



# Secondary Education in Wirral

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Bengali

এই পত্রিকার অনুলিপি ভিন্ন কোন ভাষায় অথবা অন্য কোন আকারে প্রয়োজন  
হলে, অনুগ্রহ করে সরবরাহকৃত টেলিফোন নম্বরে যোগাযোগ করুন

Chinese

如果你需要這份小冊子在另一種語言或不同的格式，請聯  
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Hindi

“अगर आपको इस दस्तावेज की प्रतिलिपि अन्य भाषा में अथवा भिन्न प्रारूप में चाहिये  
तो कृपया उपलब्ध टेलिफोन नंबर पर संपर्क करें”

Polish

Jesli potrzebujesz te ulotke w innym jezyku lub w innej formie prosze zadzwonic na  
zalaczony numer.

Punjabi

“ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਪਰਚਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਸਿੱਟੇ ਗਏ ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ  
ਉੱਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ

Somali

“Haddaad rabtid nuqul ee warqadaan oo luqad kale ku qoran ama qaab kale,  
fadlan la xiriir lambarka taleefon lagu siiye.

Urdu

اگر آپ کو اس کتابچے کا ترجمہ کسی اور زبان میں یا کتابچہ کسی اور طرز  
میں درکار ہے تو فراہم کردہ ٹیلیفون نمبر پر رجوع کریں۔

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September 2010

Dear Parent

I hope that you will find this booklet helpful. It provides information about secondary education in Wirral and in particular about the arrangements for transferring to secondary school. It is given to all parents whose children are in their last year of primary education and to all parents who tell us that they are moving into the borough with children of secondary school age.

**If your child is due to transfer to secondary school in 2011 and you want to apply for a place in a school outside Wirral, you need to read this booklet carefully. We now co-ordinate applications from Wirral parents for places in schools maintained by other authorities.**

This booklet is particularly important to you if your child is transferring to secondary school next September. It sets out the arrangements for allocating (offering) places in secondary schools and lists the schools for which you may express a preference. If, after reading the booklet, you would like further information or advice, please consult the headteacher of your child's current school or the Mainstream Admissions and Transport Section.

**You may find that you need to consult this booklet from time to time during the year, so please keep it where you can easily refer to it.**

A separate booklet provides information about primary education and is available from the Mainstream Admissions and Transport Section in the Children and Young People's Department (phone: 0151 606 2000).

Finally, may I say that we are very proud of our schools. The standards of achievement are high, and the local authority is committed to helping schools to maintain those standards and improve on them.

I hope that your child will settle happily into his or her new secondary school and be successful there.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Howard Cooper', written in a cursive style.

Howard Cooper  
Director of Children's Services

# Introduction

This booklet provides information about all the different types of secondary schools in Wirral, other than independent schools. If you want to apply for a school place outside the Wirral area, you will need to include this on the Wirral Parental Preference Form. You can get details of schools outside the area from the relevant authority.

## Types of school

In terms of governing schools there are five types of school - academy, community, foundation, trust and voluntary-aided. These categories refer to differences in the responsibilities of the governing bodies of the schools.

There are 29 secondary schools in Wirral. 10 of these schools are community schools, six are foundation schools, four are voluntary-aided Catholic schools, two are trust schools and there is one academy. There are five special schools and an all-age hospital school. All the special schools are community schools.

Community schools are non-denominational. In other words, they are not linked to any particular faith. The governors have responsibility for the overall conduct of the school but admissions are the responsibility of the local authority.

Foundation schools are non-denominational schools where the governors are responsible for the admission arrangements.

Academies are publicly funded independent schools, the academy trust is responsible for admissions.

The governors of voluntary-aided schools are responsible for their own admission arrangements. You can get more information about Catholic voluntary-aided schools from:

The Director  
The Shrewsbury Diocesan Schools Commission  
2 Park Road South  
Birkenhead  
CH43 4UX  
Phone: 0151 652 9855

## All-ability and grammar schools

Wirral has all-ability (comprehensive) schools and grammar schools. The all-ability schools cater for the whole ability range

and take children without assessing their ability. The grammar school might not be able to admit all the children who achieve the standard for grammar school.

You will find a list of all the maintained secondary schools at the back of this booklet. Each school publishes a prospectus. You can ask the school for a copy. Schools also offer parents the opportunity to visit them before the preference forms are due to be filled in.

## Admission arrangements - introduction

The arrangements described below apply to children born between 1 September 1999 and 31 August 2000. We will not normally offer places in community secondary schools to children born after 31 August 2000 unless the Director of Children's Services agrees to this.

Places at community schools are decided by the Director of Children's Services according to the arrangements made by the local authority and described in this booklet. Places in the academy, foundation schools, trust schools and voluntary-aided schools are decided by the governing bodies of those schools according to arrangements they have made after consultation. You can get details of the admission policies of these schools in the booklet enclosed in the secondary transfer pack.

The governing bodies of Calday Grange Grammar School, West Kirby Grammar School, Wirral Grammar School for Boys and Wirral Grammar School for Girls have reached an agreement with the authority on how their admission procedures will work. If parents want their children to be considered for places at these schools, we will assess these children on behalf of the school.

**The local authority coordinates preferences on behalf of all schools.**

## Choice Advice

Choice Advice is a new service which gives free, impartial advice about schools and the admissions system and is available to parents or carers who need support in choosing or applying for schools. The Choice Adviser will be arranging drop-in and information sessions at a number of different venues and can also offer individual appointments. The Choice Adviser is based at WIRED, Unit 7, Wirral Business Park, Arrowe Brook Road, Upton, Wirral CH49 1SX. To contact the Choice Adviser please ring Angela Knox Carter on 0151 670 1500 or email [choiceadviser@wired.me.uk](mailto:choiceadviser@wired.me.uk). Further information about Choice Advice can be found at [www.wired.me.uk/parent-partnership.html](http://www.wired.me.uk/parent-partnership.html)

## Proposals to open an Academy in Birkenhead

You will be aware that there are proposals to close Rock Ferry High School and Park High School and open a new Academy in Birkenhead from January 1st 2011.

