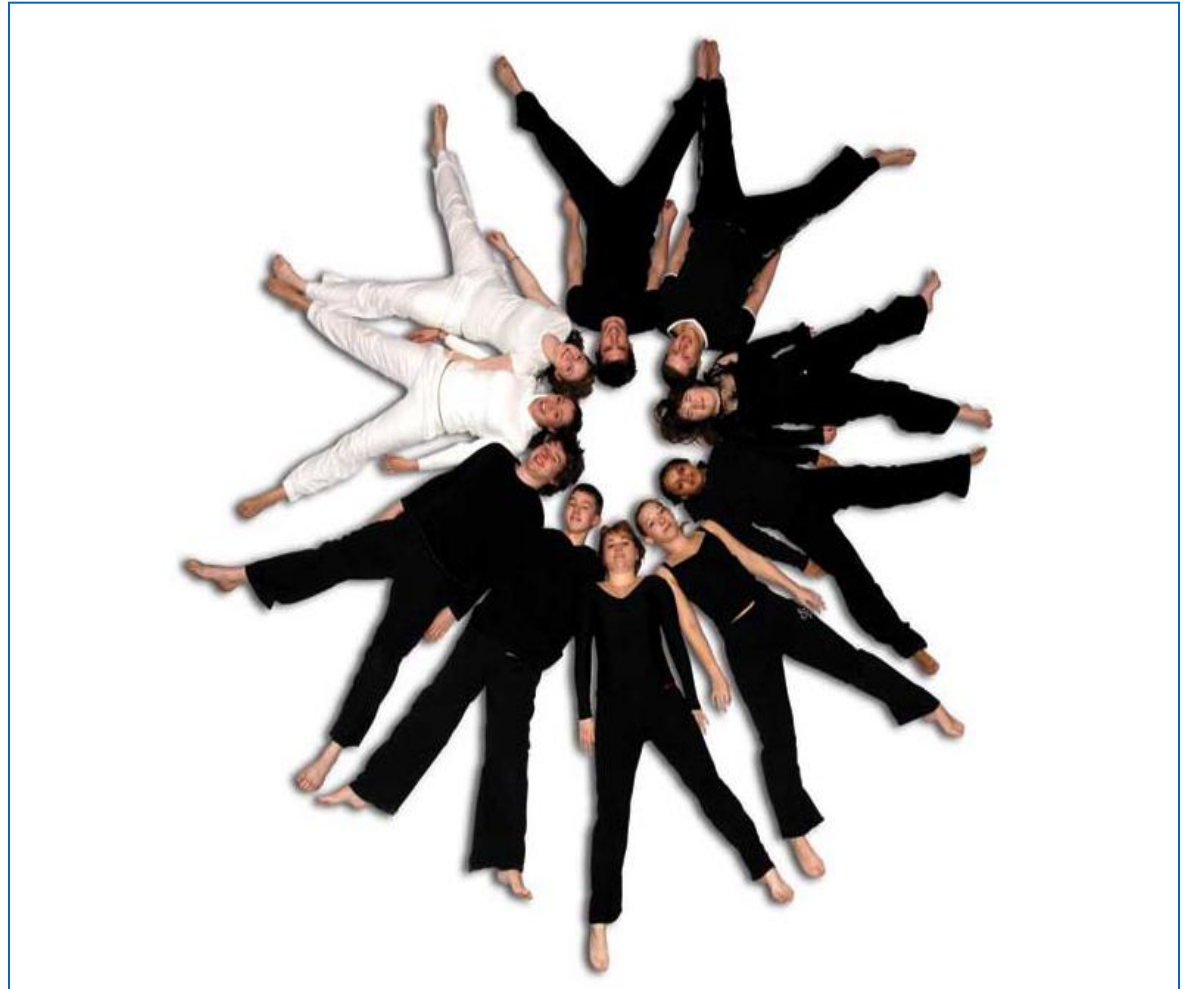


Working Together for Wirral's Children

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2027



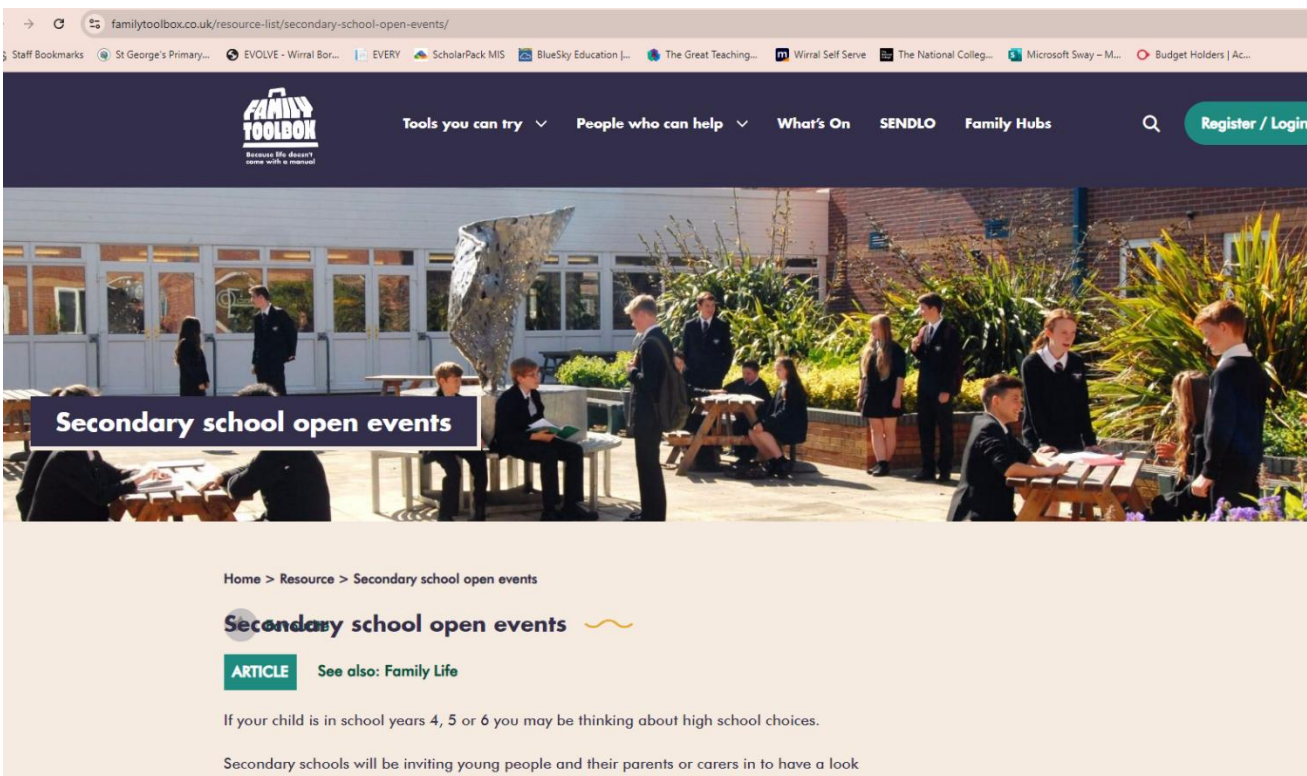
What Are My Choices?

Legally, you can apply for any school in the country. Limitations are:

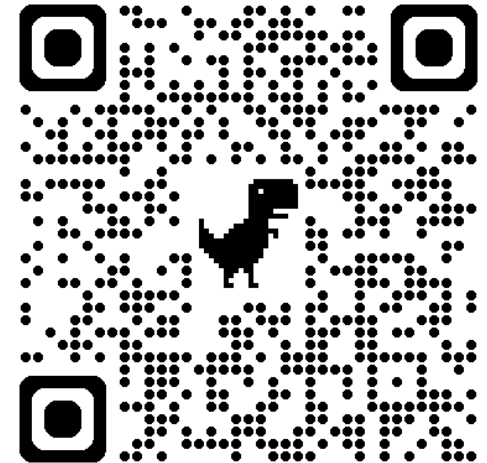
1. Entrance Examinations
2. Admission Criteria due to gender, faith or other circumstances (BHSA has their own admission criteria).
3. Admission code. Distance is the main factor that affects parental rights.
4. Meeting timelines for admission. If you are late you lose most parental/carer rights.
5. Fee paying/scholarship requirements.

Open Evenings

- Children are invited to evening sessions.
- Some hold daytime sessions for parents and carers.
- Visit Family Toolbox website or contact schools.
- May offer alternative dates



The screenshot shows the Family Toolbox website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: 'Tools you can try', 'People who can help', 'What's On', 'SENDLO', and 'Family Hubs'. A search icon and 'Register / Login' button are also present. The main banner features a photograph of students in school uniforms sitting at outdoor tables, with a text overlay that reads 'Secondary school open events'. Below the banner, the breadcrumb trail is 'Home > Resource > Secondary school open events'. The article title 'Secondary school open events' is followed by a wavy line icon. A green 'ARTICLE' tag and a link 'See also: Family Life' are displayed. The introductory text states: 'If your child is in school years 4, 5 or 6 you may be thinking about high school choices. Secondary schools will be inviting young people and their parents or carers in to have a look'.





