upon must be submitted with the Supplementary Information Form and sent to the School on or before 15th January 2027.
   (ii) Social Need means where the child is of confirmed refugee status. Written evidence of this from the home LA must be submitted with the Supplemental Information Form and sent to the School on or before 15th January 2027.
8. children living outside the priority admission area who meet the faith criterion#;
9. all other children.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

* Sibling means brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, foster brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom admission is sought is living in the same family unit as that sibling and at the same address.

Faith criterion:

- Regular attendance at public worship in any Church of England church, for not less than eight times in a twelve-month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school.

- Regular attendance at public worship in any other Christian church for not less than eight times in a twelve-month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'other Christian church' means a church which is Designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the diocesan bishop; or which is a member of Churches Together in England; or affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance; or a Partner Church of Affinity

- Regular attendance at public worship in any faith group which is a member of the local Council of Faiths for not less than eight times in a twelve-month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school.

♦ The school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

TENDRING

Tendring Primary

School Road, Tendring, Clacton-on-Sea CO16 0BP
Telephone (01255) 830307
Email: admin@tendring-pri.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.tendring-pri.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs A Clark
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2050

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **208**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **88**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN

Rolph CE Primary School and Nursery

High Street, Thorpe-le-Soken,
Clacton-on-Sea CO16 0DY
Telephone (01255) 861317
Email: admin.rolph@dcvst.org
Website: www.rolphcofeprimary.co.uk
Executive Headteacher: Mrs N Emrich
Academy (Co-educational)
3–11 # Church of England
School Number: 881-5208

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **201**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **41**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 9

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet).
2. Children who on the date of application will have a sibling on the roll of the school. Sibling means a full, step, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, but not cousin, who will be living permanently with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the school; the school may require proof of relationship.
3. A child whose place of residence*is within the boundary of the Anglican Parish of Thorpe-le-Soken and who are involved in the faith and worship of the Parish Church of St Michael's Thorpe-le-Soken on a regular basis^.
4. A child who attends Rolph C of E Primary School Nursery.
5. A child whose place of residence*is within the boundary of the Anglican Parish of Thorpe-le-Soken.
6. A child, or child of parents who are involved in the faith and worship at St Michael's Thorpe-le-Soken Parish Church on a regular basis.
7. A child, or child of parents, who are involved in the faith and worship of another Anglican Parish Church on a regular basis^.
8. A child, or child of parents, who are involved in the faith and worship of another Christian denomination on a regular basis^.
9. Any other remaining applicant.

In the event of oversubscription priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

* A child's place of residence is defined as the main address of the parent(s) with whom the child spends the majority of time during the school week and who receives the Child Benefit for the child. Parent(s) may be asked to produce original documentary evidence of the place of residence dated within three months prior to the date of application (eg Council Tax, electricity, gas or water bills) with the Supplementary Information Form.

^These applications must be accompanied by a completed Supplementary Information Form signed by a parish priest, minister or worship leader to verify the level of worship. Regular basis shall be interpreted as attending at least monthly and for a period of at least a year, prior to application.

♦ This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

TIPTREE

Baynards Primary

Townsend Road, Tiptree, Colchester CO5 0ND
Telephone (01621) 817261
Email: admin@baynards.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.baynards.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs J Dale
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2088

Published admission number 2027/2028: **15**
Number on roll: **98**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **59**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

Milldene Primary

Barbrook Lane, Tiptree, Colchester CO5 0EF
Telephone (01621) 816490
Email:admin@milldene.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.milldene.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs M Coxhead
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2074

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **185**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **68**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

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Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

TIPTREE

Tiptree, St Luke's CE (VC) Primary

Church Road, Tiptree, Colchester CO5 0SU
Telephone (01621) 815456
Email: admin@stlukesschool.co.uk
Website: www.stlukesschool.co.uk
Headteacher: Mr M Moriarty
Deputy: Mrs C Walker
Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3028

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **267**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **107**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

Tiptree Heath Primary

103 Maldon Road, Tiptree, Colchester CO5 0PG
Telephone (01621) 815445
Email: admin@tiptreeheath.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.tiptreeheath.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs S King
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2042

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **198**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **89**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Exceptional medical circumstances (supported by medical evidence) may override the above criteria (other than Looked after Children).

A relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the preferred school or partner school in any year group excluding the final year. Biological siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

WALTON-ON-THE-NAZE

Walton-on-the-Naze Primary

Standley Road, Walton-on-the-Naze CO14 8PT
Telephone (01255) 675657
Email: admin@walton.essex.sch.uk
Website:www.waltonprimaryschool.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs S Bliss
Foundation (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-5260

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **188**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **36**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be adopted in the order set out below:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children living in the priority admission area (map available from the school), with a sibling* attending the school;
3. other children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to the school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

In the unlikely event of two applicants with an identical distance competing for a single place at a school the place will be offered to one applicant on the basis of lots drawn by member of the Governing Body not directly involved in admissions.