Final decisions will not be made until the autumn term, but we will keep you informed of developments. You will get the most up to date information at the Open Evenings at Rock Ferry High School and Park High School.



## Admission numbers

Each school has an admission number, which is the number of places in the year group in which children start at the school (Year 7). You will find the admission number of each school in the supplementary booklet. Pupils will be admitted up to a school's admission number.

## Considering your preferences

We will ask you to fill in a preference form and return it by 31 October 2010. On the form we will ask you to tell us what your preferences are. You can put up to five schools in the order of your preference.

If you want to give a preference for a school outside Wirral, you will need to include this as one of your preferences. We will tell other local authorities about parents' preferences for schools in their area. We will do this by 15 November 2010. If you do not fill in and return a preference form, we will assume that you do not have a particular preference. We will give your child a place at the nearest school which has places after we have met the requests of those parents who have made preferences.

Once we have received the parental preference form, we will put together a list of applicants for each Wirral school. For community schools we will put applications in order, according to our criteria, and decide whether your child is eligible for a place at any of the schools listed.

If you have given a preference for a school in another authority, that authority will tell us if they can offer your child a place in that school.

If you are successful in meeting the criteria for more than one school, we will offer you the school which you listed as the highest preference.

It can happen that all the schools marked as a preference are oversubscribed (in other words, there are more applications than places available) and it is not possible to offer a child a place at any of them. If this happens, we will give your child a place at the nearest appropriate school with a place available.

## Children who do not live in Wirral

We will consider requests from parents of children living in other authorities on the same basis as described above for all-ability and grammar schools. For all other English

authorities, if you want your child to be considered for a place in a Wirral school, you need to contact your local authority and fill in their preference form. Parents who live outside England will need to complete a Wirral Parental Preference Form.

## Reasons to refuse your preferences

If more pupils were given places at schools than the schools could cope with, clearly the quality of education for all the children would suffer and we could not allow this to happen. The law says that we can refuse to follow your preference if to do so 'would prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources'. If a school is oversubscribed (more pupils apply than there are places available), we, in the case of community schools, will use the admission criteria set out below to decide which children should get places. In the cases of the academy, foundation schools, trust schools and voluntary-aided schools, the governing bodies publish their own admission arrangements which will explain the admission criteria they use.

Even if a child has achieved the necessary standard for a grammar school, the admissions authority may still refuse to give your child a place. This will happen if the school is oversubscribed and there would be prejudice of the kind referred to in the main paragraph above.

The second reason why an admissions authority may refuse to keep to your preferences is if your child has not reached the necessary standard for a grammar school.

## Admission criteria for community schools

Applications for community schools will be dealt with in order according to the following criteria.

- a Children who are in the care of a local authority.
- b Children who have a valid medical reason for a specific placement. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence when you submit your preference form. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.

- c Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and step sisters living in the same household) on roll at the school and of statutory school age when it opens in September 2011.
- d We will then take account of where your child lives. We will give priority to those pupils who live nearest to the school. We use a computer mapping system, based on Ordnance Survey maps, to measure the distance from your home to the school gate nearest to your child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route.

## Admissions to the academy, foundation, trust and voluntary-aided schools

The admission arrangements for these schools are decided by the governing bodies and you can get them directly from the schools concerned. We will co-ordinate the preferences for those schools and the governing body will tell us which pupils they could offer places to.

## Admission to grammar schools

If you are going to apply for a place at a grammar school you must fill in an assessment request form and return it by 24 September 2010, so that we can organise the tests. (This is additional to the parental preference form).

We will carry out the assessments for the foundation and trust grammar schools. The assessments for St Anselm's College and Upton Hall School will be carried out by those schools.

The admission arrangements for all grammar schools say that children should be assessed to decide whether they have reached the necessary standard for grammar school. If more children achieve the standard than there are places available in grammar schools, other criteria are used to decide which children should receive places. You need to read the admissions policy for the school.

## Assessment arrangements for foundation and trust grammar schools

The assessment is based on the results of two verbal reasoning tests. The tests do not take into account what pupils have learnt at primary school. They have been designed to predict a pupil's potential performance at secondary school and so preparation for the verbal reasoning test, apart from the practice tests, is not necessary. However, we will provide a familiarisation pack to pupils to help them prepare for the tests.

Pupils take two verbal reasoning tests in the autumn term of the final year of primary school. So that children are not disadvantaged because of their date of birth, in each case the score is adjusted by using conversion tables to take account of each child's exact age in years and months. The two test scores are then added together.

As soon as we know the test results, we will tell primary school headteachers in confidence the scores of their pupils and the necessary score for the grammar school standard. We will invite headteachers to provide written information on behalf of any children whose test results do not, in their view, reflect the child's potential. As there is a strong relationship between verbal reasoning scores and potential, we expect these cases to be rare.

Headteachers should refer only those pupils for whom they think the test results do not reflect the child's potential.

We will then arrange a meeting of an Independent Assessment Board. The board is made up of four headteachers (two from primary schools, two from grammar schools), and is chaired by an officer from the Children and Young People's Department. None of the board will have any personal interest in any of the pupils they are asked to assess.

In some cases, parents may feel that certain factors may have affected the child's performance in the tests. If this does apply, it is important that you should tell your child's current headteacher, in writing, no later than 14 December 2010. The information will only be considered by the Independent Assessment Board if the child's case is referred to the board by the headteacher (this is confidential).

*For each child whose case is referred, the board will see:*

- the child's verbal reasoning test scores;

- the representations made by the primary school headteacher, with supporting evidence if necessary; and
- confidential information from you and reports from other professional agencies such as educational psychologists, social workers, doctors and so on which was provided to your child's headteacher no later than 14 December 2010.