Tips for Choosing the Right School for Your Child

Number One:

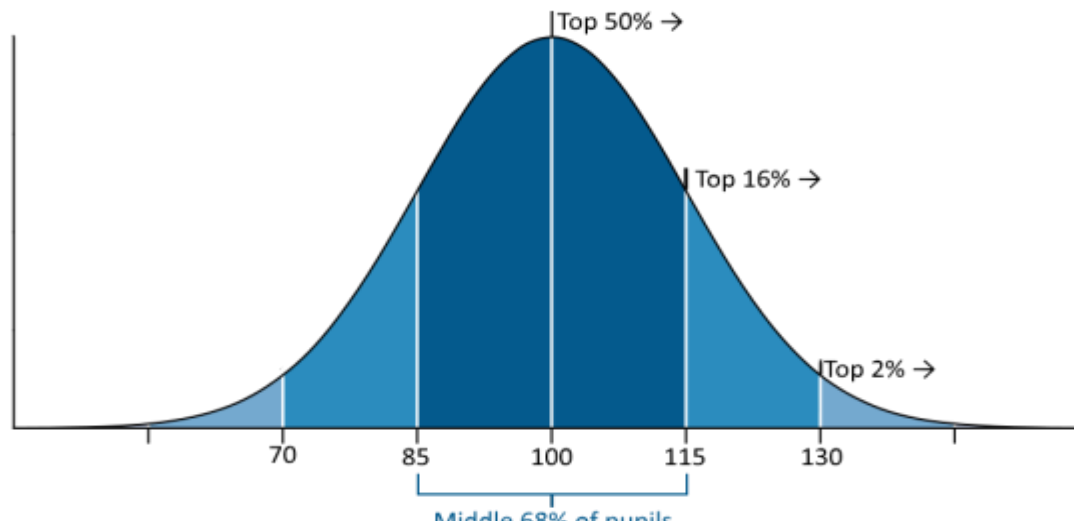
Put your child at the heart of your decision making. What is best for them? Consider their interests, strengths and how they will adapt, manage travel etc.

TIMETABLE

- ❑ **1st May - Parents portal to apply for Wirral Admission tests open.**
- ❑ **31st May - Deadline for all application for children to complete Wirral grammar School Entrance Examination (11+)**
- ❑ **Early September - Practice Test at St George's**
- ❑ **15th SEPTEMBER - Non-Catholic Wirral selective assessments (11+)**
- ❑ **16th SEPTEMBER St Anselm's assessment date (with special arrangements on 19th September)**
- ❑ **19th SEPTEMBER Upton Hall assessment date (with special arrangements on 23rd September)**
- ❑ **Birkenhead High School Academy music assessments**
- ❑ **31 OCTOBER Deadline for preference forms**
- ❑ **Birkenhead High School Academy Music Aptitude Assessments**
- ❑ **1 MARCH 2027 ALLOCATION DAY**

Scaled Scores Explained

- Your child's score is reported in a scaled score.
- This is calculated using age and their raw test score.
- 100 is average.
- 118+ is top 15%
- Have two tests so need combined scale score of 236.



Applying on-line

- www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions from 1st September

Why apply on-line?

- It is quick, easy and secure.
- Apply from home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (from 1st September).
- You can apply from a computer, smartphone or tablet with internet access.
- No risk your application will be lost in the post.
- You receive an email confirming that your application has been submitted and received.
- The system has a series of security features that will prevent others from seeing your information.
- You **receive your offer by e-mail on allocation day.**



Number Two:

Apply online. Meet the 31st May deadline for 11+ and deadline of 31st of October for secondary places. Keep your online receipt secure.



