

# Admissions to schools

*A guide for parents and carers*

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Dorset  
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# Introduction



**Dear parents and carers,**  
Welcome to the Dorset School Admissions Guide.

Starting or moving school is an important milestone in your child's life and we want to make sure you have all the information you need to help you fill in your application.

We are very proud of our schools in Dorset, but don't just take our word for it, visit your preferred schools and see what they can offer your child. As well as explaining how you apply for a place, this guide also tells you how school places are allocated, when you'll find out the result of your application and what happens next. It is really important that you apply on time and include all the relevant information, as filling in the application form incorrectly could lead to your child not being allocated their preferred place.

We hope you find this guide useful and wish your child all the best for the future.

**Andrew Parry**

Dorset Council's Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills

## School admissions team contact details

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**Email:** [admissions@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

**Website:** [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions)

To contact other departments connected with children's services, or for information on free school meals, boarding provision, elective home education, extended schools and the family information service, please contact **01305 221000** or visit **[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)**  
For school uniform grants please contact schools directly.

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# Children with special educational needs or disability

**It is not possible for a parent to apply for a place at a special school, within a specialist resource centre or learning centre through this application process.**

If your child has an education, health and care plan the school application and placement process will be dealt with through the special educational needs disability team. Parents must contact the special educational needs disability team on **01305 224895**.

The Local Offer website gives further information regarding the local provision for children and young people with a disability or special educational needs. More information can be found on **[dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/localoffer](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/localoffer)**



**Apply online:**  
**[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions)**

How does school transport work...?

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-transport](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-transport)

**Dorset school admissions** - what I need to know before applying

# Important things to think about:



You can list (in order of preference) up to three schools on your application. Many schools are regularly oversubscribed and there is no guarantee of a place at your catchment, nearest or preferred school, so it is important to think carefully about the schools you are applying for.



Places are offered based on the school's admissions policy, so your child's chances of being offered a particular school are not increased by only naming one school on your application. We strongly advise putting three preferences on your application and we will always try to offer your highest preference school. **We recommend that you name your catchment school as one of your preferences.**



It is important to make realistic school preferences (such as including your catchment school) because priority for a place is given to those who have named the school as a preference on their application form. If we cannot allocate your child a place at any of your preferred schools, they will be offered a place at an alternative school at the end of the allocation process. This could mean travelling a considerable distance if all of your local schools are full.

If you apply for a school which is not your catchment or nearest school (known as 'parental preference') you will be responsible for organising and paying for your child's travel to and from school for the time that they remain at the school, even if your circumstances change. There is also no guarantee of a place for any siblings you later wish to attend this school and no guarantee of a place at a linked (receiver) school, so your child may not transfer with other children in their year group.

Living in or moving into a catchment area, having a sibling link, attending a nursery or attending a feeder school does not guarantee a place at a local/preferred school. You need to be aware of any likely alternative schools which may be offered and the implications of this on your family if you move to an area where schools are full. You can contact the school admissions team to check place availability on **01305 221060**.



Apply online:

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions)

# Things to do:

## Look at the school's website and prospectus:

These should tell you about the school's aims and objectives, curriculum (subjects studied), policies and out of school activities available. If you do not have internet access, contact the school to request a copy.

## Visit the school:

Schools hold open days/evenings so that you can look around the school and meet the staff (dates can usually be found on the school's website). If you would like to visit but are unable to go to an open day/evening, contact the school to arrange a tour with a member of staff.

## Read the school's OFSTED report:

The Office For Standards in Education (OFSTED) inspect schools. You can view their most recent inspection reports online at: **[www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports)**  
If you do not have internet access, contact the school to request a copy.

## Read the school's oversubscription policy:

This policy explains how places are allocated when there are more applications for a particular school than places available ( this is known as oversubscription). You can find the policies on our website: **[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies)**

## Look at the school performance tables:

This information includes details of levels of achievement and attendance. You can search for information relating to a particular school on the Department for Education's website: **[www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk](http://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk)**



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**What is my catchment school...?**

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-catchment-areas](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-catchment-areas)

**Dorset school admissions** - what I need to know before applying

# School organisation

**There are two different school organisation systems within Dorset:**

## Two tier

**The two tier system operates**

**in:** Beaminster, Blandford, Bridport, Gillingham, Lyme Regis, Lytchett and Upton, Purbeck, Shaftesbury, Sherborne, Sturminster Newton and Weymouth and Portland (Chesil). The Atlantic Academy, Portland is an all-through school from Reception up to Year 11.

### Primary school

Ages 4-11  
Reception – Year 6

### Infant school

Ages 4-7  
Reception -Year 2

### Junior school

Ages 7-11  
Year 3 – Year 6

### Secondary school

Ages 11-16  
(11-18 if the school has a sixth form) Year 7+

## Three tier

**The three tier system operates in:**

Corfe Mullen, Dorchester, Ferndown and West Moors, Wimborne and Cranborne, Verwood. St Ives Primary School within the Ferndown and West Moors Pyramid and St Catherine's Catholic Primary School in the Wimborne Pyramid is a Primary School up to Year 6. Dorset Studio School is now a Secondary School starting at Y7.

### First school

Ages 4-9  
Reception – Year 4

### Middle school

Ages 9 - 13  
Year 5 - Year 8

### Upper school

Ages 13 - 18  
Year 9+



**Apply online:**

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# Dorset Schools and Pyramids\*

What is my catchment school...?  
[www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions)

Dorset school admissions - what I need to know before applying

## Sherborne Pyramid

Sherborne Abbey CE VC Primary School  
 All Saints CE VC Primary School (Bishops Caundle)  
 Buckland Newton CE Primary School  
 St Andrew's CE VC Primary School  
 St Mary's CE Primary School (Bradford Abbas)  
 Sherborne Primary School  
 Thornford CE Primary School  
 Trent Young's CE Primary School  
 The Gryphon School (Secondary)

## Gillingham Pyramid

St George's CE VA Primary School (Bourton)  
 Gillingham Primary School  
 Milton on Stour CE VA Primary School  
 St Gregory's CE Primary School  
 St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Marnhull)  
 Stower Provost Community Primary School  
 Wyke Primary School  
 St Mary the Virgin CE School (Gillingham)  
 Gillingham School (Secondary)

## Sturminster Newton Pyramid

Sturminster Newton High  
 Hazelbury Bryan Primary  
 Okeford Fitzpaine Primary  
 Shillingstone Primary  
 St Nicholas Primary  
 Stalbridge Primary  
 William Barnes Primary

## Shaftesbury Pyramid

The Abbey CE VA Primary School  
 St Andrew's CE VA Primary School (Fontmell Magna)  
 Motcombe Primary School  
 Shaftesbury CE Primary School  
 Shaftesbury School (Secondary)

## Blandford Pyramid

Archbishop Wake  
 Blandford St Mary CE Primary School  
 Downlands Community Primary School  
 Dunbury Church of England Academy  
 Durweston CE VA Primary School  
 Milldown CE VC Primary School  
 Pimperne CE VC Primary School  
 Spetisbury Hall & Sloper's CE Primary School  
 The Blandford School (Secondary)

## Corfe Hill Pyramid

Henbury View Community First School  
 Rushcombe Community First School  
 Sturminster Marshall Community First School  
 Lockyer's Middle School  
 Allenbourn Middle School

## Lyme Regis Pyramid

Charmouth Primary School  
 St Michael's CE VA Primary School  
 Marshwood CE Primary School  
 Thorncombe St Mary's CE VC Primary School  
 The Woodroffe School (Secondary)

## Beaminster Pyramid

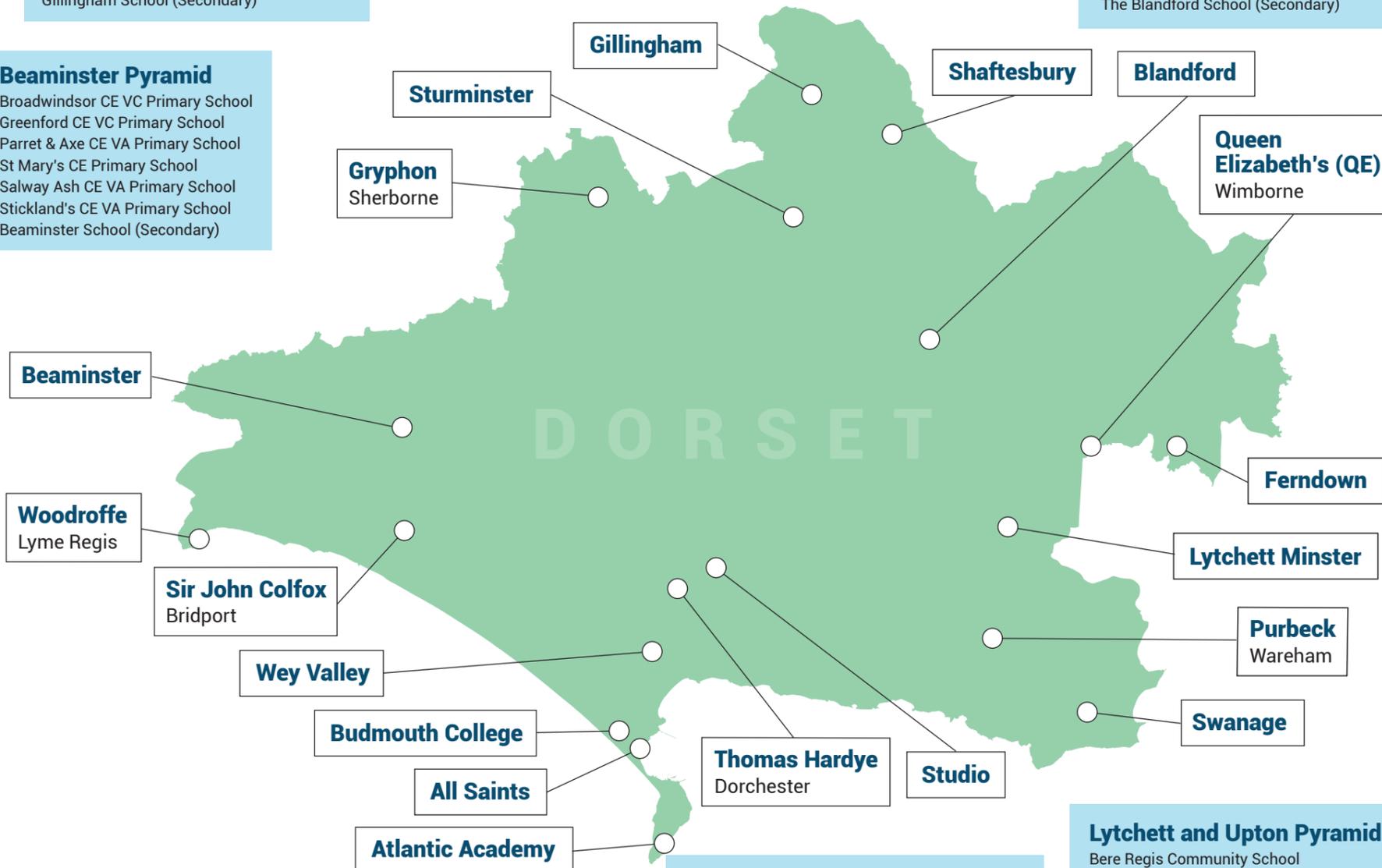
Broadwindsor CE VC Primary School  
 Greenford CE VC Primary School  
 Parret & Axe CE VA Primary School  
 St Mary's CE Primary School  
 Salway Ash CE VA Primary School  
 Stickland's CE VA Primary School  
 Beaminster School (Secondary)