The board then uses its professional judgment to decide whether the evidence clearly shows that the results of the verbal reasoning tests did not truly reflect the child's ability and whether or not it is appropriate for the child to be considered for a grammar school place.

At the end of this process, we will have a complete list of the children who are of grammar school standard. This does not necessarily mean that they will go to a grammar school - that will depend on the number of preferences that we have for the grammar schools. If a grammar school is oversubscribed, the governors have to use other criteria to decide which children should be given places.

## Late applications

We will deal with preferences we receive by 31 October 2010 according to our admission arrangements. We will deal with preferences received on or after 1 November 2010 after we have allocated places. Late testing sessions will be held **only** for applicants who were not previously able to state a preference for a grammar school.

## Allocation of places

If you are a Wirral resident we will tell you which school your child has been allocated. We will post out all letters on 1 March 2011. If you live in another authority they will tell you where your child has been allocated.

## Appeals against admission decisions

If you are not satisfied with an allocation you have the right to appeal. Appeals will be heard by an independent appeal panel whose decision is binding on us or the governing body of the school concerned.

Apart from those schools listed below, you can get further details of the appeals procedures from the Clerk to the Independent Appeals Panel, Director of Law, HR and Asset Management, Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey, CH44 8ED (phone: 0151 606 2000).

Appeals against decisions made by the governors of Birkenhead High School Academy, Calday Grange Grammar School, St Anselm's College, Upton Hall School and West Kirby Grammar School are made to a panel set up by the governors. You can get more details from the headteacher of the schools concerned.

## Waiting lists for community schools

- If places become available at schools we will re-allocate them to children whose parents have either lodged an appeal or expressed a continuing interest in a place at the school concerned.
- If you wish to register a continuing interest in a school, then you should indicate that on the reply slip attached to your allocation letter.
- If there are more children interested in a particular school than available places, we will use the same criteria to determine priorities as used for the initial allocation.
- After all appeals have been heard we will write to parents who have a continuing interest or appealed unsuccessfully, asking if they wish their child to be added to the waiting list for a particular school.

## Autumn Term - Waiting lists for community schools

- If places become available during the Autumn Term we will allocate them from the waiting list with priority given in accordance with the criteria used for the initial allocation.
- We will cease to hold the waiting list at the end of the Autumn Term.

**All other schools will have different arrangements for their waiting list and you should contact them directly for more information.**

## Timetable for admissions to secondary schools in September 2011

### September

We ask parents to tell us if they want their child to be assessed for a grammar school. We send out preference forms and information booklets on secondary education.

### October

Preference forms are returned.

### December

Verbal reasoning tests for grammar school assessments are carried out.

### January

The Independent Assessment Boards meet.

### 1 March

We post out the offer of school places.

## Admissions to schools in other local authority areas

If you want your child educated at a school maintained by another English local authority, you must name that school as one of your preferences on the Wirral Parental Preference Form. We will then send your application to the relevant local education authority. We will tell you whether your application has been successful by sending out a letter on 1 March 2011.

## Parents who live outside Wirral

If you live elsewhere in [England](#) you do not complete a Wirral preference form. If you want your child to go to a Wirral school, you must name the school on your home authority's preference form and they will send you details to us.

If you live in any other country you must complete a Wirral preference form if you want your child to go to a Wirral school.

No matter where you live, if you want your child to be assessed for a grammar school in Wirral, you must tell us by 24 September 2011.

## Transfer between schools and children moving to Wirral

If you want your child to transfer to a Wirral school you should contact the Mainstream Admission and Transport Section as soon as possible for an application form and advice about available places.

Admissions to schools other than at the normal admission age are managed in the same way as admissions at age 11. You can say which school you prefer and the admissions authority will meet that preference as long as it does not affect the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources.

You will need to read the admission policies for the schools you prefer which are included in a separate booklet. Normally it is believed to affect a pupil's interest least to transfer at the end of the school year. Before we consider a transfer request, we will expect you to have discussed this with your child's headteacher. We can often find a solution without disrupting the education of the child.

Our arrangements are that we will normally ask for a report from the headteacher of your child's current or previous school so that we have the necessary information to make a decision. If there are places available in more than one of your preferred schools, we will offer your child the highest preference possible. The Director of Children's Services will write to tell you which school your child has been allocated and giving you the right to appeal to an independent panel (as detailed previously).

## Assessment arrangements for children aged over 11

If your preference is for a grammar school, your child must achieve the standard for the school and you need to contact the school concerned to find out about their assessment arrangements.





We have no arrangements to transfer pupils from maintained secondary schools in Wirral to any independent schools.

## Fair access policy

Local authorities have a duty to ensure fair access to educational opportunity and have a key role in ensuring that school admission arrangements are lawful and comply with the mandatory provisions of the Code of Practice 2009. They must ensure that admission arrangements for school in their areas comply with all statutory requirements, are clear, objective and fair.

Full details of the fair access arrangements can be found in the Wirral secondary coordinated admission scheme on the Admissions Portal.

## The Wirral Admissions Forum

Wirral has an Admission Forum established under the School Standard and Framework Act 1998 (as amended by the Education Act 2002 and the Education and Inspections Act 2006) which meets termly to discuss the effectiveness of local admission arrangements, seeks agreements on how to deal with difficult admission issues and advise admission authorities on ways in which their arrangements can be improved.