Tips for Choosing the Right School for Your Child

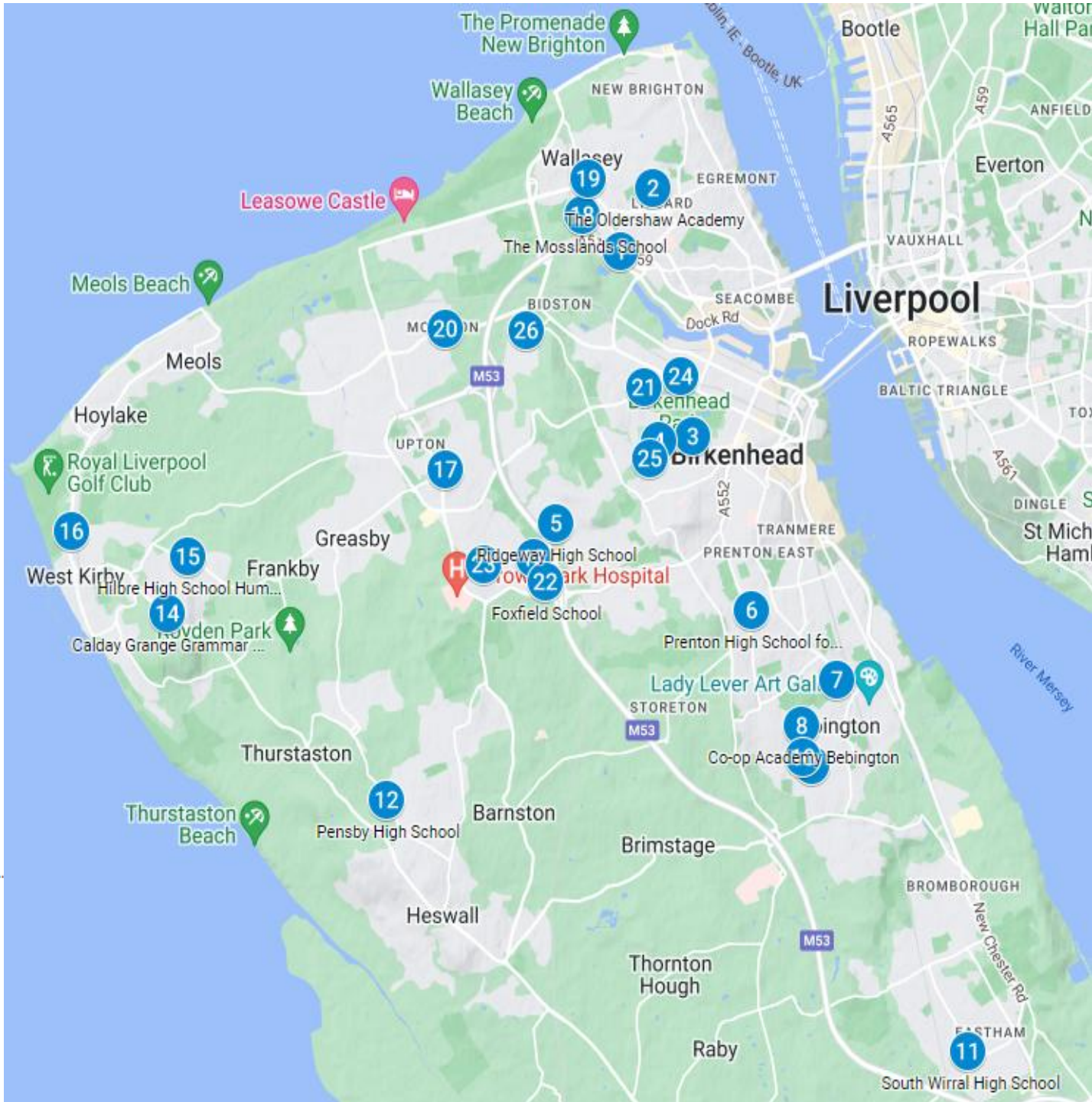
Number Three:

Be informed. Visit schools. Listen to their offer. Ask questions. Visit their website.

Look at the data and OFSTED reports.

Ignore the gossip.

- 1 Weatherhead High School
- 2 The Oldershaw Academy
- 3 The Birkenhead Park School
- 4 St Anselm's College
- 5 Ridgeway High School
- 6 Prenton High School for Girls
- 7 St John Plessington Catholic College
- 8 Co-op Academy Bebington
- 9 Wirral Grammar School for Boys
- 10 Wirral Grammar School for Girls
- 11 South Wirral High School
- 12 Pensby High School
- 13 Woodchurch High School
- 14 Calday Grange Grammar School
- 15 Hillbre High School Humanities College
- 16 West Kirby Grammar School
- 17 Upton Hall School (FCJ)
- 18 The Mosslands School
- 19 St Mary's Catholic College
- 20 Clare Mount School
- 21 Wirral Hospital School and Pupil Access and...
- 22 Foxfield School
- 23 Meadowside School
- 24 Kilgarth School
- 25 Birkenhead High School Academy
- 26 The Observatory School



Will secondary schools know what rank I have put them down?

NO. Schools are not sent the actual preference forms.

They have access to:

Child's name, address, date of birth, current school, siblings and faith information (if relevant)

Schools are not told in what order their school has been put down as a preference.

CO-ORDINATION

If you live in Wirral but want a school place in another local authority (LA), you must apply through Wirral as your home LA (either on-line or paper).

Parents who don't live in Wirral, but want to apply for a Wirral school, must apply through their home LA.

