



# Transfer to Secondary School September 2025

**Assessment for Grammar School Education**

**Register online at [wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

**Closing date for Registration  
31st May 2024**

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LEAFLET CAREFULLY**

## Assessment for Grammar School Education

Parents of children in Year 5 who wish their child to be assessed for grammar school education are asked to inform Mainstream Admissions by **31st May 2024** by registering online at [www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions).

If you cannot register online, a paper form is available by calling 0151 606 2000 during office hours.

**You do not complete this form if you intend to give preferences only for all ability schools and/or only for the following schools:**

- Birkenhead High School Academy
- St Anselm's College
- Upton Hall School (FCJ)

These three schools conduct their own assessments as described in their prospectus.

## Arrangements for assessment

This leaflet relates to the assessment arrangements for the following schools:

- Calday Grange Grammar School
- West Kirby Grammar School
- Wirral Grammar School for Boys
- Wirral Grammar School for Girls

The assessment is based on the results of two tests. The tests are standardised to take account of each child's age in years and completed months. The two test scores are then added together to provide a final score.

Tests are expected to be held on 16th September. All parents will be informed by Mainstream Admissions which venue/date their child will be attending by the end of August.

## Free Familiarisation Materials

The assessments are provided by GL Assessment and include Verbal Reasoning, Maths and Non-Verbal Reasoning components. Free materials are available at <https://11plus.gl-assessment.co.uk/free-materials/>

## Special Access Arrangements

ArrangementsIf your child has a current Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), speaks English as a second language, or has any other medical or educational needs that may affect their performance in the assessment, you can request that special arrangements are considered. These arrangements must ordinarily be in place in their current primary school.

Parents should complete the Access Arrangements section and forward supporting evidence with the registration form. If you are unsure about your child's ability to access the assessments, contact your child's headteacher or SENDco for advice. We will consult with your child's school and the Local Authority Educational Psychologist to consider whether any special access arrangements are appropriate for your child. The decision outcome will be advised to you in writing.

**Late requests for special arrangements will mean that your child will not be able to be assessed on 16th September.**

## Low income criteria

All of the Wirral non-Catholic grammar schools have a priority criterion to allocate a number of places to children who are on Free School Meals at the time of application in Autumn 2024. Children still need to reach the standard for admission. Please see the individual school's admission policy for further details.

If you think your child may be considered under this criterion we will require information from you in order to validate eligibility at that time.

If your circumstances change prior to 31st October 2024 please contact the Wirral Schools Admissions Team immediately.

## Registering for the assessment

Parents should return paper forms via email to [secondaryplaces@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:secondaryplaces@wirral.gov.uk) or to the postal address at the bottom of the form, by **31st May 2024**.

## Results to parents

We are expecting to send the outcome of the grammar school assessments to parents by 21st October 2024 or within 6 weeks of the assessment date. If you have provided an email address on the request for assessment form, we will send your child's results by email, otherwise we will send the results by 2nd class post to the address provided on this form.

## Late applications and tests

No arrangements will be made to assess children if registration request forms are received after 31st May 2024 unless they have moved to Wirral from another part of the country. Children who were unable to sit a test due to illness or absence will be tested later in the Autumn term. Parents should still submit a preference form before the 31st October naming at least one grammar school. If their child does not meet the grammar standard, any grammar preferences will be withdrawn.

## Applying for places

**This is not a preference form.**

If you have been informed that your child has reached the standard for grammar school, you can apply for a place. Meeting the grammar school standard does not necessarily mean that your child will go to a grammar school. If a grammar school is oversubscribed, the governors use other criteria to decide which children should be given places. Individual school admissions policies provide this information and can be found on the school's website or by contacting the school.

You must complete an online or paper preference form for your child by **31st October 2024**. Residents in English counties outside Wirral must apply through their home authority, naming a Wirral school if they wish to do so. Parents resident outside England can apply using the Wirral preference form.

**All parents must complete a preference form by 31st October.** Further information on the arrangements for expressing preferences is contained in the Secondary Education information which will be available online from September 2024 onwards.

If you have any questions or queries - email [secondaryplaces@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:secondaryplaces@wirral.gov.uk)