The Forum considers a number of issues including:

- The Admission policies for schools in Wirral
- Co-ordinated admissions schemes for primary and secondary schools
- The Fair Access and Hard to Place protocols for the admission of pupils
- Schools Admissions Codes of Practice
- Objections to the Schools Adjudicator and complaints to the Local Government Ombudsman

The membership of the Admission Forum comprises of representatives from the following groups:

- Elected Council Members
- Community Primary Schools
- Community Secondary Schools
- Foundation and Trust Schools
- Academies
- Voluntary Aided Primary Schools

- Voluntary Aided Secondary Schools
- Church of England Diocese
- Roman Catholic Diocese

**All admission authorities must have regard to any advice given by the forum for their area.**

## Sixth Form provision

In Birkenhead, where the schools take pupils only up to the age of 16, sixth-form education is provided in the Birkenhead Sixth Form College. You can get details of the college's admission policy from the principal (phone: 0151 652 3359). Details of sixth-form education in other Wirral schools are included in a separate booklet.

## Transport policy

The following categories of pupils are eligible for free travel:

- 1 Pupils of parents who receive the free school meal allowance or receive the maximum level of Working Tax Credit for a journey to one of the three nearest appropriate schools between two and six miles of the home address.
- 2 Pupils whose parents are in receipt of free school meal allowance or in receipt of the maximum level of Working Tax Credit for a journey to a school based on religious preference between 2 and 15 miles of the home address.
- 3 Pupils who live more than three miles from the nearest appropriate school (two miles for children at primary school). 'Appropriate' is defined in terms of the following:
  - The academic nature of the school. For example, all-ability schools provide for children of all abilities and grammar schools for only part of the ability range. A pupil who lives within three miles of an all-ability school but who is given a place at a grammar school more than three miles from home is not eligible for free travel unless they are entitled to free travel for one of the reasons set out above.
  - The religious character of the school. For example, we will pay the cost of transport arrangements of children who

have to travel more than three miles to the nearest school of their parents' religion.

If there is no appropriate school within three miles (or two miles if the child is under eight), we will pay the cost of transport arrangements to the nearest appropriate school but not to a more distant one.

This policy also applies to the case of children who are allocated places at St Anselm's College and Upton Hall School - the nearest appropriate school means the nearest Catholic school which may be an all-ability school.

*However, we will pay the travel costs of:*

- 1 Children who are transferring to the same secondary school as older brothers or sisters whose travel costs we are already paying; and
- 2 Pupils from Sacred Heart Parish, Moreton to St Mary's College if the distance is over three miles.

We may also pay the travel costs in those cases where, because of the children's age and the nature of the available routes which they could reasonably be expected to take to school, we think it necessary to pay the travel costs. As a general guide, we will treat routes without pavements and street lighting as 'unsafe' for children.

We will pay the full cost of transport for pupils who are entitled to free travel. Only in the most exceptional circumstances will we pay the traveling costs of pupils who do not fall into the categories described before.

We will measure the distances between the child's home and the school gate nearest to the child's home by the shortest available walking route. We measure distance using a computerised mapping system. This is not to suggest that we expect children to walk that distance. It is just a way of deciding whether you should pay for the travel or whether we should pay.

## Walking to school

Before you decide on your school preferences, it is worth considering how your child will get to school.

In recent years the number of children who are driven to school has steadily increased. This contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution. Less walking and cycling to school

is affecting children's health and independence. Wirral Borough Council is committed to encouraging more children to walk or cycle to school, or catch the bus for longer distances. When deciding how your child travels to school, the following points are important to consider:

- Research has shown that children who walk to school are fitter, have better developed social skills, are more familiar with their surroundings, have better road sense and arrive at school more relaxed and ready to learn.
- Walking, cycling or using the bus reduces congestion on the road. In the school holidays, when the roads tend to be much quieter, it is clear how much rush hour traffic is school-run related.
- On average, the school run costs families over £300 a year in petrol costs and general wear and tear.
- If you are interested in walking, cycling or bus use then please speak to your child's school to find out if they already have a travel plan or other initiatives in place.

## Sustainable travel in Wirral

Wirral's commitment to sustainable travel is part of its wider transport remit as detailed in the Wirral Travel Plan, which in turn is part of the Merseyside Local Travel Plan.

In order to meet local transport needs Wirral's key priorities are:

- Schemes which increase personal and road safety; support economic regeneration; improve traffic movement and manage congestion; and help people with disabilities.
- Improving the highways infrastructure for non-motorised forms of transport, e.g. cycling and walking, and minimising vehicle emissions.
- Improving the quality of facilities to aid public transport use and increasing accessibility to services.
- Encouraging people to travel by sustainable modes, and reducing car use on the school run.
- Improving the condition of roads and pavements  
Wirral has introduced a number of measures in order to

increase the use of sustainable transport, by both it's own employees and overall population.

Further details can be found in the Wirral's Schools Sustainable Transport Strategy which is available on [www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/childrens-services/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/information-parents-and-carers/school-transport](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/childrens-services/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/information-parents-and-carers/school-transport)

## School meals

Nearly all Wirral's secondary schools have cash cafeterias providing school meals with a wide variety of choice.

Free school meals are available if the parent or guardian is in receipt of Income Support OR Income-based Jobseekers Allowance OR Employment & Support Allowance - Income Related OR Guaranteed Pension Credit OR Child Tax Credit with a total annual taxable income of LESS than £16190 but NOT receiving Working Tax Credit.

You can get more details and application forms from any Wirral One Stop Shop or telephone 0151 666 4325.

## Education Maintenance Allowances (EMAs)

Education Maintenance Allowances are available to students in Years 12 to 14. The amount of the allowance depends on their parents' income. The weekly payments of up to £30 are intended to help cover the day-to-day costs of staying on at school or college. There are also bonus payments of £100 if students stay on their course and make good progress with their learning. You can get more details from your school or college, or ring the EMA helpline on 0808 121 8989.

## Special educational needs

Most children with special needs are educated in mainstream schools with support provided by the school itself. However, some children have special educational needs for whom we have to make special arrangements. Schools, the Special Education Support Service, the health authorities and other organisations work closely to recognise and provide for children's special needs.