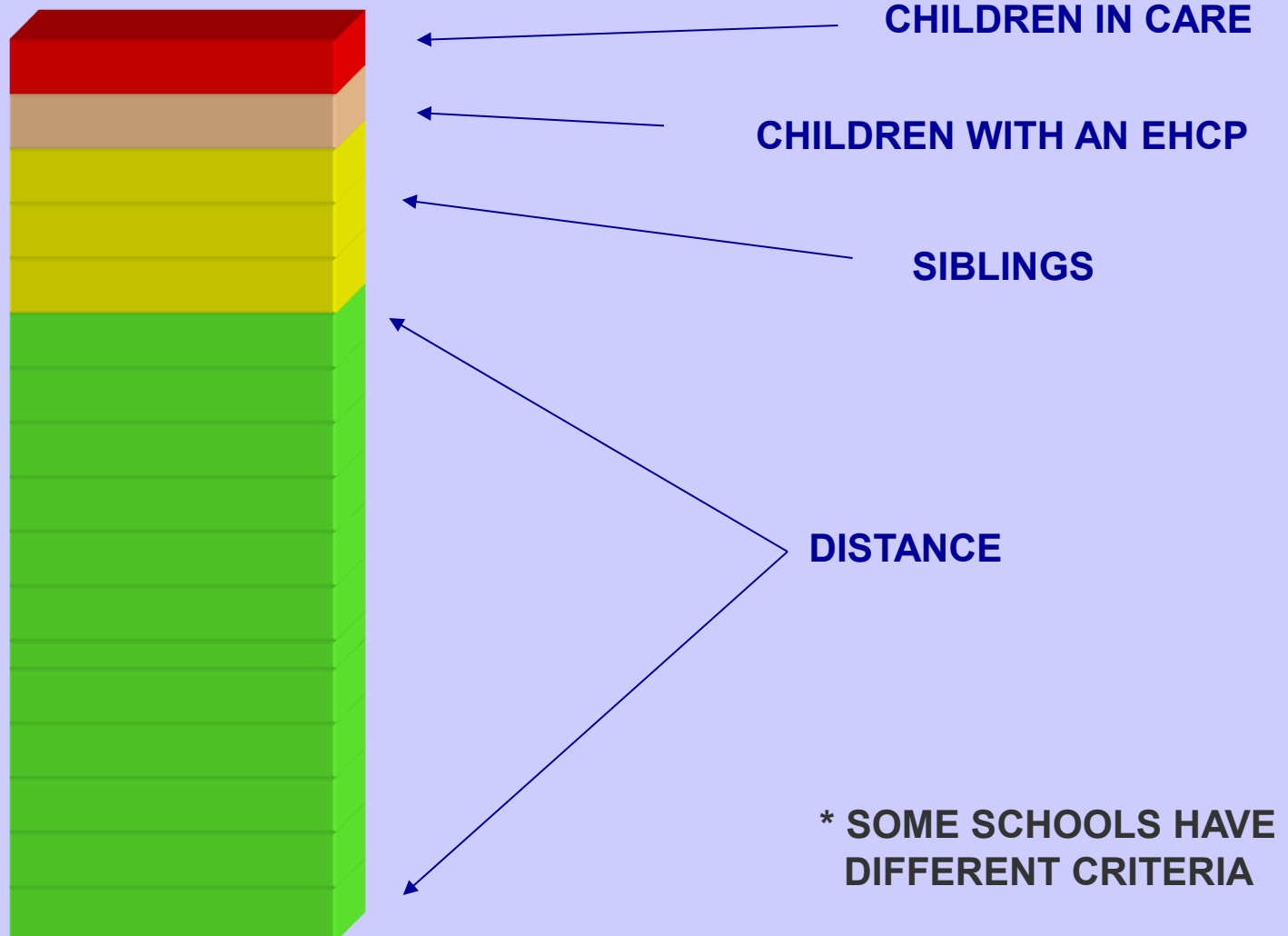
There will be a single offer of a secondary school place.

Parents will be informed of their outcome of their applications by their home LA, not by the LA where the school is located.