## Bridport Pyramid

Bridport Community Primary School  
 Burton Bradstock CE VC Primary School  
 Loders CE VC Primary School  
 Powerstock CE VA Primary School  
 St Mary's CE Primary School  
 St Catherine's Catholic Primary School  
 Symondsburry CE VA Primary School  
 Thorner's CE VA Primary School  
 The Sir John Colfox (Secondary)

## Weymouth & Portland Pyramid

Beechcroft St Paul's CE Primary School  
 Bincombe Valley Primary School  
 Chickerell Primary Academy  
 Conifers Primary School  
 Holy Trinity CE VC Primary School  
 Portesham CE VA Primary School  
 Radipole Primary School  
 St Andrew's CE Primary School  
 St Augustine's Catholic Primary School  
 St John's CE VA Primary School  
 St Nicholas & St Laurence CE VA Primary School  
 Southill Primary School  
 St George's Primary School (Portland)  
 Wyke Regis Infant School  
 Wyke Regis Junior School  
 All Saints CE (Secondary) School  
 Budmouth College (Secondary)  
 The Atlantic Academy Portland (All-through)  
 The Wey Valley School (Secondary)



## Wimborne Pyramid

Colehill First  
 Cranborne CE First  
 Hayeswood First  
 Pamphill CE First  
 Sixpenny Handley First  
 St Catherine's RC Primary  
 St James CE First (Alderholt)  
 St James CE First (Gaunt's Common)  
 St John's CE First  
 Wimborne First  
 Wimborne St Giles CE First  
 Wimborne CE First  
 Allenbourne Middle  
 Cranbourne Middle  
 St. Michael's CE Middle  
 Queen Elizabeth (QE) School

## Ferndown / West Moors Pyramid (including Verwood Schools)

Ferndown First  
 Hampreston First  
 Hillside First  
 Oakhurst First  
 Parley First  
 St Ives Primary  
 St Mary's CE First  
 Three Legged Cross First  
 Trinity CE First School  
 Verwood CE First  
 Allenbourne Middle  
 Emmanuel CE Middle  
 Ferndown Middle  
 West Moors Middle  
 Ferndown Upper  
 Queen Elizabeth (QE) School

## Dorchester Pyramid

Broadmayne Community First School  
 Cerne Abbas CE VC First School  
 Cheselbourne Village School  
 Damers Community First School  
 Frome Valley CE First School  
 Manor Park CE VC First School  
 Milborne St Andrew First School  
 Piddle Valley CE First School  
 The Prince of Wales School

Puddletown CE First School  
 St Mary's CE VC First School (Charminster)  
 St Mary's Catholic First School (Dorchester)  
 Winterbourne Valley CE VA First School  
 Dorchester Middle School  
 St Mary's CE Middle School  
 St Osmund's CE Middle School  
 The Thomas Hardye School (Upper)  
 The Dorset Studio School (Secondary) (point of entry is Year 7)

## Purbeck Pyramid

Bovington Community Primary School  
 Corfe Castle CE Primary School  
 Wareham St Mary CE Primary School  
 St George's VA Primary School (L'ton Matravers)  
 St Mark's CE Primary School  
 St Mary & St Joseph Catholic Primary School  
 St Mary's RC Primary School  
 Stoborough CE VA Primary School  
 St George's VA Primary School (L'ton Matravers)  
 Lulworth & Winfrith CE VC Primary School  
 Wool CE VA Primary School  
 The Purbeck School (Secondary)  
 The Swanage School (Secondary)

## Lytchett and Upton Pyramid

Bere Regis Community School  
 Lytchett Matravers Community Primary School  
 Sandford St Martin CE VA Primary School  
 Upton Community Infant School  
 Upton Community Junior School  
 Lytchett Minster School (Secondary)

\* 'Pyramids' describe the schools in a given geographical area.



Apply online:  
[www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions)

## Did you know...?

If you apply online you will receive an email on national offer day confirming the outcome of your application.

**Transfer** - starting school for the first time, starting junior, middle, secondary or upper school

# Transfer applications: Starting school for the first time

## When does my child need to start school?

If your child's birth date is between:	Apply for a school place from:	Start school in:
1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016	September 2019	September 2020
1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017	September 2020	September 2021
1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018	September 2021	September 2022
1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019	September 2022	September 2023

- A child is of compulsory school age at the start of the school term following their 5th birthday. Parents have a legal duty to ensure their children receive suitable education, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise (this includes home education).
- There will be a school place available for your child to receive full-time education for the September following their fourth birthday.
- You will need to complete an application form to apply for a school place – it is not enough just to register your child's details with a nursery or school.



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**Applying to a non-Dorset school...? You will need to check the other Local Authority's late closing dates**

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# Transfer applications: closing dates

**You must be a Dorset resident to complete this application form.**

If you do not have a confirmed Dorset address but wish to apply for a Dorset school, please apply through the local authority admissions team in the area where you currently live.

**If your child is due to start Secondary or Upper School**

Moving to the next age range school in September 2020, (see page 7):

<b>Application Closing Date</b>	<b>31 October 2019</b>
Late Round Closing Date	28 February 2020
After 28 February 2020 please complete an In Year application form. This will be processed as quickly as possible after the late round offer date (30 March 2020).	

**If your child is due to start Primary, Infant, Junior or Middle School**

Either starting school for the first time in Reception or moving to the next age range school in September 2020, (see page 7):

<b>Application Closing Date</b>	<b>15 January 2020</b>
Late Round Closing Date	15 April 2020
After 15 April 2020 please complete an In Year application form. This will be processed as quickly as possible after the late round offer date (15 May 2020).	

Submitting your application by the first closing date gives your child the best possible chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.

**Late applications:** If you send in your application after the first closing date, you will be considered for a place along with anyone else who has applied late, or is appealing for a place or was refused a place following the original closing date and asked to be added to the waiting list.

**Remember:** the school may already be full in your child's year group following allocations made in the previous round.

**After the late round:** If you apply after the late round closing date(s) your application will be considered after the late round offer dates.



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## What is my catchment school...?

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# Before you apply

## Useful information

### Catchment area:

A geographic area from which children may be given priority for admission to a particular school.

- Children living within a school's catchment area are ranked as a high priority for a place. There is, however, no guarantee of an offer of a place at your catchment school as it may be full or oversubscribed in your child's year group.
- If you do not name your catchment or nearest school as one of your preferences on your application form you are likely to be responsible for organising and paying for your child's school transport.
- To check your catchment school visit [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-catchment-areas](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-catchment-areas) - please be aware that this is for guidance only, for confirmation of your catchment school, contact the school admissions team.
- The following schools do not have catchment areas: All Saints CE School (Weymouth), Budmouth College (Weymouth), Dorset Studio School (Dorchester) and all Voluntary Aided Roman Catholic schools.

### Published admission number (PAN):

Each school has an agreed maximum total number of pupils for each of its year groups. This number is based on building space availability or (for some first/primary schools) on legal class size limits and has been agreed by the school's governing body. You can find out the published admission number for a particular school by checking our school pyramids information on pages 42 – 70 of this guide.

It may be possible for a school to exceed the published admission number, but this is considered on a case by case basis and only applies to the following situations:

- For schools which follow Dorset's admissions policy (see pages 32-33), if the last place within the published admission number is given to one of multiple birth siblings (e.g. twins or triplets), the other birth siblings will also be offered a place.
- If an error occurs and the child should have been offered a place.
- If a large group of families with children arrive in the area and it has not been possible to make an offer within the normal allocation of places because of short notice.
- If an unexpected event occurs in a school which means that it is necessary to place children urgently or temporarily into an alternative education provision.



**Apply online:**

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions)

## How do we decide if...

**We measure the shortest straight line (“as the crow flies”) distance from home address to the school building. We have a geographical mapping system which works out an easting and a northing for both the home and the school and calculates the distance between them. The final place will then be allocated to the person living the shortest distance from the school.**

**If there are two home addresses exactly the same distance from the school then a person with no connection to Dorset Council will draw lots to decide who is allocated the final place.**

### Oversubscription

Where there are more applications for a particular school than there are places available applications are ranked (ordered) according to the criteria they meet and a place offered to the child meeting the highest criteria in the oversubscription policy.

To check the oversubscription criteria for the type of school you are applying for, see the 'Oversubscription Policy' in the Useful information section of this guide (pages 32 to 33).

If you are applying for a school which has its own admissions policy, details of the policy can be found on [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies) or by contacting the school.

### Ability/aptitude tests:

Some schools offer a certain number of places based on a child's ability or aptitude and have a test to decide who will be offered these places. Budmouth College (Weymouth) and The Woodroffe School (Lyme Regis) are the only Dorset schools who hold these tests, but Grammar schools in neighbouring areas may also hold entrance tests.

- To find out more about this and apply for your child to take the test, contact the school or visit their website for full details of normal year of entry (transfer).
- You will need to complete a school admissions application form before the closing date – applying to take the test is not the same as applying for a school place. The closing date for the test is likely to be earlier than the closing date for school admissions applications.
- Results of the test will be available from the schools before the first admissions application closing date 31/10/19.



**Apply online:**

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions)

## Feeder/receiver schools:

Some junior, middle, secondary and upper schools offer higher priority in their admissions policy to children who have attended a particular infant, first, primary or middle school. The lower age range school is called a feeder school and the higher age range school is a receiver school. Feeder link will be considered where children have been attending during the previous year and are on the school roll at the application closing date.

- Attending a particular pre-school/nursery setting does not provide any priority of securing a place at an attached or neighbouring Dorset school.
- There is no guarantee of an offer of a place at the receiver school as it may be full or oversubscribed in your child's year group.
- Independent schools are not feeder schools for state maintained schools.
- To find out about feeder/receiver schools in your local area, please see our 'School Pyramids' information on pages 42 to 70 of this guide.

## Siblings:

A brother or sister (full, half, foster, step or adopted) living with parent/s or carer/s who are single, married or cohabiting, at the same home address.

- Please provide full details on your application form if your child has a sibling link to the schools you are applying for. We are unable to consider a child as having a sibling link if it has not been clearly stated on your application.
- If there is a shared care arrangement, please send us a copy of a solicitor's letter or Court Order (confirming that the children live together and stating their main carer and home address) as proof that the children are siblings.
- There is no guarantee that any siblings you later wish to attend the school will be offered a place, as the school may be full or oversubscribed in their year group.
- Please see the school's individual admissions policy for further information and details of how to meet their sibling criteria ([www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies)).

## Children in (or previously in) care:

Children who have had a full or interim care order or children who are or have ever been accommodated under Section 20/22 of the Children Act 1989.

- Children who are or have been in care are usually given the highest priority for admission to Dorset schools.
- An application for a child in care should be completed by the person or local authority with responsibility for the child. Evidence that the child is or has ever been in care must be sent with the application form. This should be a copy of the adoption order and confirmation letter from the local authority that last looked after the child.

- Further information is available in our children in care guide, available online at: [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-in-care](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-in-care).



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[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions)

**Apply online:** You will receive confirmation when your application has been submitted. You can log on and view your outcome on offer day.