We have produced a plan for developing special educational needs in Wirral. The plan emphasises the need for early action to help children with special needs and sets out

ways in which more children with special needs can be taught in mainstream schools. You can get a copy of the plan from us or from any school.

You can get information about any special school from the school in question or from the Special Education and Transport Section in the Children and Young People's Department (phone: 0151 606 2000).

In a very small number of cases, we will agree to a child receiving home tuition. This is normally following a medical recommendation. We always consider using this service as a final option and only if a child cannot physically get to school. We believe that, wherever possible, a child should be educated in a school environment.

Some pupils may need to go to a special school which we do not maintain. This may be a residential school. We do not have any residential special schools, but we do use several suitable local authority and independent schools mainly in nearby counties. We review a child's progress in this kind of school regularly.

If you think that your child may have special educational needs, you can get advice and more information from the headteacher of your child's present school or from the Special Education and Transport Section in the Children and Young People's Department (phone: 0151 606 2000).

## Equal opportunities

We believe that all people are equal, whatever their sex, racial or cultural background, religious beliefs, disability or sexuality. We do our best to make sure that the services we provide, and how we employ people, do not discriminate against anyone. We have adopted an action programme to stamp out unfair discrimination, encourage positive action to overcome the effects of past discrimination and remove barriers to equal access.

However, we do respect the right of governing bodies of voluntary-aided schools to recruit staff of a particular religion in line with the school's beliefs, and to give priority in admissions to children from that religion.

## Transport to special schools and classes

We will pay the travel costs going to special school or special class or base in a mainstream school as long as it is the nearest appropriate school to the child's home. 'Appropriate' is defined

as ‘appropriate to meet the special educational needs of the child as shown in the child’s statement’.

*We will pay the costs of the travel in one of the following ways:*

- a If the pupil can travel by public transport, we will provide a travel pass.
- b If not, we will arrange travel on vehicles we own or those contracted to us. If necessary, because of the nature of your child’s age or special needs, there will be an escort on these journeys.

We do not provide transport to Wirral Hospitals School unless your child has a statement of special educational needs which names the school or there are special reasons. In exceptional circumstances, the Director of Children’s Services can also agree to pay the travel costs of children with statements of special educational needs going to mainstream schools. For example, this could apply to a severe medical or physical disability, where the child’s level of mobility would prevent him or her from traveling to school independently.

## Special education support service

This service is made up of:

- Educational psychologists
- Medical/physical disabilities team
- Social and communications difficulties team
- Sensory Inclusion Service

The service offers assessment, advice and support for pupils who have or may have special educational needs. Members of the service offer advice about a pupil’s educational needs to us, as well as to headteachers, class teachers, you and other professional colleagues who may be involved.

*You can get further information from:*

Head of Special Education Support Service  
Town Hall, Civic Way  
Bebington, Wirral CH63 7PT  
Phone 0151 643 7070

## SEN Partnership

The Parent Partnership Service is delivered by a charitable organisation which is independent of the local authority and which gives neutral independent advice and support to parents whose children have special educational needs and/or disabilities. The service is flexible and aims to work in a flexible manner, parents can self refer. It is based at WIRED, Unit 7, Wirral Business Park, Arrowe Brook Road, Upton, Wirral CH49 1SX (phone: 0151 670 1500). Further information can be found at [www.wired.me.uk/parent-partnership.html](http://www.wired.me.uk/parent-partnership.html)

## The school curriculum

All pupils under 16 in Wirral secondary schools study the National Curriculum as part of the whole curriculum decided by individual schools.

*The National Curriculum covers the following subject areas for pupils aged 11 to 14.*

English	Geography
Maths	Art
Design Technology	History
Science	Physical Education
Music	Citizenship
Foreign Language	ICT

Pupils can study extra subjects from the options available in each school.

Pupils are assessed at the ages 7, 11, 14 and 16, and you can see reports on progress within the subject areas following these assessments.

*The National Curriculum for 14 to 16 year-old pupils includes the following subjects.*

English	Science
Maths	Physical Education

All pupils also study religious education unless parents ask for them to be withdrawn from lessons. You can get further details about the National Curriculum from the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, 129 Bolton Street, London, W1Y 7PD. Individual schools may organise their teaching in different ways, and headteachers are happy to discuss their own school's approach to you.

## Sex and relationship education

The sex and relationship education policy in every school is the responsibility of the governing body, but we have produced guidelines on the subject which governing bodies will find helpful. You can ask us for a copy.

Secondary schools must provide sex and relationship education. It must include teaching about AIDS, HIV and other sexually-transmitted infections, and be given in a way which encourages pupils to consider moral issues and the value of family life. The detailed content and nature of sex education is for schools to decide. Parents may request a copy of the school sex and relationship policy and may choose to withdraw their children from all or part of sex education.

## Extended health services

Health Service in Schools are funded by NHS Wirral and hosted by Wirral secondary schools following consultation with governing bodies, parent groups and pupils. Each participating school will have an open access drop-in clinic, usually once a week, normally staffed by a professional team of nurses and youth workers. Pupils will be able to speak privately about any issue relating to their health and well-being and will be encouraged at all times to tell parents and carers of their visit and involve them in their concerns. Pupils will also be advised that confidentiality cannot be maintained if their safety could be affected.

## Religious education

Religious education in Wirral is taught in community, foundation and trust schools according to an agreed syllabus. This syllabus is produced by the Wirral Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education. You can get a copy from schools or direct from us. Religious education at voluntary-

aided schools is the responsibility of the governing body and will be taught according to the school's trust deed.

## Careers education

All schools must provide a programme of careers education, and an appropriate range of careers information, for pupils during Years 7 to 11. They must also give pupils at key decision-making points during their education access to careers officers (see section on Connexions on page 20).