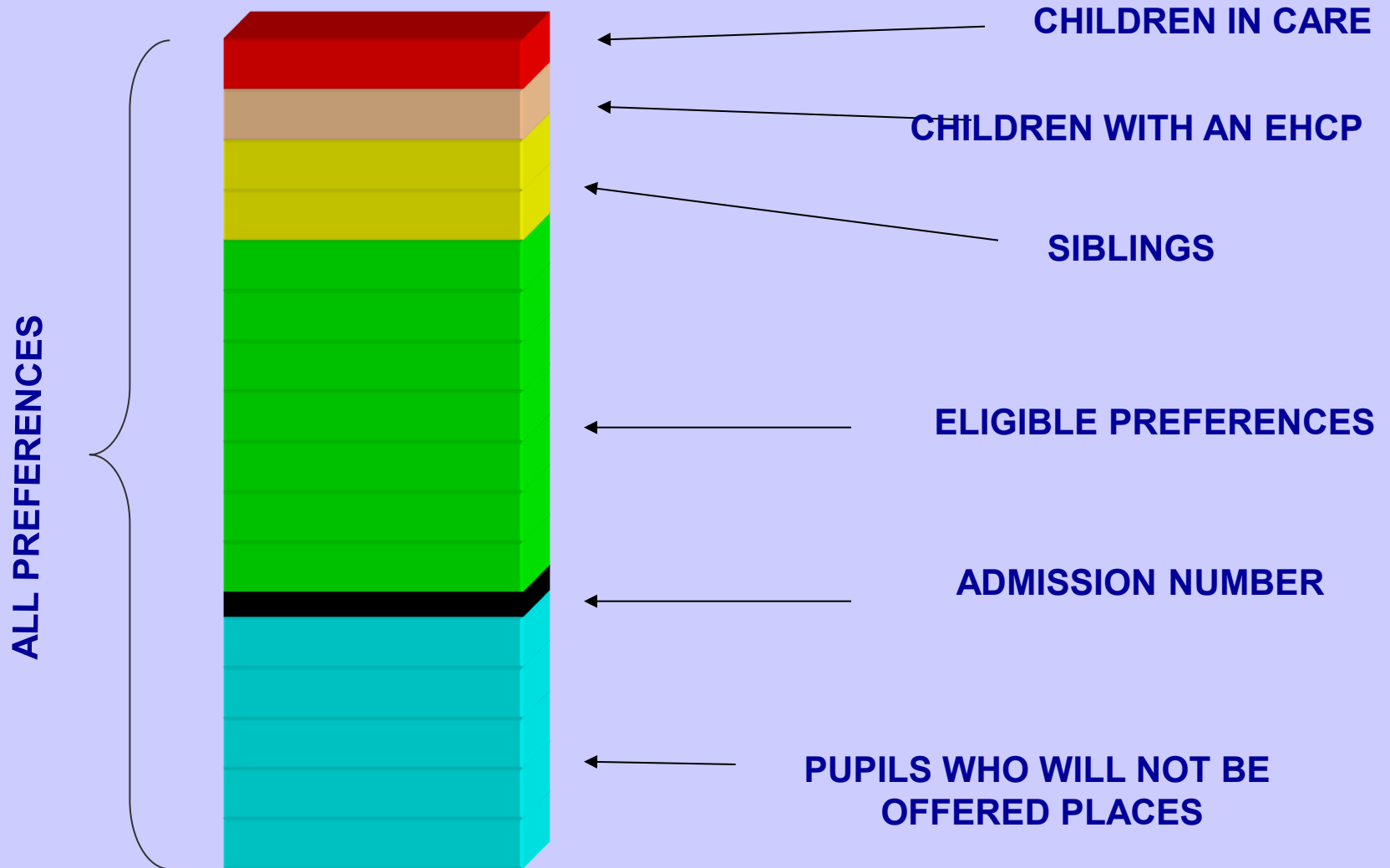
WHAT HAPPENS TO MY PREFERENCES?

THE LA, OR THE SCHOOLS*, DRAW UP A “STACK” OF APPLICANTS PUTTING THEM IN ORDER USING THE OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOOL

- CHILDREN IN CARE, STATEMENTED CHILDREN, SIBLINGS AND DISTANCE

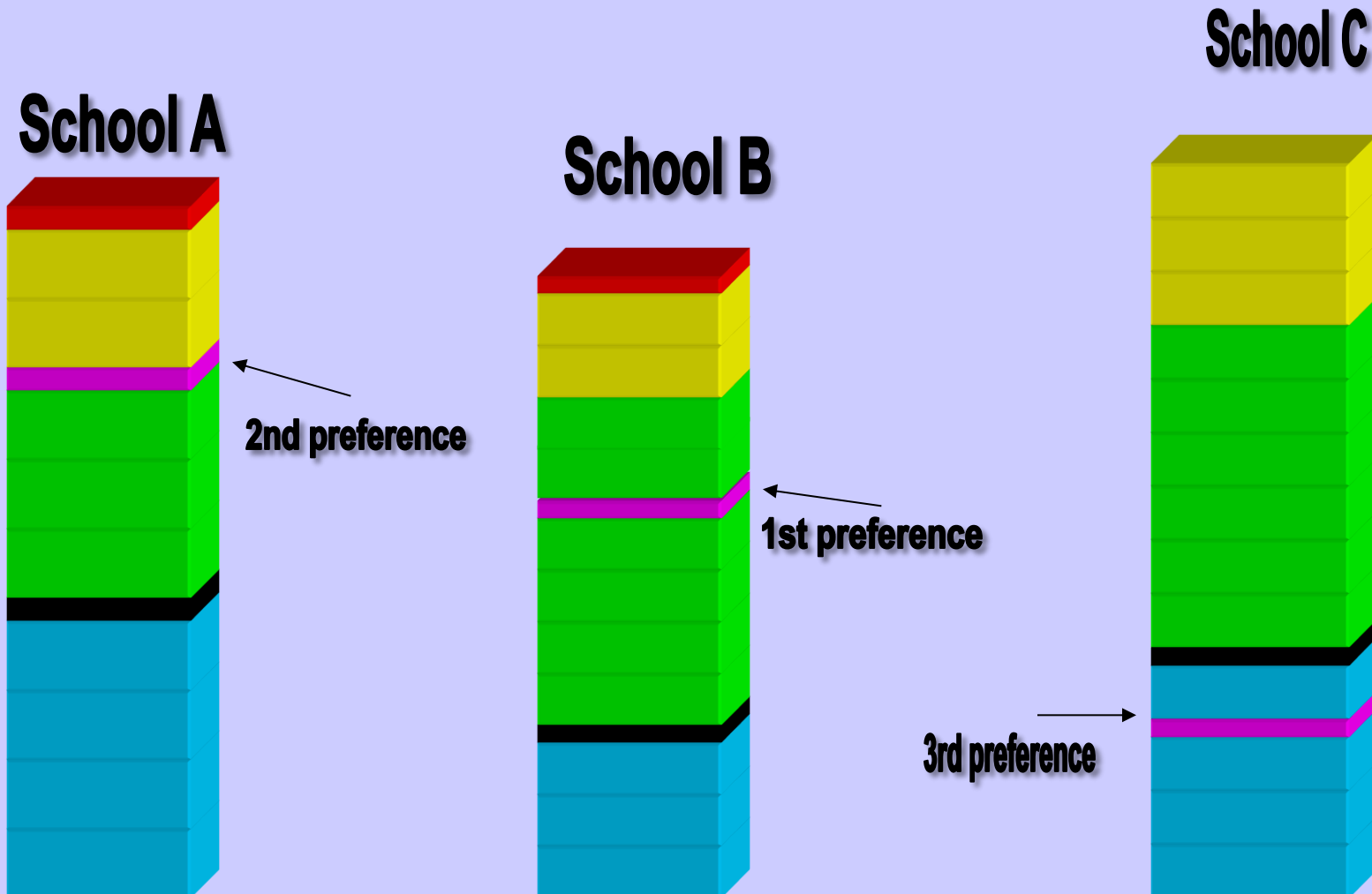


THE ADMISSION NUMBER IS APPLIED TO DETERMINE WHO IS OFFERED A PLACE



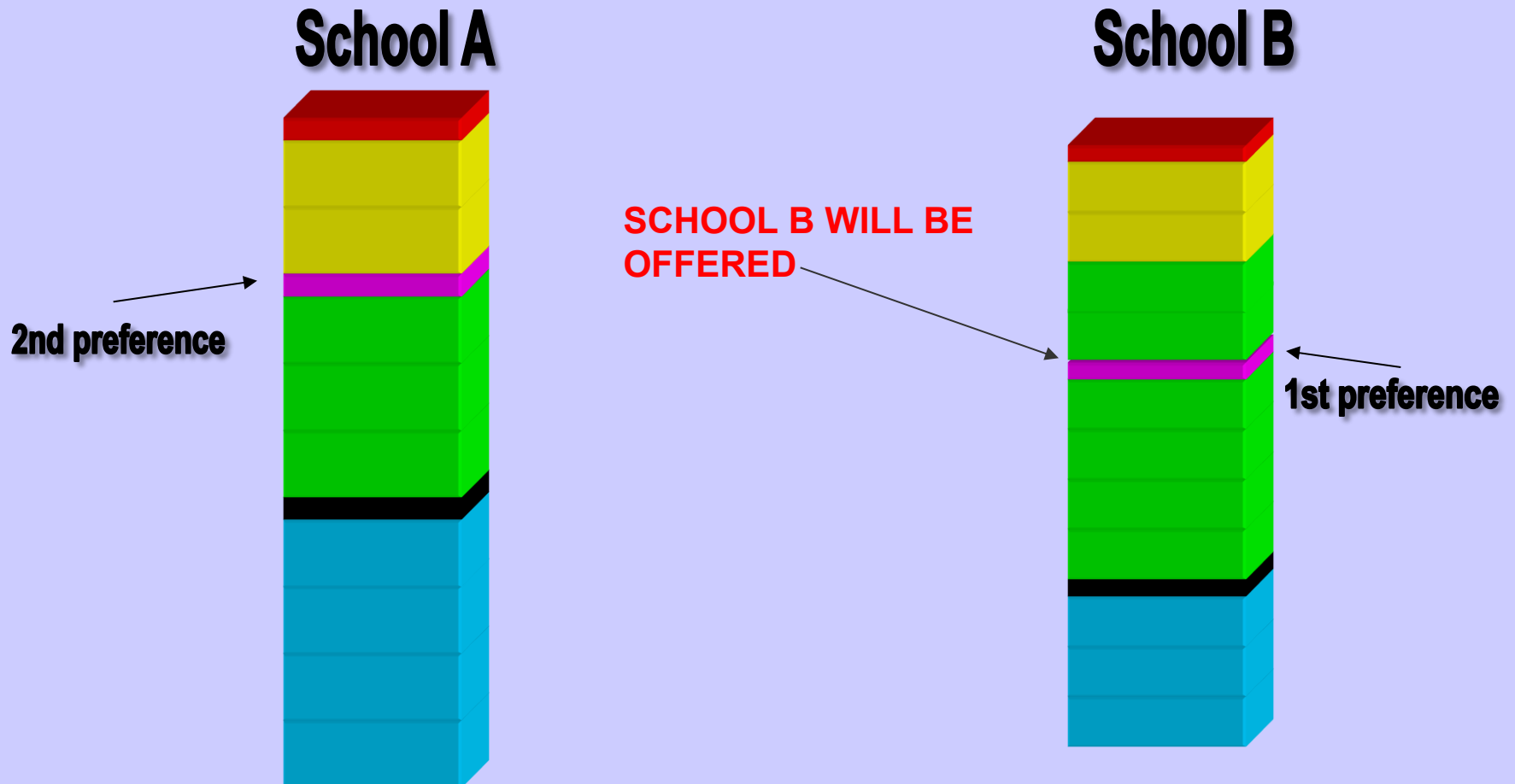
WHAT DOES EQUAL PREFERENCES MEAN?