* A relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister, or step-brother or step-sister living in the same family unit in the same household and address who attends Walton Primary School in any year group excluding the final year. Biological siblings who attend the school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

WEELEY

St Andrew's CE Primary

Old Clacton Road, Weeley, Clacton-on-Sea CO16 9LW
Telephone (01255) 830234
Email: office.staweeley@dcvst.org
Website:www.st-andrewsprisch-weeley.co.uk
Executive Headteacher: Mrs N Emrich
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-2096

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **179**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **36**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 7

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

When allocating places within St Andrew's School, Weeley, the Governors will give consideration to the following, in order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with exceptional medical or social needs;
3. children living in the priority admission area with a sibling* at the School;
4. children living outside the priority admission area with a sibling* at the School;
5. other children living in the priority admission area without a sibling at the school;
6. children living outside the priority admission area who meet the faith** criterion;
7. all other children.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance with preference given to those in closest proximity to the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Medical need means where written evidence has been provided from a senior clinical medical officer or the child's general practitioner/specialist showing that the child's condition would make it detrimental to the child's health not to admit him/her to the School. This may include written evidence where the parent has a medical need and/or disability which would make it detrimental for the child to attend a different school; this may be supported by evidence of the child as a young carer. Evidence to be relied upon must be submitted with the Supplementary Information Form and sent to the School by the deadline date.

Social Need means where the child is of confirmed refugee status. Written evidence of this from the home LA must be submitted with the Supplemental Information Form and sent to the School by the deadline date.

*Sibling means brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, foster brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom admission is sought is living in the same family unit as that sibling and at the same address.

Priority admission area means the geographical area from which children will be afforded priority for admission to the School. A map showing the priority admission area which includes the Ecclesiastical Parish is available to view on the School website. A hard copy is available at the School office.

**A child living outside the priority admission area is eligible for this category where the child or the parent or carers meets the following criteria, in order of priority:

- Regular attendance at public worship in any Church of England church, for not less than eight times in a twelve month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school.
- Regular attendance at public worship in any other Christian church for not less than eight times in a twelve month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'other Christian church' means a church which is Designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the diocesan bishop; or which is a member of Churches Together in England; or affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance; or a Partner Church of Affinity.

Regular attendance at public worship in any faith group which is a member of the local Council of Faiths for not less than eight times in a twelve month period prior to the date of submission of the application for admission to the school.

♦ The school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

WEST BERGHOLT

Heathlands CE (VC) Primary

New Church Road, West Bergholt, Colchester CO6 3JF
Telephone (01206) 240288
Email: admin@heathlands.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.heathlands.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr D Crawley
Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3029

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **411**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **118**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

WEST MERSEA

Mersea Island School

Barfield Road, West Mersea, Colchester CO5 8QX
Telephone (01206) 382736
Email: office@merseaschool.org
Website: www.merseaschool.org
Headteacher: Mrs T Wright
Foundation (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-5271

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **358**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **46**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. child has a sibling or sibling link, attending the school at the time the place is offered, excluding those in Year Six who will have left the school by the time of admission;
3. child resides on Mersea Island;
4. all other applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance with those living nearer being given the higher priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

Sibling link definition: 'A child living in the same family unit, in the same family household and address'.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

WIVENHOE

Broomgrove Infant

Broome Grove, Wivenhoe, Colchester CO7 9QB
Telephone (01206) 822141
Email: admin@broomgrove-inf.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.broomgroveinfantschool.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs A Grigg
Community (Co-educational)
4–7
School Number: 881- 2069

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **158**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **82**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school or Broomgrove Junior school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

Broomgrove Junior

Broome Grove, Wivenhoe, Colchester CO7 9QB
Telephone (01206) 822893
Email: admin@broomgrove-jun.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.broomgrovejuniorschool.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs K Wright
Community (Co-educational)
7–11
School Number: 881-2073

Published admission number 2027/2028: **60**
Number on roll: **212**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **54**

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription any remaining places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school or Broomgrove Infant school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

WIVENHOE

Millfields Primary

Bowes Road, Wivenhoe, Colchester CO7 9RD
Telephone (01206) 823044
Email: admin@millfields.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.millfields.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs N Bennett
Foundation (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-5221

Published admission number 2027/2028: **30**
Number on roll: **217**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **83**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

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Admissions Policy

When applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children living in the priority admission area* who have a sibling‡ at the school at the time of application, unless the older child is in Year 6 at that time;
3. children living in the priority admission area*;
4. children living outside of the priority admission area* with a sibling‡ at the school at the time of application and determination unless the older child is in Year 6 at that time;
5. children living outside of the priority admission area* without a sibling‡ at the school at the time of application and determination.

In the event of over subscription within any of the above criteria, the straight line distance between home and school will decide priority, those living closest having the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

* A map of the priority admission area is available for inspection at the school.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

The school holds a rolling waiting list .

WIX

Wix and Wrabness Primary

Colchester Road, Wix, Manningtree CO11 2RS
Telephone (01255) 870282
Email: office@wix.essex.sch.uk
Website: wixandwrabnessprimaryschool.co.uk
Acting Headteacher: Ms Vanessa Lindsay
Community (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2051

Published admission number 2027/2028: **17**
Number on roll: **117**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **39**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion: 3

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2027.

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