## Entry arrangements for public examinations

Headteachers of secondary schools may enter pupils for external exams if they feel that the exam is relevant to the child's education and the pupil is considered to have a reasonable chance of success. Exam entry fees are paid for out of schools' budgets although you may be charged under certain circumstances (see our policy on charging on page 19).

## Music

There are opportunities within schools for children to learn musical instruments or have voice lessons provided by the Wirral Schools' Service in groups of up to four.

The centres provide string, orchestral, wind and brass groups as well as theory and aural tuition. Pupils can audition to become members of the Wirral Schools' Choir, the Wirral Schools' Orchestra, Wirral Schools' Big Band, Wirral Schools' Concert Band and Wirral Schools' Brass Band. There are also similar groups at a higher level. These groups regularly go on concert tours abroad and are involved with regional and national festivals of music.

You will be charged a small amount for lessons and the associated activities. You can get financial support if you receive Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Jobseekers Allowance or Disabled Person's Tax Credit. You can get further details about tuition, the music centres and our ensembles from the Music Service (Phone: 0151 488 7690). Music is a very popular subject at GCSE and A Level.

## Physical education

Physical education is taught to all pupils in Key Stages 1 to 4. A varied programme of physical education is offered. Swimming is taught mainly in primary schools, with games, gymnastics, dance and athletics being the main activities in Key Stages 1, 2 and 3.

Outdoor education, involving academic subjects as well as physical education, features in many schools. This programme receives added support through Oaklands, our outdoor education centre in North Wales. A primary-school camp is also organised each year.

From Year 10 onwards pupils can extend their interest in physical education by studying for GCSE, A Level and Junior Sports Leadership Awards.

Pupils also have the chance to get involved in health related exercise programmes, reflecting a more personalised attitude to physical education.

The reputation of school sport in Wirral continues to be of a high standard. By working closely together with the Sports Development Unit, all pupils - whatever their age, sex or ability - are encouraged to make the best use of their talents and interests to joining after-school clubs.

## Complaints about the curriculum

We have a procedure for complaints about the curriculum. We can settle most complaints quickly and informally at school level. The complaints procedure exists from those parents who want to follow up a complaint using more formal channels. You can get a copy of the complaints procedure from school or direct from the Management Information Section in the Children and Young People's Department (phone: 0151 606 2000).

## Charging for school activities

Our policy on charging for school activities for schools we maintain is set out below:

- 1 We back the principles that education in maintained schools should be free and that no pupil's education should be affected by his or her parents' unwillingness or inability to pay or contribute towards the cost of the pupils' education.
- 2 Pupils should not have to pay for any materials, books, instruments or other equipment which they use in connection with education provided during the school hours. However, schools may charge for, or ask for ingredients or materials for, practical subjects where parents have said that they want to own the finished product.
- 3 We charge for instrumental music tuition in groups of up to four.
- 4 We will not charge for any activity taking place in school time. However, schools may make charges to cover the costs of board and lodging on residential trips. They will not charge for board and lodging if you receive Income Support or Working Tax Credit for any part of the period when the activity takes place.
- 5 Schools will not charge for staff or material costs at residential centres. They cannot charge for travel to and from outdoor centres if the visit takes place during school hours. However, they can charge for travel if the visit is an optional extra. Schools will charge for board and lodging at our Centre (Oaklands) but we will pay a grant if you receive Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Disability Working Allowance or Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance when the visit takes place.
- 6 Schools will not charge for entry fees for prescribed public examinations for which registered pupils have been prepared at school. However, they will make charges in the following circumstances:
  - For examinations for which the pupil has not been prepared at school.
  - For examinations for which are not prescribed by the Department of Children, Schools and Families.
  - If the preparation provided by the school allows a pupil to enter two or more examinations, you will be charged the cost of your child sitting the second and further examinations. If fees vary, you will be charged for the higher fees.
  - If a pupil fails to complete all the examination requirements without good reason and so is ungraded in the examination, we will not refund any charges.

- 7 For activities defined as optional extras under the terms of the Education Act 1996, governors may cover the costs of board and lodging, travel, materials, books or other equipment, entrance fees, teaching and non-teaching staff and any other costs for providing the activity.
- 8 For travelling costs arising out of work experience placements, schools may ask parents to meet those expenses and governing bodies should decide whether, and in what circumstances, to refund them.
- 9 The amount of charge allowed by the Education Act 1996 and the decision whether to refund any charge is decided by the governors if the cost of any of the optional extras or the board and lodgings is paid for by the governors, and in any other case by us.
- 10 If charges (for example, for board and lodging) are to be refunded, the costs will be paid for out of school funds.

## Educational Social Welfare Service

Wirral Educational Social Welfare Service offers qualified social work to support parents in their legal duty to make sure that their children go to school.

They do this through a number of interventions which involve working with schools, families and other agencies. The strategies used include one-to-one support and group work with children and parents tackling the sometimes complicated issues behind children not going to school.

Education social workers are concerned that every child receives full-time education, and try to provide support so that children can benefit from the education facilities we provide. They act as a link between home, school and the Children and Young People's Department.

As well as its responsibilities in relation to school attendance, the Service also has responsibilities for Children Educated at Home, Traveller Children, Children Missing from Education, Child Employment and children involved in performances and entertainment. The Service also has close links with schools and other agencies involved in managing child-protection issues.

Wirral Educational Social Welfare Services has two teams, one for the north and one for the south of the borough, and a number of projects currently working in primary schools, secondary schools and in the community.

*You can get further information from:*

Head of Service  
Town Hall  
Civic Way  
Bebington  
CH63 7PT  
Phone: 0151 643 7373

## Connexions services

Greater Merseyside Connexions Service is a free and confidential service offering access to unbiased information, advice, guidance and support to all young people aged 13 to 19 in the Wirral area (up to 25 for young people with special educational needs).

Personal advisers from the Connexions Service can provide information on education, employment and training opportunities. They can also support young people to tackle any barriers that may be preventing them from achieving their full potential.