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/admissions-view-your-outcome](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/admissions-view-your-outcome)

**Transfer** - starting school for the first time, starting junior, middle, secondary or upper school

## How to apply:

Before making your application, please ensure you have read the 'Important things to think about section' on page 5 of this guide and Useful information pages.

- You will receive two confirmation emails - one after you have registered your details to verify the account and the second as soon as you have submitted your application. Please keep a safe record of these emails.
- List up to 3 schools in order of preference. One of these schools should be your catchment school. You'll receive a confirmation email once you've submitted your application.
- Remember to keep a safe note of your username (the email address you used to register) and your password to access the result of your application. We cannot reset them for you if you forget them.

A paper application form can be requested by contacting **01305 221060** or you may download a paper copy from the Admissions website.

## Is there anything else I need to do?

**Yes - It is your responsibility to make sure you have sent in all the required evidence along with your application.** We can only consider your application based on the evidence you have submitted and will not chase you for additional information.

You may have to complete an additional form if you want to apply to religious schools. This is an extra form (Supplementary Information Form or SIF) and not instead of the application form. For more information see 'Religious, faith or denominational' in the Useful information section of this guide (page 31). You should also view our website [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/supplementary-information-forms](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/supplementary-information-forms)

### Check whether you need to send

Proof of a new address

Copies of passports and visas

Proof of parental responsibility

Medical evidence

Baptismal certificates, letters or supplementary forms for a faith application

Child in care or vulnerable child proof



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# What if I change my mind?

If you need to change the schools you have applied for or the order in which you have listed them, please complete our "Changes to Submitted Application" form. This can be downloaded from our website, or contact **01305 221060** to request a copy.

## Remember:

- Your change of preference application must be received by the relevant closing date(s) (see page 10)
- A school may be full in your child's year group and we may not be able to offer your child a place at any of your new preference schools. If we can offer your child a place at any of your new preference schools, we will automatically withdraw the original place offered.



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# How are transfer applications processed?

- 1** All application forms and supporting evidence sent before the closing date are entered into our database.
- 2** If required, application details are passed to other admissions authorities (such as schools who process their own applications or other local authority school admissions teams).
- 3** Schools preferenced on applications, are ranked (ordered) according to the admissions criteria for each school. To make sure applications are processed fairly, we do not consider your order of preference at this stage (this means that priority is given to those who meet the highest admissions criteria rather than to those who have named the school as their first preference).
- 4** Available places are allocated. We consider your order of preferences and will try to offer you the highest possible of your preferred schools.
- 5** If we have not been able to offer you any of your preferred schools and your child would be a Dorset resident without a school place, we will make an alternative offer. This will be the nearest school (considering transport) with an available place.
- 6** You will receive written confirmation of your application's outcome, including transport entitlement. Look out for an email or letter in the post.



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# When will I find out the result of my application?

We will write to advise you of the result of your application and whether you qualify for school transport. **This offer letter will be emailed** (where we are not able to send your offer letter by email, we will post it to you) on the date shown below:

## Transfer and starting school for the first time:

**If your child is due to start Secondary or Upper School** (moving to the next age range school in September 2020)

Application submitted:	Offer date:
On or before 31/10/2019	02/03/2020
On or before 28/02/2020	30/03/2020
After 28/02/2020	As soon as possible after 30/03/2020

**If your child is due to start Primary, Infant, Junior or Middle School** (either starting school for the first time in Reception or moving to the next age range school in September 2020)

Application submitted:	Offer date:
On or before 15/01/2020	16/04/2020
On or before 15/04/2020	15/05/2020
After 15/04/2020	As soon as possible after 15/05/2020

If you applied online by 31/10/2019 (secondary and upper school applications) or 15/01/2020 (primary infant, junior or middle school applications), you can log into your online account **[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/admissions-view-your-outcome](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/admissions-view-your-outcome)** to view the result of your application. You will also receive an email later in the day with your offer letter. This letter will also detail any transport entitlement.

**Important:** We are unable to tell anyone the result of their application before the result dates given above.

If you decide that you would like your child to attend an induction day before you have been notified of the outcome of your application, this is done entirely at your risk.



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# What should I do next?

## Waiting lists:

- You can only request for your child to be added to a particular school's waiting list if you have already applied for and been refused a place at this school.
- Once added to the waiting list, your child's name will remain on the list for the Autumn term only. Please confirm in writing before the start of the Spring school term if you would like your child's name to remain on the list. If the school has a waiting list, your child's name will remain on the list for the Spring and Summer terms.
- If a place becomes available, those on the waiting list will be considered along with any current applications and anyone with a pending appeal hearing. The place will be offered according to the relevant admissions policy.
- The children meeting the highest admission criteria for a particular school are placed at the top of the waiting list. This means that your child's position on the waiting list can change regularly, as it does not operate on a "first come, first served" basis.
- We will contact you immediately if we are able to offer your child a place.

## Withdrawing an offer:

An offer will only be withdrawn if:

- It was based on an application that was fraudulent or deliberately misleading.
- It was made in error.
- It was made by someone who did not have the authority to offer a school place.
- A parent (having been issued with reminders from the school or admissions team and made aware of the consequences) failed to accept their school place within one week of the final reminder. This includes failure to respond to contact from the school regarding transition arrangements/"taster" sessions.
- We receive written confirmation from a parent that they wish to decline the school place offered.

## Declining an offer:

If you decide to decline the place offered you must:

- **confirm this in writing** to the school admissions team (either by email or post)
- advise us of the alternative educational arrangements you have made

Your offer will then be withdrawn and the place may be offered to another child.



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# Appealing a decision

## School admissions appeals:

If your child is not offered a place at your preferred school, you can submit an appeal against this decision to an independent appeals panel.

**Important:** Accepting a place at an alternative school will not in any way affect an appeal for your chosen school.

**Infant Class Size Restrictions:** If you are appealing for a place for a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 at a school which operates a class size of 30, this is known as an Infant Class Size appeal and is different to a standard appeal. Your refusal letter will make clear whether your appeal would be considered as an Infant Class Size appeal. **It is very rare for Infant Class Size appeals to be allowed.**

Further information about the school admissions appeals process (including a guide to appeals, timetable and application forms) can be found on our website:

**[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-appeals](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-appeals)** or by contacting the Democratic Services team on **01305 224188**.

**Some schools have their own independent appeals panels.** Check if this applies to the school you are appealing for on their website. If it does, you should contact the school directly about appealing for a place.



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[www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions)

**In Year** - moving school part way through the school year

# In Year Applications:

If your child is moving into an existing year group, for example changing schools because of a house move or moving from one primary school into another primary school.

We do not encourage moving from one local school to another school mid- year because research shows it can have a negative effect on a child's progress.

Consider whether it is necessary to move schools and speak to your child's current school before completing an application. If your child has already started their exam courses, it is unlikely that another school will be able to match your child's options or exam boards, which may affect their final grades.

- **You may make an In Year application at any time of year as there are no closing dates for this type of application.**
- **You do not need to be a Dorset resident to complete this type of application form.** However, if you are applying for a school in another county, please contact their school admissions team (see page 41 for neighbouring local authority contact details).
- **Some schools process their own applications.** Check whether the school is "managing own in years" in the 'Schools Pyramids' information starting on page 42 of this guide. If it is, you should contact the school directly to enquire about a place for your child.
- **Please note we do not process applications for post-16 students (sixth-form, college or training)** rather you should contact the school or college directly for further information.
- Applications will be processed no more than half a term in advance of date place requested. If you are applying for a place for September 2020 your application will be considered from June/July 2020.
- We aim to process applications as quickly as possible but please note that constraints such as school holidays and requiring information from schools can delay processing applications.
- Once a place has been offered, we expect it to be taken up within 15 school days of your requested start date.



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## How to apply:

Before making your application, please ensure you have read the 'Important things to think about section' on page 5 of this guide.

- List up to 3 schools in order of preference. One of these schools should be your catchment school. You'll receive a confirmation email once you've submitted your application.
- You will receive two emails - one after you have registered your details to verify the account and the second as soon as you have submitted your application. Please keep a safe record of these emails.

A paper application form can be requested by contacting **01305 221060** or you may download a paper copy from the Admissions website.

## Oversubscription policy:

Where there are more applications for a particular school than there are places available applications are ranked (ordered) according to the criteria they meet and a place offered to the child meeting the highest criteria in the oversubscription policy.

To check which type of school you are applying for and for more information about oversubscription criteria, see the relevant section in this guide (pages 32 to 33).

If you are applying for a school which has its own admissions policy, details of the policy can be found on **[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies)** or by contacting the school.



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## Before you apply - useful information

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- If you do not name your catchment or nearest school as one of your preferences on your application form you are likely to be responsible for organising and paying for your child's school transport.
- To check your catchment school visit [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-catchment-areas](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-catchment-areas) - please be aware that this is for guidance only, for confirmation of your catchment school, contact the school admissions team.
- The following schools do not have catchment areas: All Saints CE School (Weymouth), Budmouth College (Weymouth), Dorset Studio School (Dorchester) and all Voluntary Aided Roman Catholic schools.

### Published admission number (PAN):

Each school has an agreed maximum total number of pupils for each of its year groups. This number is based on building space availability or (for some first/primary schools) on legal class size limits and has been agreed by the school's governing body. You can find out the published admission number for a particular school by checking our school pyramids information on pages 42 – 70 of this guide.

It may be possible for a school to exceed the published admission number, but this is considered on a case by case basis and only applies to the following situations:

- For schools which follow Dorset's admissions policy (see pages 33-34), if the last place within the published admission number is given to one of multiple birth siblings (e.g. twins or triplets), the other birth siblings will also be offered a place.
- If an error occurs and the child should have been offered a place.
- If a large group of families with children arrive in the area and it has not been possible to make an offer within the normal allocation of places because of short notice.
- If an unexpected event occurs in a school which means that it is necessary to place children urgently or temporarily into an alternative education provision.



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# Is there anything else I need to do?

**Yes - It is your responsibility to make sure you have sent in all the required evidence along with your application.** We can only consider your application based on the evidence you have submitted and will not chase you for additional information.

## Check whether you need to send\*

Proof of a new address

Copies of passports and visas

Proof of parental responsibility

Medical evidence

Baptismal certificates, letters or supplementary forms for a faith application

Child in care or vulnerable child proof

Information about siblings already on roll or with pending applications

\* For more information, see the relevant sections in the 'Useful information' pages of this guide.

## What if I change my mind?

If you need to change the schools you have applied for or the order in which you have listed them, please complete our "Changes to Submitted Application" form. This can be downloaded from our website, or contact 01305 221060 to request a copy.

### Remember:

A school may be full in your child's year group and we may not be able to offer your child a place at any of your new preference schools.

## After the outcome of your application:

We will contact you to confirm the result of your application. If you have been refused a place, we will explain the options available.



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## In year fair access:

This is where an independent panel ensures that children who have no school place and meet the criteria set out in the In Year Fair Access policy quickly have access to education.

Further information is available on our website:  
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# Useful information

## Home address:

The address where a child resides all or the majority of school days/weeks.

If there is dispute over a child's home address, we will use the address to which Child Benefit is paid. If Child Benefit is not received, we will use the home address given on the child's General Practitioner (doctor's) record. Please refer to the parental responsibility section (page 28) for information about who should complete a child's application form in cases of shared care.

### Remember:

Please make it clear on your application whether you are applying from your current or your new address. We can only base your application on a new address if you have supplied us with appropriate evidence of this address.

