

**Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for Primary Schools for
September 2009 and January 2010 entry in the area of City of
York Local Authority (LA)**

The Scheme

1. There will be a standard form known as the common application form.
2. The form will be used for the purpose of admitting pupils into the reception year of primary education.
3. The form must be used as a means of expressing one or more preferences by parents resident in the City of York LA area wishing to express a preference for their child to be admitted to a school within the City of York LA area including Voluntary Aided (VA) Schools.
4. The form will –
 - a. invite parents to express in rank order up to three preferences, including Voluntary Aided schools and schools outside the City of York area.
 - b. invite parents to give their reasons for each preference
 - c. explain that the parent will receive no more than one offer of a school place and that;
 - i. a place will be offered at the highest ranking nominated school for which they are eligible for a place and that;
 - ii. if a place cannot be offered at a nominated school, a place will be offered at an alternative school.
5. The LA will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that the form is available on request and take all reasonable steps to ensure that every parent resident in the LA area who has a child who is due to commence reception year in primary education receives a copy of the form with written explanation.
6. All preferences expressed on the form are valid applications. Voluntary Aided Schools can require parents who nominate their school to complete a supplementary form or provide additional information to where this is required for the governing body to apply their over subscription criteria to the applicant. The supplementary form, if required must be returned to the school.

Where a Voluntary Aided School receives a supplementary form from a City of York resident it will not be regarded as a valid application unless the parent has completed the common application form and the school is nominated on it.

7. The closing date for applications is **9 February 2009**. Completed forms must be returned to the Local Authority including those parents who indicate a school outside the City of York area.
8. The LA will act as a clearing house for the allocation of places by the relevant admission authorities in response to the common application form. The LA will only make a decision with respect to the offer or refusal of a place in response to any preference expressed on the common application form where –
 - a. it is acting in its separate capacity as an admission authority, or
 - b. an applicant is eligible for a place at more than one school, or
 - c. an applicant is not eligible for a place at any school that the parent has nominated
9. Up to and including the **27 February 2009** each school will be provided with regular updates by the LA as to how many applications they have received for admission to their school. Those schools who are their own admission authorities will by this date have considered all applications for their school, apply the schools oversubscription criteria (if appropriate) and provide the LA with a list of those applicants ranked according to the schools oversubscription criteria.
10. The LA will match the ranked list against the ranked lists of the other schools nominated and;
 - Where the child is eligible for a place at only one of the nominated schools, that school will be allocated to the child;
 - Where the child is eligible for a place at two or more of the nominated schools, they will be allocated a place at whichever of these schools is the highest ranked preference.

Where the child is not eligible for a place at any of the nominated schools, the child will be allocated a place at the nearest appropriate school with a vacancy.
11. By **20 March 2009** the LA will inform all primary schools of the pupils to be offered a place at their schools.
12. On **3 April 2009** all parents will be notified by the LA of where their child has been offered a place and information about their statutory right of appeal if they have not been offered their first preference of school (including Voluntary Aided schools).

13. The closing date for applications is 9 February 2009. The LA will accept late applications up to 3 April 2009 for parents who have a good reason for submitting their form late, for example if the family have moved into the City of York area.

TIMETABLE OF CO-ORDINATED SCHEME

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| 9 February 2009 - | Closing date for the common application form |
| 27 February 2009 - | All City of York Voluntary Aided primary schools provide LA with list of applicants indicating those pupils who they are able to offer a place to. |
| 20 March 2009 - | LA confirms with all primary schools a finalised list of pupils to be offered a place at each school. Having checked that all pupils have only been offered one school and that school is of the parents highest preference. |
| 3 April 2009 - | Notification sent to parents by individual schools. |