



Transfer to Secondary School – September 2011

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Most of the information that will be helpful for you at this time is in the Guide for Parents booklet (the Guide) that you received earlier in the autumn. It can also be downloaded from our website (www.buckscc.gov.uk/schooladmission) or you can call us if you need another copy and do not have a computer.

This leaflet gives you some additional guidance about the 11+ results and also points you in the direction of some helpful sections of the Guide for some of the most often asked questions.

If you cannot find the answer to your question then please either email us at admissions@buckscc.gov.uk or call us on 01296 383250. Unfortunately, we are not able to see parents in person at our offices in Aylesbury unless an appointment has been made in advance.

What do the results mean?

Pages 16 and 17 of the Guide give more information about the marking and results of the tests, including standardisation. For September 2011 admission, the minimum score needed to qualify and be considered for admission to a grammar school is a Verbal Reasoning Test Score of 121.

What do I do next?

You only need to do something now if your child did not qualify and you feel that they would be suitable for a grammar school. You can ask for information about the selection appeal process and how to request an appeal. If you decide to appeal, the appeal request form must be returned as soon as possible and by 13 December 2010 at the very latest.

If your child goes to a Buckinghamshire LA or partner school, then the headteacher will have the information you need – a selection appeal pack which includes the appeal request form.

If your child goes to a school outside of Buckinghamshire, you will need to call us to ask for a selection appeal pack – 01296 383250.



It is best to speak to your child's headteacher before asking for an appeal. The pack contains a 'Headteacher's Appeal Summary Sheet' which headteachers can complete to give the Independent Appeal Panel (IAP) some information about your child's performance at school.

The headteacher may be able to give you their form to return with your appeal request form although it can also be returned at a later date, in which case please make it clear that the headteacher's form is to follow.

If you do not want to include the headteacher's form as part of your appeal, you must tick the box on the appeal request form to show that this is the case.

You might not feel it is appropriate to speak to your child's headteacher if they attend a school outside of Buckinghamshire. If so, you can tick the box on the appeal request form to show you will not be including the headteacher's form.

The Clerk to the IAP will not schedule an appeal unless the headteacher's form is included or the box on the appeal request form is ticked to show that the headteacher's form will not be provided.

Make sure your appeal request form is returned to the Clerk by 13 December.

What are my child's chances of qualifying at selection appeal?

We don't know what the decision will be in your child's case, but we can tell you last year's outcomes. Last year, 952 appeals were heard, of which 337 were successful. Most successful appeals were strongly supported by the headteacher, and over 90% of the successful cases were for scores between 116 and 120. However, such a score must not be considered as a guarantee of a successful appeal.

What will happen if my child's selection appeal is successful?

The Clerk to the IAP will contact you, in writing, within 7 working days of the appeal hearing. At the same time they will tell us that the appeal was successful. If your appeal is heard during the main appeal sessions in January and early February, then the allocation on 1 March will take the appeal decision into account. If you have (for whatever reason) an appeal heard later in the year, then we will work through your preferences during the next allocation round and let you know the outcome.

I have moved house – what do I do?

You must write to us to let us know when you moved and to give us details of your new address. Pages 22 and 23 of the Guide have more information about a child's home address.

When will I hear about my child's secondary school?

If you live in Buckinghamshire, we will write to you on 1 March to let you know the outcome of your secondary school application. If not, you will get a letter from the council in whose area you live, your home LA.