- If you move address after submitting your application, you must send us evidence of your new address in order for us to process your application based on this address. Your application will be based on your confirmed address at the closing date.
- If you move address before your child starts at their new school, please tell us your new address and date of move so that we have correct contact details for you and can reassess any transport entitlement

## UK residents

**Important:** If you or your child have recently moved or are due to move into or within Dorset, you must send us evidence of your new address. This should be one of the following:

Type of house move	Evidence we need
Property sale	A solicitor's letter confirming exchange of contracts on your property sale and purchase.
Property rental	A copy of your new tenancy agreement (giving property address, date, duration of tenancy), signed by yourself and your new landlord as well as notice to quit your current property. The new tenancy agreement must be signed and dated before the closing date, but can have a start date later than the closing date.
Moving to live with a friend or relative	A letter from your friend/relative confirming the arrangements and date that you will be moving to live with them as well as proof of their address (such as a recent council tax or utility bill). Your application can only be based on this address once you are actually living there.
Child moving from one parent/carer to live with another on a long-term basis	Written confirmation from both parents (or from parent/previous carer and new carer) of the new arrangements as well as proof of the new address (such as a copy of a recent council tax or utility bill).
Armed services or crown servants	Posting order or official letter stating the date you are due to move and unit postal address or quartering area.
Domestic abuse/violence refuge	Written confirmation (from refuge staff) that you are living in the refuge due to domestic abuse/violence.



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## Moving to live in the UK?

- If you are a British citizen living abroad or a citizen of the European Economic Area, you need to send us copies of passports or citizen cards, proof of a UK address where you will be resident and date of arrival in the UK for yourself and your child. We can process your application as soon as we have received these.
- If you are a citizen from a country outside the European Economic Area, you need to send us copies of passports, appropriately endorsed visas, proof of a UK address where you will be resident and date of arrival in the UK for yourself and your child. We can only process your application once your child is living in the UK. Original passports and visas must be shown at the school when your child starts.
- We will process applications from asylum seekers on a case by case basis, working with other agencies as necessary.

## UK Service Personnel

- In line with Dorset Council policy, school admissions will work within the Armed Forces Covenant. If you think that the AFC will apply to you, then please ensure you make it clear on your application for a school place and for school transport.

We will comply with other policies and codes such as The Armed Forces Covenant [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies) and Special Educational Needs legislation.



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# Parental Responsibility

Certain legal rights, duties, powers, responsibilities and authority relating to care of a child.

- We will only consider one school admissions application. This should be completed by the person with parental responsibility who has care of the child for the majority of school days/ weeks (unless a Court Order states differently). If there is joint parental responsibility, you must indicate on the application that all those with parental responsibility are aware of and agree to the application being made.
- Information about parental responsibility is available online at **[www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities](http://www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities)**.
- Please refer to the Home Address section (page 26) for information about how we decide on a child's home address in cases of shared care.
- We will only discuss the application with the person(s) shown to have parental responsibility for the child, unless we have formal permission to contact another nominated person (such as a social worker, translator or other family member).
- In all cases, we have the right to request evidence and/or to take legal advice before processing an application.

**Important: If a child lives with someone other than a close relative for 28 days or more, legally, Children's Services must be informed 01305 221498.**

## Catchment area:

A geographic area from which children may be given priority for admission to a particular school.

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## Feeder/receiver schools:

Some junior, middle, secondary and upper schools offer higher priority in their admissions policy to children who have attended a particular infant, first, primary or middle school. The lower age range school is called a feeder school and the higher age range school is a receiver school. Feeder link will be considered where children have been attending during the previous year and are on the school roll at the application closing date.

- Attending a particular pre-school/nursery setting does not guarantee a place at an attached or neighbouring school.
- There is no guarantee of an offer of a place at the receiver school as it may be full or oversubscribed in your child's year group.
- Independent schools are not feeder schools for state maintained schools.
- To find out about feeder/receiver schools in your local area, please see our 'School Pyramids' information on pages 42 to 70 of this guide.

## Children in (or previously in) care:

Children who have had a full or interim care order or children who are or have ever been accommodated under Section 20/22 of the Children Act 1989.

- Children who are or have been in care are usually given the highest priority for admission to Dorset schools.
- An application for a child in care should be completed by the person or local authority with responsibility for the child. Evidence that the child is or has ever been in care must be sent with the application form. This should be a copy of the adoption order and confirmation letter from the local authority that last looked after the child.
- Further information is available in our children in care guide, available online at: **[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-in-care](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-in-care)**.



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## Siblings:

A brother or sister (full, half, foster, step or adopted) living with parent/s or carer/s who are single, married or cohabiting, at the same home address.

- Please provide full details on your application form if your child has a sibling link to the schools you are applying for. We are unable to consider a child as having a sibling link if it has not been clearly stated on your application.
- If there is a shared care arrangement, please send us a copy of a solicitor's letter or Court Order (confirming that the children live together and stating their main carer and home address) as proof that the children are siblings.
- There is no guarantee that any siblings you later wish to attend the school will be offered a place, as the school may be full or oversubscribed in their year group.
- Please see the school's individual admissions policy for further information and details of how to meet their sibling criteria ([www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies)).

## Children of UK service personnel:

UK service personnel or crown servants

- Dorset County Council complies with the Armed Forces Covenant.
- For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting to the area or crown servants returning from overseas to live in the area, we will allocate a place in advance of a family's arrival in the area.
- In order to do so, we require an official letter giving a relocation date and unit postal address/quartering area address for a service child.
- Children of UK service personnel may also be an exception to the published admission number of a school.

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/admissions-armed-forces-policy](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/admissions-armed-forces-policy)



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## Religious, faith or denominational:

Some schools offer higher priority in their admissions criteria for applications made on religious/faith grounds.

- **Important:** Please check the admissions policy of the school you wish to apply for. Each policy will clearly state the evidence you need to send in order for us to consider your application under religious /faith criteria. It will also show whether the school would like you to complete a supplementary information form.
- Supplementary information forms (also known as SIFs) are used by schools to confirm your connection with a particular religious faith. These forms can be downloaded from the following page on our website: **[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/supplementary-information-forms](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/supplementary-information-forms)** and should be returned directly to the school.

## Medical needs or disability:

The local authority is all inclusive and will meet all legislative requirements to accommodate children within their educational setting as appropriate to their need.

- If your child has special educational needs, a disability or a medical condition that requires special adaptations, equipment or management (but does not have an education, health and care plan or a statement of special educational needs) you should contact prospective schools to discuss the facilities and support available. SEND Information Advice and Support Service may be able to help and further information about this service can be found by visiting [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01305 221000.
- If you are applying for a particular school on exceptional medical grounds, you will need to provide written evidence in support of your application from an appropriate health professional stating that your preferred school is the only school that can meet the defined needs of your child.

The Local Offer website gives further information regarding the local provision for children and young people with a disability or special educational needs.

More information can be found on **[dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/localoffer](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/localoffer)**



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## Oversubscription policy:

This explains how places are allocated when there are more applications for a particular school than there are places available.

Applications are ranked (ordered) according to the criteria they meet and a place offered to the child meeting the highest criteria in the oversubscription policy.

### Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

Dorset Council is the admission authority for these schools, therefore the schools use Dorset Council's admissions policy .

**Foundation, Voluntary Aided, Trust Foundation, Academy, Free School, Studio School.** The governors of these schools are responsible for setting their own admission policies. These schools may choose to use Dorset Council's admissions policy or develop their own admissions policy.

To check which type of school you are applying for, see the 'category' column in our published schools directory on pages 31 to 58 of this guide. If you are applying for a school which has its own admissions policy, details of the policy can be found on [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies) or by contacting the school.

Rank	Dorset County Council Oversubscription Policy	Further informaton
Highest 1	Children who are or have been in care or are looked after by the local authority	Page 33 (footnote 1)
2	Children who the authority accepts have an <b>exceptional</b> medical or social needs and where there is a need for a place at one specific school	Page 33 (footnote 2)
3	Children who live within the school's catchment area and will have a sibling attending the school at the time they would be due to start	Pages 28 & 30 & 33 (footnote 3)
4	Children living in the school's catchment area who are attending the preferred school's recognised maintained feeder school during the previous year and are on that school's roll at the time of application.	Pages 28 & 29 & 33 (footnote 4)
5	Children living within the school catchment area	Page 28
6	Children living outside the school's catchment area who will have a sibling attending the school at the time of admission	Pages 28 & 33 (footnote 3 & 5)
7	Children living outside the catchment area who attend the preferred school's recognised feeder school during the previous year at the time of the application	Pages 29 & 33 (footnote 5)
8	Children living outside the school's catchment area who wish to attend a Church of England voluntary controlled school on religious/faith grounds	Page 33 (footnote 6)
9	Children of staff who have at least two years continuous service at the school or have been recruited to meet a demonstrable skills shortage at the closing date of the application and intend to still be employed at the school at the time their child would be due to start. The term "children" includes those non-blood related but resident through marriage, civil partnerships or family cohabitation	Page 33 (footnotes 7 & 8)
10	All other children living outside the catchment area (known as distance criteria)	Page 28



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## Oversubscription policy footnotes:

1. A "Child in Care" means any child who is in the care of a local authority in accordance with Section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989. A child who was "previously a Child in Care" means a child who after being Looked After became subject to an Adoption Order under Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, a Residence Order under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 or Special Guardianship Order under Section 14A of the Children Act 1989.
2. Applications will only be considered under this category if there is evidence provided such as a Child Protection Order, Children in Need document or a written statement from a doctor, social worker or other relevant independent professional. The information must confirm the exceptional medical or social need and demonstrate how the specified school is the only school that can meet the defined needs of the child. The local authority is all inclusive and will meet all legislative requirements to accommodate children within their educational setting as appropriate to their need.
3. The term 'sibling' means full brother or sister, half or step brother or sister, adoptive brother or sister and other non-blood related children who live with married or cohabiting parents in the same household and relates to all year groups provided by the school. In the case of an infant school the sibling link will apply to the related junior school and vice versa. Sibling link will only be considered if it is clearly stated on the application form.
4. This feeder school criteria only applies to children attending the recognised feeder Infant School and are applying to the recognised receiver Junior School. This applies to Upton Infant & Junior School and Wyke Regis Infant & Junior School.
5. This does not include independent schools, pre-schools or nurseries.
6. In order to qualify for consideration under this category, parents/guardians will need to show that at least one adult family member and the child to whom the application relates to have been attending their local church at least once a month for a minimum of a year prior to the closing date for applications. The application must also be supported by a written statement from the vicar/priest/minister or leader of the church confirming this.
7. The term 'children' includes full, half, step, adopted and those non-blood related but resident through marriage, civil partnerships or single family co-habitation arrangements at the time of application or deadline.
8. Staff are defined as all Dorset Council employed teaching and support staff at the preferred school. 'Children of staff' refers to situations where the staff member is the natural parent, the legal guardian or a resident step parent. If applicants wish to be considered under this criterion then a letter from the Headteacher confirming the above applies to the applicant must be provided at the time of application.



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[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions)

## Compulsory school age:

A child is of compulsory school age on the prescribed day following his/her fifth birthday (or on his fifth birthday if it falls on the prescribed day). The Prescribed Days are 31 December, 31 March and 31 August.

A child is entitled to a full time place in the September following their fourth birthday.