Personal advisers from the Connexions Service are available in every school in the Wirral area to help young people:

- review their skills and achievements;
- talk about their career interests;
- tackle any barriers to progression; and
- make the best choices to meet their abilities, needs and ambitions.

Personal advisers are also available at the four Wirral Connexions Centres below and through outreach work in local communities.

The Education Business Partnership for Wirral is delivered through the Connexions Service, based at Bebington Connexions Centre and co-ordinates work-related activities between schools and local businesses including:

- work experience;
- professional development activities for teachers; and
- preparation for work, for example, mock interviews.

**For more information on any of our services, please contact us at your local Connexions Centre.**

**Bebington Connexions Centre**

41/43 Bebington Road  
New Ferry  
Wirral  
CH62 5BE  
Phone: 0151 472 4600

**Birkenhead Connexions Centre**

Conway Building  
Conway Street  
Birkenhead  
Wirral  
CH41 6JD  
Phone: 0151 666 4385

**Wallasey Connexions Centre**

Liscard Municipal Buildings  
52 Seaview Road  
Wallasey  
Wirral  
CH45 4FY  
Phone: 0151 638 5625

**West Kirby Connexions Centre**

Grange Road  
West Kirby  
Wirral  
CH48 4EG  
Phone: 0151 471 6020

## Youth Service

Wirral Youth Service provide opportunities for young people aged 13 to 25.

In the area of outreach, detached and centre-based work, the service runs:

- outreach or detached projects and has four mobile units (Kontaktabuses) which help to deliver this work;
- 12 youth clubs;
- two special-needs youth clubs; and
- a Duke of Edinburgh Award Open Centre.

*The Curriculum Development Service provides:*

- Response (a support, advice and information service);
- Duke of Edinburgh Award delivery support and co-ordination, and outdoor education opportunities;
- international youth work opportunities and support for young people with special needs;
- Wirral Youth Theatre and Youth Arts;
- training and curriculum support; and
- the Senior Member Training Programme.

*Over the past few years, the Youth Service has supported schools through:*

- referrals to the Response agency for counselling, housing and benefit advice, support work and the Substance Misuse Service;
- offering young people access to a variety of opportunities to be involved in decision making such as Annual Youth Voice Conference, Youth Parliament, United Kingdom Youth Parliament and Executive Youth Board;
- young people's involvement in the youth service curriculum, covering areas such as health, international exchanges, outdoor activities and creative arts; and
- workshops in schools covering a variety of topics, such as self-esteem, anger management, substance misuse and avoiding homelessness.

## Play Service

The Play Service provides six all year round open access play settings for children 5 - 14 years at various local community venues. The Play Service also works in conjunction with the voluntary play sector through Wirral Play Council to deliver a comprehensive summer programme consisting of 25 summer holiday play schemes. It provides an outreach play service, Community Play Rangers and Play Practitioner project. There is also a specific play facility for children with special needs.

In each play setting, children engage in freely chosen play opportunities which help them to develop essential life skills.

The Playwork approach is sometimes one of low intervention and high response. This style of working aims to support, rather than direct children in their play. Playworkers endeavour to facilitate an environment based on children's wants and need, which stimulates their creativity whilst maximising their potential.

Open access play provision can provide positive ways to work with children and play workers, offer children support, practical help and opportunities for social and personal development.

## Glossary of terms used in the booklet

### Academy

An Academy is a publicly funded independent school.

### Admissions authority

The body that decides the order that children should be considered for places at the school. In the case of community and voluntary controlled schools it is the Local Authority; in the case of academies, foundation trusts and voluntary-aided schools, it is the governing body.

### Admissions criteria

When a school has more applications than places, applications are matched against a list of criteria and ranked accordingly. These criteria are agreed by the Local Authority for community schools and by the governing body for voluntary-aided schools.

### Admission number

This is the maximum number of pupils that a school is required to admit into each year group. The number is agreed as part of a school's admission arrangements and is determined with regard to a Net Capacity Assessment (calculated on a formula from the DCSF) based on the space available and use of resources. All schools must offer places up to the admission number if there is sufficient demand.

### Common Application Form (CAF)

The application form with which to apply for a place in a Wirral school.

### Community School

A school which the Local Authority maintains from public funds. It is managed locally by the headteacher and governors in collaboration with the Local Authority.

### D for E

The government department with responsibility for children's services, families, schools and 14-19 education.

### Denominational

Relating to a particular religion.

### Foundation School

Foundation schools are non-denominational schools where the governors are responsible for the admission arrangements.

### Maintained Schools

A school funded by the local authority. Maintained schools can be community schools, voluntary-aided schools (generally church schools), voluntary controlled schools (generally founded as church schools and which may or may not be denominational).

### Trust School

A trust school is simply a foundation school with a foundation that forges a long-term sustainable relationship with external partners to create a new source of dynamism and to help raise standards.

### Voluntary Aided School

The governors of voluntary-aided schools are responsible for their own admission arrangements.

