

School Support Services

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To: Parents/Carers of Year 6 Children

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Dear Parent/Carer

Arrangements for admission to secondary schools September 2026

For all children in Year 6 it is now time for you to apply for your child's place at a secondary school for Year 7, September 2026 entry.

For parents/carers of children who live in the Sefton area: If you have not already done so, you **MUST** now make your application, the preferred way is online using the Citizen Portal (Sefton's online application facility). The portal is quick, convenient, and secure and is easily accessible on all devices including mobile phones.

The portal can be accessed via Sefton's website at www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool . and submitting your form this way you can choose to receive your school place offer by email on national offer day in March. You will need to register with a valid email address, before adding your child's details and making an application to choose your three preferred schools.

Sefton's online application for secondary schools is open from 1 September 2025 until the **national closing date of 31 October 2025** for you to submit your application.

Parents can also view/download detailed admissions guides online, including '*Parents guide applying for school places 2026*' and '*Schools Admissions Information Guide 2026*'. These guides set out important information regarding the admissions process including deadlines and the admissions criteria for all Sefton schools. We would strongly advise you to read these guides before completing your online application. The guides can be accessed via Sefton's website at www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool.

For parents/carers of children living outside of Sefton in another local authority area:

You will need to apply for a secondary school place via your home Local Authority, for where you live. Please check the website of the appropriate local authority for advice on how to submit an application. You can name as a preference a secondary school(s) within Sefton on your application if you wish to do so, however you **MUST** apply to the authority where you currently live, to comply with current law. We cannot process applications made to Sefton for parents/carers of children living in other Council areas.

If you have any queries please contact the Admissions Team directly. Contact details are at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Sefton School Admissions Team