## Attending school part-time:

You can request for your child to go to school part-time until he or she is of compulsory school age, when they must then attend school full time. Please contact the school directly to discuss this option, as your child's start date must be agreed with the Headteacher.

## Delaying a child's entry to school:

Your child's school start date can be delayed (known as deferred entry) until he or she reaches compulsory school age or until the start of the final term of the academic year for which the place was offered - whichever comes first. Please contact the school directly to discuss this option, as your child's start date must be agreed with the Headteacher.

The vast majority of children start school full time in September, as it is beneficial for all pupils to undergo the induction process and establish friendships within the group.

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that a child of compulsory school age takes up the place that has been offered by the relevant prescribed date.

If a child whose fifth birthday falls after the start of the final term of the academic year and the child has not taken up the place by this date, the place will be withdrawn and the family will be responsible for applying for a new school place.



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## Summer born protocol:

The term 'summer born' is used to refer to children born from 1 April to 31 August. These children are not required to start school until a full school year after the point at which they could first have been admitted.

Families of 'summer born' children may request that they do not start school in reception until after their fifth birthday - i.e. a year after they would normally enter school. If a child joins a reception class after their 5th birthday, parents and schools must be aware that children are obliged to attend full time from that point. This may be different to the majority of the 4 year olds in the class that may be attending part-time as part of an integration process.

We would advise all parents to make an application for a normal year of entry (for those born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 normally starting school in September 2020).

If a family wishes to apply for a school place for the following year - (i.e. September 2021 entry) they must have a discussion with all of the schools that they may state a preference for and submit the relevant form (BYSB001) that is found in the Guidance on placing a child outside of his or her age group. This must be done for each school that the family are considering as a preference. Please read the 'Guidance on the Placement of a Pupil Outside His or Her Age Group' which can be found at:

**[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies)**

If a family has already made an application for September 2020 start, this application will be withdrawn and the family will have to make a new application in September 2020 for a September 2021 start.

If a family decides to delay a child's entry under the Summer Born protocol after the National Offer Day (16 April 2020) any place offered will be withdrawn and a new application will have to be made the following year. There is no guarantee that the subsequent offer of a place will be the same.

If a family defers entry to reception, and then decides after the 15 January closing date (for the next academic year applications) that they want to be considered under the Summer Born protocol for the next academic year, the place they hold will be withdrawn and they will have to make a new application which will only be considered in the late round. There is no guarantee that they will be offered a place at the same school.



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## Back or forward yearing:

This is when a child is educated in a year group outside of their normal age group, with children who are either a year younger or a year older than themselves.

- There are long term issues for the pupil and school that arise from the decision to back or forward year a pupil. Dorset's policy states that children should, wherever possible, be educated within their normal age group.
- If you believe your child would benefit from being educated outside of their normal age group, please approach the Headteacher of their current school to discuss the options available.
- If you are interested in back or forward yearing a child who has not yet started school, you should apply for a school place to ensure that you meet the closing date (see page 19) and approach the Headteacher of the school you are considering for advice.
- If you are moving to the area and your child has already been moved back or forward a year, please state this clearly on your application form. We will require confirmation of this from your child's current school.
- Further information is available on our website:  
**[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies)**



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# Post 16 (sixth form, college, training)

## School leaving age:

Since summer 2015 young people in England are required by law to continue in education or training until their 18th birthday. Young people have a choice about how they continue in education or training once they finish Year 11, this could be through:

- Full-time study in a school, college or with a training provider
- Full-time work or volunteering combined with part-time education or training
- An apprenticeship

You can find out more about the raising of the education participation age on the Department for Education website: **[www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk)**

## Sixth forms and further education colleges:

Further education colleges and school sixth forms offer a range of A Level, vocational and other course. Each sixth form and college will have its own admissions policy, admissions number for external applicants and entry requirements.

Please contact the school or college directly for further information or to apply for a place for your child – school sixth forms and colleges process their own applications.

Dorset Council does not provide any free transport to these pupils attending sixth form.

Full details on Post 16 transport can be found in the Post 16 Home to School transport policy: **[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-transport](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-transport)**



**Apply online:**

**[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions)**

# Schools with Year 10 points of entry

Students who are due to enter Year 10 in September 2020 should also be aware of other opportunities within the area. There are University Technical Colleges which have courses that start in Year 10.

University Technical Colleges are set up by universities and businesses and specialise in one or two technical subjects. At GCSE they offer a similar curriculum to a typical secondary or upper school, including the basics of English and Maths, as well as their specialist subject. You should also look at the GCSE curriculum at your child's current school, to help consider what the best option is for the next two years of your child's education.

All schools have a statutory duty to secure impartial careers guidance for all Year 8 to Year 13 students to inspire young people to fulfil their potential and to make them aware of all opportunities open to them. We strongly recommend that your child discuss their options with a Careers Adviser in their current school or college.

For more information on the courses and how to apply please contact these institutions directly.

UTC or Studio School Name	Address	Website
South Devon University Technical College	South Devon UTC, Kingsteignton Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2QA Tel: 01626 240201	www.southdevonutc.org



**Apply online:**

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions)

**How does school transport work...?**[www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-transport](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-transport)

# School transport information

Full details on Home to School Transport can be found in a separate guide available on our website [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-transport](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-transport).

If your child has an Education, Health and Care plan please contact the Special Educational Needs Disability team (01305 224895) to apply for or discuss school transport.

## Entitled (free) school transport

When we write to tell you the outcome of your application for a school place, we will also let you know whether you are entitled to free transport.

## Distance:

Some children are automatically entitled to free transport, either based on distance from the school or the safety of the route between home and school. The table below shows which children qualify based on distance from the school:

Start of:	End of:	School type:	Distance from school	Measured by:
Reception	Year 4	Catchment or nearest	2 or more miles	Shortest walking distance
Year 5	Year 11	Catchment or nearest	3 or more miles	Shortest walking distance

## Travelling to a school which is not your catchment or nearest school...?

If you apply for a school which is not your catchment or nearest school (known as 'parental preference') you will be responsible for organising and paying for your child's travel to and from school for the time that they remain at the school, even if your circumstances change. For more information go to:

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-transport](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-transport)**Apply online:**[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions)

## Maximum working tax credits or free school meals:

If you claim maximum level working tax credits or free school meals, you may qualify for free school transport if your child is in:

- **Years 5 or 6** and attending their catchment or nearest school with a home address two or more miles (shortest walking distance) from the school.
- **Years 7 - 11** and attending one of their three nearest schools, with a home address more than 2 miles (shortest walking distance) but less than 6 miles (shortest driven route) from the school.
- **Year 7 - Year 11** and attending their nearest religious/faith school which you applied for on religious/faith grounds and with a home address between 2 miles (shortest walking distance) and 15 miles (shortest driven route) from the school.

**To apply** for this transport, you will need to complete an application form (available from [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-transport](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-transport)) and send recent evidence of your maximum working tax credit or free school meal entitlement.



**Apply online:**  
[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions)

# Other county school admissions teams and useful contacts

## **Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council**

Customer Service Centre, St Stephen's Road,  
Bournemouth, BH2 6DY

Tel: 01202 456223

Website: [www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk)

Email: [cs@bournemouth.gov.uk](mailto:cs@bournemouth.gov.uk)

Children and Young People and Learning  
Dolphin Centre, Poole, BH15 1SA

Tel: 01202 261936

Website: [www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk)

Email: [school.admissions@poole.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@poole.gov.uk)

## **Devon County Council**

1 Capital Court, Bittern Road, Sowton,  
Exeter, EX2 7FW

Tel: 0845 1551019

Website: [www.devon.gov.uk](http://www.devon.gov.uk)

Email: [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)

## **Hampshire County Council**

The Castle, Winchester Hampshire, SO23 8UG

Tel: 0845 6035623

Website: [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk)

Email: [admissions.team@hants.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.team@hants.gov.uk)

## **Somerset County Council**

County Hall, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4DY

Tel: 0845 456 4038

Website: [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk)

Email: [schooladmissions@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@somerset.gov.uk)

## **Wiltshire County Council**

School Admissions, County Hall Trowbridge,  
Wilts, BA14 8JN Tel: 01225 713010

Website: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

Email: [admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk)



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[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions)

## **Department for Education (DfE)**

Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Square,  
Westminster, London, SW1 3BT

Website: [www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk)

## **Independent Schools Council (ICS)**

Independent Schools Council St Vincent

House, 30 Orange Street, London, WC2H 7HH

Website: [www.isc.co.uk](http://www.isc.co.uk)

## **Local Government Ombudsman**

LGO Advice Team

PO Box 4771, Coventry CU4 0EH

Tel: 0300 061 0614

Website: [www.lgo.org.uk](http://www.lgo.org.uk)

## **OfSTED**

Website: [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)

## **Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocese**

Cardinal Newman House, Wonford Road,  
Exeter, EX2 4PF

Tel: 01392 671320

Website: [www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk](http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk)

## **Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocese**

Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road,  
Fareham, PO17 5HA

Tel: 01329 835363

Website: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## **Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education**

Diocesan Education Centre, The Avenue,  
Wilton Salisbury, SP2 0FG

Tel: 01722 746948

Website: [www.salisbury.anglican.org/schools](http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/schools)

## **Winchester Diocesan Board of Education**

1st Floor, Peninsula House, Wharf Road,  
Portsmouth, PO2 8HB

Tel: 02392 899657

Website: [www.winchester.anglican.org](http://www.winchester.anglican.org)

**NB - This information is accurate as of 1 September 2019**

**Beaminster Pyramid**

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Broadwindsor CE Primary School, Drimpton Road, Broadwindsor, Beaminster, DT8 3QL	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01308 868376 www.broadwindsor.dorset.sch.uk	VC	15	No	Beaminster School
Greenford CE Primary School, Chilfrome Lane, Maiden Newton, Dorchester, DT2 0AX	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01300 320644 www.greenford.dorset.sch.uk	VC	25	No	Beaminster School
Parrett and Axe CE Primary School Fairoak Way, Mosterton, Beaminster, DT8 3JQ	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01308 868492 www.mosterton.dorset.sch.uk	VA	20	No	Beaminster School
St Mary's CE Primary School, Clay Lane, Beaminster, DT8 3BY	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01308 862201 www.stmarysbeaminster.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	Beaminster School
Salway Ash CE Primary School, Salway Ash, Bridport, DT6 5JE	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01308 488302 www.salwayash.dorset.sch.uk	VA	15	No	Beaminster School
Stickland's CE Primary School, Summer Lane, Evershot, Dorchester, DT2 0JP	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01935 83287 www.sticklands.dorset.sch.uk	VA	17	No	Beaminster School
Beaminster School (Specialism: Technology) Newtown, Beaminster, DT8 3EP	11-18 Two tier	Tel: 01308 862633 www.beaminster.dorset.sch.uk	VC	126	No	N/A

## Blandford Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Archbishop Wake CE Primary School, Black Lane, Blandford Forum, DT11 8SW	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 453120 www.archbishopwake.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	60	No	The Blandford School
Blandford St Mary CE Primary School, Birch Avenue, Blandford St Mary, Blandford Forum, DT11 9QD	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 453331 www.blandfordstmary.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	The Blandford School
Downlands Primary School College Rd, Blandford Camp, Blandford Forum, DT11 8BG	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 453348 www.downlandsschool.org	C	45	No	The Blandford School
The Dunbury School Dolway Lane, Winterborne Whitechurch Blandford Forum, DT11 0AW (see footnote below)	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 880501 www.dunbury.dsat.org.uk	Academy	30	Yes	The Blandford School
Durweston CE Primary School Durweston, Blandford Forum, DT11 0QA	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 452277 www.durweston.dorset.sch.uk	VA	20	No	The Blandford School
Milldown CE Primary School Milldown Rd, Blandford, DT11 7SN	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 452456 www.milldown.dorset.sch.uk	VC	30	No	The Blandford School
Pimperne CE Primary School Newfield Road Pimperne, Blandford, DT11 8WF	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 452025 www.pimperne.dorset.sch.uk	VC	30	No	The Blandford School

**Footnote:** The Dunbury School is a federated school and uses premises at Winterborne Kingston and Winterborne Whitechurch.