THIS MEANS THAT WE GIVE EQUAL VALUE TO ALL PREFERENCES WHEN DRAWING UP THE STACKS AND ONLY LATER ON WILL THE ORDER OF YOUR PREFERENCES BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.



IS THE ORDER OF MY PREFERENCES IMPORTANT?

YES IT IS, BECAUSE IF WE CAN OFFER YOUR CHILD A PLACE AT MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL, THEN WE WILL ALLOCATE A PLACE AT THE SCHOOL YOU NAME AS THE HIGHEST PREFERENCE.





Tips for Choosing the Right School for Your Child

Number Four:

- **Stick by your best choices but use your preferences so you are not left with a series of rejections.**
- **What is your safety net school, where it is likely you will be offered a place? Remember distance is most important factor after legal exemptions and siblings.**

National Allocation Day is 1st March 2027

- On-line applicants will be sent an e-mail from the LA on this day.
- Paper applicants will be posted an offer letter from the LA on this day (2nd class post).
- The offer will come from the home LA and will be the highest preference that can be allocated.
- Each child will only get one offer of a place.
- After 1st March parents can appeal in writing to an independent panel for a place at another school.

For more information

- Go online to

www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions

- Take advantage of information provided by secondary schools including in person and online virtual “open days”

Use the Council Website

<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/childrens-services/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/information-parents-and-carers/school-admissions>

emsonline.wirral.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

St George's Primary... EVOLVE - Wirral Bor... Secure Access Education - Publica... EVERY ScholarPack MIS BlueSky Education |... The Great Teaching... Wirral Self Serve The National Colleg...

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Citizen Portal

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Welcome to the ONE Citizens Portal for Wirral Council

To use this site **you will need to register**. Please note that by registering, you are providing consent for your information to be used by Wirral Council for purposes covered by legislation and to ensure that your child/children are receiving the services they are entitled to. See the [Privacy Notice](#) for more information.

You can then create, submit and view applications for supported child related services.

The Portal is open all year round for in-year transfer applications for children and young people already of school age (Foundation 2 up to Year 6 and Year 7 up to Year 11). **Important - the Portal cannot be used to apply for nursery or pre-school places, for private school places or for post-16 places (sixth form). You must apply direct to the school, college or preschool.**

Before applying for school places, you are advised to read the relevant information for parents, which is available [online](#). The Mainstream Admissions Team is unable to give out any information about school allocations over the telephone.

The Wirral Admissions team is working from home with limited access to telephones and all enquiries must be sent by email to schooladmissions@wirral.gov.uk **Information about school applications cannot be given out over the telephone**. The team endeavours to respond to emails within 10 working days; please do not contact the team unless the 10 days has expired.

Advance notice of Portal downtime

The Portal is offline for routine maintenance between 12am (midnight) and 4 am each day. Please try again at another time.

The Portal is expected to be offline for scheduled maintenance for 24 hours on:
* Monday 8th August 2022 * Wednesday 2nd November 2022 * Monday 12th December 2022

Applying for a school place for young people who are already school age - In Year Transfers

How do I
make the
best choice?

- Visit
 - Look at all options (ignore the grapevine).
 - Ask questions
 - Look at the data
 - Go back to what your child needs.

What if?

- What if the schools are over subscribed?
- What if my child under performs in the entrance exam?
- What if my child is experiencing difficult personal circumstances?
- My child has special educational needs?
- What if, I have to go to appeal?
- What if I can't make my mind up over which school (selective or non selective)?