## Blandford Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Spetisbury Hall and Sloper's CE Primary School High Street, Spetisbury, Blandford, DT11 9DF	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 452107 www.spetisbury.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	Yes	The Blandford School
The Blandford School (Specialism: Technology) Milldown Rd, Blandford, DT11 7SQ	11-18 Two tier	Tel: 01258 451121 www.blandfordschool.org.uk	VC	210	No	N/A

## Bridport Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Bridport Primary School St Andrew's Rd, Bridport, DT6 3BJ	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01308 422846 www.bridport.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	60	No	The Sir John Colfox School
Burton Bradstock CE Primary School Church Street, Burton Bradstock, Bridport, DT6 4QS	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01308 897369 www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	15	No	The Sir John Colfox School
Loders CE Primary School Loders, Bridport, DT6 3SA	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01308 423418 www.loders.acornacademy.org	VC	12	No	The Sir John Colfox School
Powerstock CE Primary School Powerstock, Bridport, DT6 3TB	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01308 485380 www.powerstock.dorset.sch.uk	VA	10	No	The Sir John Colfox School
St Mary's CE Primary School Skilling Hill Rd, Bridport, DT6 5LA	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01308 423065 www.stmarybridport.co.uk	Academy	30	No	The Sir John Colfox School

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School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Bridport Pymore Rd, Bridport, DT6 3TR	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01308 423568 www.stcatherinesbridport.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	The Sir John Colfox School
Symondsbury CE Primary School Symondsbury, Bridport, DT6 6HD	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01308 423502 www.symondsbury.dorset.sch.uk	VA	15	No	The Sir John Colfox
Thorner's CE Primary School Litton Cheney, Dorchester, DT2 9AU	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01308 482410 www.thorners.dorset.sch.uk	VA	15	No	The Sir John Colfox
The Sir John Colfox School (Specialism: Languages) Ridgeway Estate, Bridport, DT6 3DT	11-18 Two tier	Tel: 01308 422291 www.colfox.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	150	No	N/A

## Corfe Hills Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Henbury View First School Hillside Rd, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, BH21 3TR	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 659179 www.henburyview.dorset.sch.uk	C	30	No	Lockyer's Middle School
Rushcombe First School Hanham Rd, Corfe Mullen, BH21 3PX	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 695722 www.rushcombe.co.uk	C	60	No	Lockyer's Middle School
Sturminster Marshall First School High Street, Sturminster Marshall, BH21 4AY	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01258 857348 www.sturminstermarshall.dorset.sch.uk	C	30	No	Lockyer's Middle School
Lockyer's Middle School Blandford Rd, Corfe Mullen, BH21 3HQ	9-13 Three tier	Tel: 01202 692779 www.lockyersmid.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	132	No	Corfe Hills School
Allenbourn Middle School East Borough, Wimborne, BH21 1PL (see footnotes 1 and 2 below)	9-13 Three tier	Tel: 01202 886738 www.allenbourn.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	152	No	Corfe Hills School/ Queen Elizabeth's School

**Footnote 1:** Merley First School is a recognised feeder school to Broadstone Middle School. However, a formal agreement also exists for the children of parents living in Merley with Allenbourn Middle School.

**Footnote 2 :** Allenbourn Middle School is a recognised feeder school to Corfe Hills School and Queen Elizabeth's School, Wimborne.

## Poole Schools with links to Corfe Hills

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Feeder School to	
#Broadstone First School Tudor Rd, Broadstone, Poole, BH18 8AA	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 694376 www.broadstonefirstschool.co.uk	Broadstone Middle School	
#Merley First School Oakley Straight, Merley, Wimborne, BH21 1SD (see footnote 1 below)	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 888455 www.merleyfirstschool.com	Broadstone Middle School/Allenbourn Middle School	
#Springdale First School Springdale Rd, Broadstone, BH18 9BW (see footnote 2 below)	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 692700 www.springdale.poole.sch.uk	Lockyer's Middle School/Broadstone Middle School	
#Broadstone Middle School Dunyeats Rd, Broadstone, BH18 8AE (see footnotes 1 and 2 below)	9-13 Three tier	Tel: 01202 696121 www.bmsweb.co.uk	Corfe Hills School	
#Corfe Hills School Higher Blandford Rd, Broadstone, BH18 9BG	13-18 Three tier	Tel: 01202 656300 www.corfehills.net	N/A	

**Footnote 1:** Merley First School is a recognised feeder school to Broadstone Middle School. However, a formal agreement also exists for the children of parents living in Merley with Allenbourn Middle School.

**Footnote 2:** Springdale First School is a recognised feeder school to Broadstone Middle School and Lockyer's Middle School dependent on address. **#Schools not maintained by Dorset LA. For further information please contact BCP LA.**

## Dorchester Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Broadmayne First School Knighton Lane, Broadmayne, DT2 8PH	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01305 852471 www.broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk	C	30	No	St Mary's Middle School
Cerne Abbas CE First School Duck Street, Cerne Abbas, DT2 7LA	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01300 341319 www.cerneabbas.dorset.sch.uk	VC	15	No	Dorchester Middle School
Cheselbourne Village School Cheselbourne, Dorchester, DT2 7NT	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01258 837306 www.cheselbourne.dorset.sch.uk	C	12	No	St Mary's Middle School
Damers First School Damers Rd, Dorchester, DT1 2LB	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01305 264924 www.damers.dorset.sch.uk	C	90	No	Dorchester Middle School
Frome Valley CE First School School Drive, Crossways, Dorchester, DT2 8WR	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01305 852643 www.fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	St Mary's Middle School
Manor Park CE First School Mellstock Avenue, Dorchester, DT2 2BH	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01305 268741 www.manorpark.dorset.sch.uk	VC	90	No	No named reciever school
Milborne St Andrew First School Hopsfield, Milborne St Andrew, Blandford, DT11 0JE	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01258 837362 www.milborne.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	23	No	St Mary's Middle School
Piddle Valley CE First School Piddletrenthide, Dorchester, DT2 7QL	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01300 348219 www.piddlevalley.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	23	No	St Mary's Middle School
The Prince of Wales School Maiden Castle Rd, Dorchester, DT1 2HH	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01305 257120 www.princeofwales.dorset.sch.uk	C	30	No	Dorchester Middle School

## Dorchester Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Puddletown CE First School High Street, Puddletown, Dorchester, DT2 8FZ	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01305 848206 www.puddletownfirst.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	St Mary's Middle School
St Mary's CE First School West Hill, Charminster, Dorchester, DT2 9RD	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01305 263880 www.charminster.dorset.sch.uk	VC	42	No	No named receiver school
St Mary's Catholic First School Lucetta Lane, Dorchester, DT1 2DD	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01305 262258 www.stmarysdorchester.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	Yes	No named receiver school
Winterbourne Valley CE First School Winterbourne Abbas, Dorchester, DT2 9LW	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01305 889297 www.winterbournevalley.dorset.sch.uk	VA	15	No	Dorchester Middle School
Dorchester Middle School Queen's Avenue. Dorchester, DT1 2HS	9-13 Three tier	Tel: 01305 265651 www.dorchestermid.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	150	Yes	The Thomas Hardye School
St Mary's CE Middle School Puddletown, Dorchester, DT2 8SA	9-13 Three tier	Tel: 01305 848293 www.stmaryscemiddleschool.co.uk	Academy	124	No	The Thomas Hardye School
St Osmund's CE Middle School Barnes Way, Rothesay Rd, Dorchester, DT1 2DZ	9-13 Three tier	Tel: 01305 262897 www.stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	180	No	The Thomas Hardye School
The Thomas Hardye School (Specialism: Science/SEN/ Humanities) Queen's Avenue, Dorchester, DT1 2ET	13-18 Three tier	Tel: 01305 266064 www.thomas-hardye.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	450	Yes	N/A
Dorset Studio School Kingston Maurward Dorchester DT2 8PY	11-19	Tel: 01305 215215 www.dorsetstudioschool.co.uk	Studio	75	Yes	N/A

## Ferndown and West Moors Pyramid (including Verwood schools)

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Ferndown First School Church Rd, Ferndown, BH22 9FB	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 873747 www.fernfirst.dorset.sch.uk	C	60	No	Ferndown Middle School
Hampreston CE First School Hampreston , Wimborne, BH21 7LX (see footnote 1 below)	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 573074 www.hamprestonfirstschool.com	VA	30	No	Ferndown Middle School
Oakhurst First School Shaftesbury Rd, Ferndown, BH22 0DY	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 871577 www.oakhurst.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	West Moors Middle School
Parley Primary School Glenmoor Rd, Ferndown, BH22 8QE	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 874400 www.parley.dorset.sch.uk	C	60	No	Ferndown Middle School
St Ives Primary School Sandy Lane, Ringwood, BH24 2LE (see footnote 3 below)	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01425 475478 www.stives.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	Please see Footnote 3
St Mary's CE First School, West Moors Station Rd, West Moors, Ferndown, BH22 0JF	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 874838 www.stmaryswestmoors.org	Academy	30	No	West Moors Middle School
Three Legged Cross First School Church Rd, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne, BH21 6RF	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 822460 www.3lxschool.com	Academy	20	No	West Moors Middle School
Hillside First School Hillside Rd, Verwood, BH31 7HE (see footnote 2 below)	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 822737 www.hillsidefirst.dorset.sch.uk	C	60	No	Emmanuel Middle School
Verwood CE First School Howe Lane, Verwood, BH31 6JF (see footnote 2 below)	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 822652 www.verwoodfirst.dorset.sch.uk	VA	60	No	Emmanuel Middle School

## Ferndown and West Moors Pyramid (including Verwood schools)

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Trinity CE First School Coopers Lane, Verwood, BH31 7PG (see footnote 2 below)	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 821704 www.trinity.dorset.sch.uk	VA	30	No	Emmanuel Middle School
Ferndown Middle School Peter Grant Way, off Church Rd, Ferndown, BH22 9UP	9-13 Three tier	Tel: 01202 876556 www.fernmid.dorset.sch.uk	C	150	No	Ferndown Upper School
West Moors Middle School Heathfield Way, West Moors, Ferndown, BH22 0DA	9-13 Three tier	Tel: 01202 872474 www.westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk	C	64	No	Ferndown Upper School
Emmanuel CE Middle School Howe Lane. Verwood, BH31 6JF (see footnote 2 below)	9-13 Three tier	Tel: 01202 828100 www.emmanuel.dorset.sch.uk	VA	124	Yes	Ferndown Upper School/Queen Elizabeth's School
Ferndown Upper School (Specialism: Arts) Cherry Grove, Ferndown, BH22 9EY (see footnote 2 below)	13-18 Three tier	Tel: 01202 871243 www.fernup.dorset.sch.uk	C	210	No	N/A
Queen Elizabeth's CE School (Specialism: Sports) Blandford Rd, Wimborne Minster, BH21 4DT (See footnote 2)	13-18 Three tier	Tel: 01202 885233 www.qe.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	390	Yes	N/A

**Footnote 1:** Some children from Hampreston CE VA First School at the age of 9+ may seek admission to St Michael's CE VA Middle School on denominational grounds.

**Footnote 2 :** At the age of 13+ parents living in the Verwood area are given the opportunity to express a preference for their child to attend Ferndown Upper School or Queen Elizabeth's School as their catchment area school.

**Footnote 3:** St. Ives Primary School - The School is fully operating as a Primary School. Parents may still apply to join a Middle School at the end of Year 4 and will have to make an application. Alternatively parents may wish to remain at the school and then at the end of Year 6 make an application for a Year 7 place in another school.

## Gillingham Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
St George's CE Primary School Church Track, Bourton, Gillingham, SP8 5BN	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 840409 www.bourton.dorset.sch.uk	VA	17	No	Gillingham School
Gillingham Primary School School Rd, Gillingham, SP8 4QR	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 823245 www.gillinghamprimary.dorset.sch.uk	C	60	No	Gillingham School
Milton on Stour CE Primary School Milton on Stour, Gillingham, SP8 5QD	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 822588 www.milton.dorset.sch.uk	VA	20	No	Gillingham School
St Gregory's CE Primary School New Street, Marnhull, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1PZ	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 820206 www.stgregorymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk	VA	24	Yes	Gillingham School
St Mary's Catholic Primary School Old Mill Lane. Marnhull, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1JX	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 820417 www.stmarymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	25	Yes	Gillingham School
Stower Provost Primary School Woodville, Stour Provost, Gillingham, SP8 5LX	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 838370 www.stowerprovost.dorset.sch.uk	C	21	No	Gillingham School
Wyke Primary School Deane Avenue, Gillingham, SP8 4SH	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 825665 www.gillinghamwyke.dorset.sch.uk	C	30	No	Gillingham School
St Mary the Virgin CE Primary School Pheasant Way, Shaftesbury Rd, Gillingham, SP8 4LP	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 824446 www.stmarygillingham.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	Gillingham School
Gillingham School Hardings Lane, Gillingham, SP8 4QP (see footnote below)	11-18 Two tier	Tel: 01747 822222 www.gillingham-dorset.co.uk	VC	280	No	N/A

## Wiltshire schools with links to Gillingham

School Address	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Feeder School to
#Whitesheet CE VA Primary School Butts Lane, Kilmington, BA12 6RB (KS1) Chapel Lane, Zeals, BA12 6NL (KS2)	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 840394 www.whitesheet.wilts.sch.uk	Gillingham School
#Hindon St Mary's and St John's CE VA Primary School School Lane, Hindon, Salisbury, SP3 6EA	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 820260 www.hindonce.wilts.sch.uk	Gillingham School
#Mere Primary School Springfield Rd, Mere, Warminster, BA12 8EW	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 860515 www.mereschool.co.uk	Gillingham School

**Footnote 1:** The catchment area for Gillingham School includes a defined area of South West Wiltshire.  
**# Schools not maintained by Dorset LA. For further information contact Wiltshire LA.**

## Lyme Regis Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Charmouth Primary School Lower School Lane, Charmouth, DT6 6LR	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01297 560591 www.charmouth.dorset.sch.uk	C	15	No	The Woodroffe School
St Michael's CE Primary School Kingsway, Lyme Regis, DT7 3DY	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01297 442623 www.stmichaelslyme.dorset.sch.uk	VA	27	Yes	The Woodroffe School
Marshwood CE Primary School Marshwood, Bridport, DT6 5QA	4-11 Two tier	Tel:01297 678224 www.marshwood.acornacademy.org	Academy	10	No	The Woodroffe School
Thorncombe St Mary's CE Primary School Thorncombe, Chard, TA20 4NE	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01460 30535 www.stmarysthorncombe.dorset.sch.uk	VC	11	No	The Woodroffe School
The Woodroffe School (Specialism: Visual Arts) Uplyme Rd, Lyme Regis, DT7 3LX (see footnote below)	11-18 Two tier	Tel: 01297 442232 www.woodroffe.dorset.sch.uk	F	174	Yes	N/A

## Devon school linked to Lyme Regis

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Feeder School to
#Mrs Ethelston's CE VA Primary School Pound Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, DT7 3TT	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01297 442210 www.mrsethelstons.acornacademy.org	The Woodroffe School

**Footnote 1:** The catchment area for The Woodroffe School includes a specific area of East Devon.\* A supplementary information form (SIF) must be completed if applying on denominational if applying under aptitude and live outside of Dorset.  
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## Lytchett and Upton Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Bere Regis Community School Rye Hill, Bere Regis, Wareham, BH20 7LP	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01929 471334 www.bereregis.dorset.sch.uk	C	20	No	Lytchett Minster School
Lytchett Matravers Primary School Wareham Rd, Lytchett Matravers, Poole, BH16 6DY	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01202 622378 www.lmpsдорset.org	Academy	60	No	Lytchett Minster School
Sandford St Martin CE Primary School Sandford, Wareham, BH20 7AJ	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01929 552949 www.sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk	VA	60	No	Lytchett Minster School
Upton Infant School Guest Rd, Upton, Poole, BH16 5LQ	4-7 Two tier	Tel: 01202 622367 www.uptoninf.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	90	No	Upton Junior School
Upton Junior School St Martin's Rd, Upton, Poole BH16 5NQ	7-11 Two tier	Tel: 01202 622649 www.uptonjun.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	96	No	Lytchett Minster School
Lytchett Minster School Post Green, Lytchett Minster, Poole, BH16 6JD	11-18 Two tier	Tel: 01202 622413 www.lytchett.org.uk	F	260	No	N/A

## Purbeck Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Bovington Primary School Holt Rd, Bovington Camp, Wareham, BH20 6LE	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01929 462744 www.bovingtonprimary.dorset.sch.uk	C	45	No	The Purbeck School
Corfe Castle CE Primary School East Street, Corfe Castle, Wareham, BH20 5EE	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01929 480428 www.corfecastle.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	15	Yes	The Purbeck School
Lulworth and Winfrith CE Primary School, School Lane, West Lulworth Streche Rd, Wareham, BH20 5SA	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01929 400330 www.lulworthwinfrith.dorset.sch.uk	VC	20	No	The Purbeck School
St George's Primary School High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01929 422973 www.stgeorgeslangton.dorset.sch.uk	VA	15	No	The Purbeck School
St Mark's CE Primary School High Street. Swanage, BH19 2SA	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01929 422949 www.stmarksswanage.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	Yes	The Purbeck School
St Mary's RC Primary School Northbrook Road, Swanage, BH19 2BH	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01929 424909 www.stmarysswanage.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	Yes	The Purbeck School
St Mary and St Joseph Catholic Primary School Folly Lane, Wool, BH20 6DS	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01929 462565 www.stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	Yes	The Purbeck School
Stoborough CE Primary School Corfe Rd, Stoborough, Wareham, BH20 5AD	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01929 552974 www.stoborough.dorset.sch.uk	VA	30	Yes	The Purbeck School
Swanage Primary School Mount Scar, Swanage, BH19 2EY	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01929 422424 www.SwanagePrimary.dorset.sch.uk	C	30	No	The Purbeck School

## Purbeck Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
The Purbeck School Worgret Rd, Wareham, BH20 4PF	11-18 Two tier	Tel: 01929 550077 www.purbeck.dorset.sch.uk	C	180	Yes	N/A
The Swanage School High Street, Swanage Dorset, BH19 2PH	11-16 Two tier	Tel: 01929 500599 www.theswanageschool.co.uk	Free	84	Yes	N/A
Wareham St Mary CE Primary School Streche Rd, Wareham, BH20 4PG	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01929 552517 www.warehamstmary.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	230	Yes	The Purbeck School
Wool CE Primary School High Street, Wool, BH20 6BT	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01929 462569 www.woolprimary.com	VA	25	Yes	The Purbeck School

**Note:** All Islands in Poole Harbour come under the responsibility of Dorset LA with the exception of Pergins (currently uninhabited) and operate with in the following catchment areas: Round, Green Furzey and Long Islands - Corfe Castle CE Primary School/The Purbeck School  
Gigger (currently uninhabited) - The Lady St Mary Primary School/The Purbeck School  
Drove (currently uninhabited) - Swanage Primary School/The Purbeck School

## Shaftesbury Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
The Abbey CE Primary School St James Street, Shaftesbury, SP7 8HQ	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 852620 www.abbeyschool.org.uk	VA	30	No	Shaftesbury School
St Andrew's CE Primary School West Street, Fontmell Magna, Shaftesbury, SP7 0PF	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 811500 www.standrewsfontmell.co.uk	Academy	30	No	Shaftesbury School
Motcombe CE Primary School Motcombe, Shaftesbury, SP7 9NT	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 852018 www.motcombe.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	Shaftesbury School
Shaftesbury CE Primary School Wincombe Lane, Shaftesbury, SP7 8PZ	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 852901 www.shaftesburyprimary.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	60	No	Shaftesbury School
Shaftesbury School Salisbury Rd, Shaftesbury, SP7 8ER (see footnotes 1 and 2 below)	11-18 Two tier	Tel: 01747 854498 www.shaftesburyschool.com	Academy	200 (40 boarding places available in total for years 7-11)	Yes	

## Wiltshire schools with links to Shaftesbury

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Feeder School to
#St John's CE VC Primary School Weaveland Rd, Tisbury, Salisbury, Salisbury, SP3 6HJ	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 870675 www.st-johntisbury.wilts.sch.uk	Shaftesbury School
#Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop CE VA Primary School The Street, Chilmark, Salisbury, SP3 5AR	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01722 716348 www.chilmarkfonthillbishop.wilts.sch.uk	Shaftesbury School
#Semley CE VA Primary School Semley, Shaftesbury, SP7 9AU	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01747 830427 www.semley.wilts.sch.uk	Shaftesbury School

**Footnote 1:** The catchment area for Shaftesbury School includes a defined area of south west Wiltshire.

**Footnote 2:** A 6th form has been established at Sturminster Newton High School in partnership with Shaftesbury School.  
# Schools not maintained by Dorset LA. For further information please contact Wiltshire LA.

## Sherborne Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Sherborne Abbey CE Primary School Lenthay Rd, Sherborne, DT9 6AQ	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01935 812318 www.sherborneabbey.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	45	No	The Gryphon School
All Saints CE Primary School Giles Lane, Bishops Caundle, Sherborne, DT9 5NQ	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01963 23450 www.bishopscaundle.dorset.sch.uk	VC	17	No	The Gryphon School
Buckland Newton CE Primary School Buckland Newton, Dorchester, DT2 7BY	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01300 345393 www.bucklandnewton.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	15	No	The Gryphon School
St Andrew's CE Primary School Stonyacres, Yetminster, Sherborne, DT9 6LS	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01935 872430 www.standrewsyetminster.org.uk	Academy	30	No	The Gryphon School
St Mary's CE Primary School Mill Lane, Bradford Abbas, Sherborne, DT9 6RH	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01935 476515 www.bradfordabbasprimary.co.uk	Academy	17	No	The Gryphon School
Sherborne Primary School Harbour Way, Sherborne, DT9 4AJ	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01935 812619 www.sherbornepri.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	48	No	The Gryphon School
Thornford CE Primary School Boot Lane, Thornford, Sherborne, DT9 6QY	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01935 872706 www.thornford.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	15	No	The Gryphon School
Trent Young's CE Primary School Trent, Sherborne, DT9 4SW	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01935 850496 www.trentyoungs.dsat.org.uk	Academy	19	No	The Gryphon School
The Gryphon CE School Bristol Rd, Sherborne, DT9 4EQ	11-18 Two tier	Tel: 01935 813122 www.Gryphon.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	240	No	N/A

## Sturminster Newton Pyramid

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Hazelbury Bryan Primary School Droop, Sturminster Newton, DT10 2ED	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 817492 www.hazelburybryanprimarieschool.co.uk	C	17	No	Sturminster Newton High School
Okeford Fitzpaine CE Primary School The Cross, Okeford Fitzpaine, Blandford Forum, DT11 0RF	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 860530 www.okeford.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	15	No	Sturminster Newton High School
St Nicholas CE Primary School Station Rd, Child Okeford, Blandford Forum, DT11 8EL	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 860581 www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk	VA	25	Yes	Sturminster Newton High School
Shillingstone CE Primary School Augustan Avenue, Blandford Forum, DT10 0TX	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 860446 www.shillingstone.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	15	No	Sturminster Newton High School
Stalbridge Primary School Duck Lane, Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton, DT10 2LP	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01963 362487 www.stalbridge.dorset.sch.uk	F	30	No	Sturminster Newton High School
William Barnes Primary School Bridge Street, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1BZ	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01258 472257 www.williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk	C	30	No	Sturminster Newton High School
Sturminster Newton High School Bath Rd, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1DT (see footnote below)	11-18 Two tier	Tel: 01258 472642 www.mysnhs.net	C	120	No	N/A

**Footnote:** Sturminster Newton High School's 6th form has been established through a partnership with Shaftesbury School.

## Weymouth and Portland Area

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Beechcroft St Paul's CE Primary School Corporation Rd, Weymouth, DT4 0LQ	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 783500 www.beechcroft.dsat.org.uk	Academy	30	No	No named receiver school
Bincombe Valley Primary School Culliford Way, Littlemoor, Weymouth, DT3 6AF	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 832329 www.bincombe.dorset.sch.uk	C	45	No	The Wey Valley School
Chickerell Primary Academy Rashley Rd, Chickerell, Weymouth, DT3 4AT	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 783876 www.chickerell.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	60	No	No named receiver school
Conifers Primary School Radipole Lane, Weymouth, DT4 0QF	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 771289 www.conifers.dorset.sch.uk	C	60	No	No named receiver school
Holy Trinity CE VC Primary School Cross Rd. Weymouth, DT4 9QX	4-11 Two tier	Tel:01305 783200 www.holytrinitypri.dorset.sch.uk	VC	90	No	No named receiver school
Portesham CE VA Primary School Winters Close, Portesham, DT3 4HP	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 871283 www.portesham.dorset.sch.uk	VA	15	No	Budmouth School
Radipole Primary School Radipole Lane, Weymouth, DT3 5HS	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 783353 www.radipole.dorset.sch.uk	C	60	No	The Wey Valley School
St Andrew's CE Primary School Littlemoor Rd, Preston, Weymouth, DT3 6AA	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 832346 www.standrewswey.dsat.org.uk	Academy	60	No	The Wey Valley School
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School Hardy Avenue, Weymouth, DT4 0RH	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 782600 www.staugustines.dorset.sch.uk	VA	30	No	No named receiver school

## Weymouth and Portland Area

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
St George's Primary School Clarence Rd, Portland, DT5 2BD	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 820520 www.stgeorgesportland.dorset.sch.uk	F	60	No	The Atlantic Academy
St John's CE Primary School Coombe Avenue, Weymouth, DT4 7TP	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 785711 www.stjohns.dsat.org.uk	Academy	30	No	The Wey Valley School
St Nicholas and St Laurence CE VA Primary School Broadway, Weymouth, DT3 5DQ	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 812534 www.stnicholasstlaurence.dorset.sch. uk	VA	30	No	The Wey Valley School
Southill Primary School Sycamore Rd, Southill, Weymouth, DT4 9UF	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 773144 www.southill.dorset.sch.uk	C	30	No	No named receiver school
Wyke Regis Infant School Shrubbery Lane, Weymouth, DT4 9LU (See footnote 1 below)	4-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 782470 www.wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk	C	90	No	Wyke Regis CE VC Junior School
Wyke Regis CE Junior School High Street, Wyke Regis, DT4 9NU (See footnote 1 below)	7-11 Two tier	Tel: 01305 786041 www.wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk	VC	90	No	No named receiver
All Saints CE School (Specialism: Science) Sunnyside Rd, Wyke Regis, DT4 9BJ	11-16 Two tier	Tel: 01305 783391 www.allsaints.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	180	No	N/A
Budmouth College (Specialism: Technology) Chickerell Rd, Weymouth, DT4 9SY (se footnote 2 below)	11-18 Two tier	Tel: 01305 830500 www.budmouth.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	260	No	N/A

## Weymouth and Portland Area

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
The Atlantic Academy Maritime House, West Way, Southwell, Business Park, DT5 2NA	4-19 Two tier	Tel: 01305 820262 www.atlantic-aspirations.org	Academy	Reception 90  (60 additional places will be available in Year 7)	Yes	N/A
The Wey Valley School (Specialism: Sports) Dorchester Rd, Weymouth, DT3 5AN	11-16 Two tier	Tel: 01305 817000 www.veyvalley.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	210	No	N/A

**Footnote 1:** Both Wyke Regis Infant and Junior Schools operate as a federated school.

**Footnote 2:** Up to 30 students are admitted to Budmouth College on the basis of academic ability.

**Note:** Weymouth College, Cranford Avenue, Weymouth, DT4 7LQ is the tertiary college which provides education for students aged 16+. It also offers special educational provision for students with moderate to severe learning difficulties. Contact telephone number is 01305 761100.

## Wimborne and Cranborne Pyramid (including Verwood schools)

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Colehill First School Pilford Heath Rd, Colehill, Wimborne, BH21 2LZ	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 882506 www.colehillfirst.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	St Michael's CE VA Middle School
Cranborne CE First School Water Street, Cranborne, Wimborne Minster. BH21 5QB	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01725 517439 www.cranbornefirst.co.uk	VA	27	No	Cranborne Middle School
Hayeswood First School Cutlers Place, Colehill, Wimborne, BH21 2HN	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 882379 www.hayeswood.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	St Michael's CE VA Middle School
Pamphill CE First School Pamphill Green, Wimborne, BH21 4EE	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 883008 www.pamphill.dorset.sch.uk	VC	15	No	Allenbourn Middle School
St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Cutlers Place, Colehill, Wimborne, BH21 2HN	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 883763 www.stcatherinescolehill.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	Links with St Peter's RC School, Bournemouth
St James CE First School, Alderholt Park Lane, Alderholt, Fordingbridge, SP6 3AJ	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01425 653063 www.alderholt.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	Cranborne Middle School
St James CE First School, Gaunts Common, Wimborne Minster, BH21 4JN	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01258 840669 www.gauntscommon.dorset.sch.uk	VC	23	No	St Michael's CE VA Middle School
St John's CE First School St John's Hill, Wimborne Minster, BH21 1BX	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 883675 www.stjohnswimborne.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	30	No	Allenbourn Middle School
Sixpenny Handley First School Common Rd, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury, SP5 5NJ	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01725 552356 www.sixpennyhandleschool.co.uk	Academy	25	No	Cranborne Middle School

## Wimborne and Cranborne Pyramid (including Verwood schools)

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Wimborne First School* School Lane, Wimborne, BH21 1HQ	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 882532 www.wimbornefirst.dorset.sch.uk	C	60	No	Allenbourn Middle School
Wimborne St Giles CE First School Wimborne St Giles. Wimborne Minster, BH21 5LX	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01725 517347 www.wimbornestgiles.dorset.sch.uk	VA	25	No	Cranborne Middle School
Witchampton CE First School Witchampton, Wimborne, BH21 5AP	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01258 840684 www.witchampton.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	15	No	Allenbourn Middle School
Hillside First School Hillside Rd, Verwood, BH31 7HE	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 822737 www.hillsidefirst.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	60	No	Emmanuel Middle School
Trinity CE First School Coopers Lane, Verwood, BH31 7PG	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 821704 www.trinity.dorset.sch.uk	VA	30	No	Emmanuel Middle School
Verwood CE First School Howe Lane, Verwood, BH31 6JF	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 822652 www.verwoodfirst.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	60	No	Emmanuel Middle School
Allenbourn Middle School East Borough, Wimborne, BH21 1PL (see footnotes 2 and 3 below)	9-13 Three tier	Tel: 01202 886738 www.allenbourn.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	152	No	Queen Elizabeth's School/Corfe Hills School
Cranborne Middle School Damerham Rd, Cranborne, Wimborne Minster, BH21 5RP	9-13 Three tier	Tel: 01725 517348 www.cranbornemid.dorset.sch.uk	C	105	No	Queen Elizabeth's School
St Michael's CE Middle School Colehill Lane, Colehill, Wimborne, BH21 7AB	9-13 Three tier	Tel: 01202 883433 www.stmichaelsmiddle.org	Academy	150	No	Queen Elizabeth's School

\* Moving to Campanula Way, Wimborne Minster, Wimborne BH21 4FW during the academic year 19/21

## Wimborne and Cranborne Pyramid (including Verwood schools)

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Category	Admission Number	Managing own in years	Feeder School to
Emmanuel CE Middle School Howe Lane, Verwood, BH31 6JF (see footnote 1 below)	9-13 Three tier	Tel: 01202 828100 www.emmanuel.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	124	Yes	Queen Elizabeth's School/Ferndown Upper School
Queen Elizabeth's CE School (Specialism: Sports) Blandford Rd, Wimborne Minster, BH21 4DT	13-18 Three tier	Tel: 01202 885233 www.qe.dorset.sch.uk	Academy	390	Yes	N/A

## Poole schools with links to Wimborne

School	Age/Tier	Telephone/Website	Feeder School to
#Merley First School Oakley Straight, Merley, BH21 1SD (see footnote 2 below)	4-9 Three tier	Tel: 01202 888455 ww.merleyfirstschool.com	Allenbourn Middle School/ Broadstone Middle School
#Corfe Hills School Higher Blandford Rd, Broadstone, BH18 9BG	13-18 Three tier	Tel: 01202 656300 www.corfehills.net	N/A

**Footnote 1:** At the age of 13+ parents living in the Verwood area are given the opportunity to express a preference for their child to attend Ferndown Upper School or Queen Elizabeth's School as a catchment area school. **Footnote 2:** Merley First School is located in the Corfe Hills educational pyramid and is the recognised feeder school to Broadstone Middle School. However, a formal arrangement exists for children of parents living in Merley with Allenbourn Middle School. **Footnote 3:** Allenbourn Middle School is the recognised feeder school to Queen Elizabeth's School and Corfe Hills School. **#Schools not maintained by Dorset LA. For further information please contact BCP LA.**

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