## Term and holiday schedule for the academic year 2011/2012

### Community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

			Number of days open	
			*T	**P
<b>AUTUMN TERM 2011</b>				
Open	(Teachers)	Friday 2 September		
	(Pupils)	Monday 5 September		
Close		Friday 21 October	(36)	(35)
HALF-TERM: MONDAY 24 OCTOBER - FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER				
Open		Monday 31 October		
Close		Friday 16 December	(35)	(35)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY : MONDAY 19 DECEMBER - MONDAY 2 JANUARY				
<b>SPRING TERM 2011</b>				
Open		Tuesday 3 January		
Close		Friday 18 February	(29)	(29)
HALF-TERM: MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY				
Open		Monday 20 February		
Close		Friday 30 March	(30)	(30)
EASTER HOLIDAY: MONDAY 2 APRIL - FRIDAY 13 APRIL				
<b>SUMMER TERM 2012</b>				
Open		Monday 16 April		
Close		Friday 1 June	(34)	(34)
HALF-TERM: MONDAY 4 JUNE - FRIDAY 8 JUNE				
Open		Monday 11 June		
Close		Friday 20 July	(30)	(30)
<b>Total no. of school days</b>			<b>194</b>	<b>193</b>

\*T Teachers

\*\*P Pupils

## List of Secondary Schools

### **Bebington High Sports College**

Higher Bebington Road, Bebington, Wirral CH63 2PS  
Phone: **0151 645 4154**  
Fax: **0151 643 8065**  
Email: [schooloffice@bebingtonhigh.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@bebingtonhigh.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Birkenhead High School Academy**

86 Devonshire Road, Birkenhead, Wirral CH43 1TY  
Phone: **0151 642 5777**  
Email: [AdmissionsSec@birkhs.gdst.net](mailto:AdmissionsSec@birkhs.gdst.net)

### **Calday Grange Grammar School**

Grammar School Lane, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 8GG  
Phone: **0151 625 2727**  
Fax: **0151 625 9851**  
Email: [theschool@calday.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:theschool@calday.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Hilbre High School Humanities College**

Frankby Road, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 6EQ  
Phone: **0151 625 5996**  
Fax: **0151 625 3697**  
Email: [schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Mosslands School**

Mosslands Drive, Wallasey, Wirral CH45 8PJ  
Phone: **0151 638 8131**  
Fax: **0151 639 1317**  
Email: [admin@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Oldershaw School**

Valkyrie Road, Wallasey, Wirral CH45 4RJ  
Phone: **0151 638 2800**  
Fax: **0151 201 4532**  
Email: [schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Park High School**

Park Road South, Birkenhead, Wirral CH43 4UY  
Phone: **0151 652 1574**  
Fax: **0151 653 6760**  
Email: [schooloffice@parkhigh.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@parkhigh.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Pensby High School for Boys**

Irby Road, Heswall, Wirral CH61 6XN  
Phone: **0151 648 2111**  
Fax: **0151 648 3128**  
Email: [schooloffice@pensbysportscollege.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@pensbysportscollege.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Pensby High School for Girls (Specialist College)**

Irby Road, Heswall, Wirral CH61 6XN  
Phone: **0151 648 1941**  
Fax: **0151 648 8103**  
Email: [schooloffice@pensbyhigh.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@pensbyhigh.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Prenton High School for Girls**

Hesketh Avenue, Prenton, Wirral CH42 6RR  
Phone: **0151 644 8113**  
Fax: **0151 643 9588**  
Email: [admin@prentonhigh.com](mailto:admin@prentonhigh.com)

### **Ridgeway High School**

Noctorum Avenue, Prenton, Wirral CH43 9EB  
Phone: **0151 678 3322**  
Fax: **0151 678 6571**  
Email: [schooloffice@ridgeway.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@ridgeway.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Rock Ferry High School**

Ravenswood Avenue, Rock Ferry, Wirral CH42 4NY  
Phone: **0151 645 6917**  
Fax: **0151 643 1236**  
Email: [schooloffice@rockferryhigh.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@rockferryhigh.wirral.sch.uk)

### **St Anselm's College**

Manor Hill, Claughton, Wirral CH43 1UQ  
Phone: **0151 652 1408**  
Fax: **0151 652 1957**  
Email: [headmaster@st-anselms.com](mailto:headmaster@st-anselms.com)

### **St John Plessington Catholic College**

Old Chester Road, Bebington, Wirral CH63 7LF  
Phone: **0151 645 5049**  
Fax: **0151 643 1516**  
Email: [schooloffice@plessington.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@plessington.wirral.sch.uk)

### **St Mary's Catholic Aided College**

Wallasey Village, Wallasey, Wirral CH45 3LN  
Phone: **0151 639 7531**  
Fax: **0151 691 1452**  
Email: [schooloffice@stmaryscollege.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@stmaryscollege.wirral.sch.uk)

### **South Wirral High School**

Plymyard Avenue, Eastham, Wirral CH62 8EH  
Phone: **0151 327 3213**  
Fax: **0151 327 7798**  
Email: [schooloffice@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Upton Hall School (FCJ)**

Moreton Road, Upton, Wirral CH49 6LJ  
Phone: **0151 677 7696**  
Fax: **0151 677 6868**  
Email: [uhs@uptonhall.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:uhs@uptonhall.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Wallasey School**

Birket Avenue, Moreton, Wirral CH46 1RB  
Phone: **0151 677 7825**  
Fax: **0151 605 0238**  
Email: [office@wallasey.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:office@wallasey.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Weatherhead High School**

Breck Road, Wallasey, Wirral CH44 3HS  
Phone: **0151 631 4400**  
Fax: **0151 637 1805**  
Email: [schooloffice@weatherhead.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@weatherhead.wirral.sch.uk)

### **West Kirby Grammar School**

Graham Road, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 5DP  
Phone: **0151 632 3449**  
Fax: **0151 632 1224**  
Email: [schooloffice@westkirby-grammar.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@westkirby-grammar.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Wirral Grammar School for Boys**

Cross Lane, Bebington, Wirral CH63 3AQ  
Phone: **0151 644 0908**  
Fax: **0151 643 8317**  
Email: [schooloffice@wirralgrammarboys.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@wirralgrammarboys.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Wirral Grammar School for Girls**

Heath Road, Bebington, Wirral CH63 3AF  
Phone: **0151 644 8282**  
Fax: **0151 643 1332**  
Email: [schooloffice@wirralgrammar-girls.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@wirralgrammar-girls.wirral.sch.uk)

### **Woodchurch High School**

Carr Bridge Road, Woodchurch, Wirral CH49 7NG  
Phone: **0151 677 5257**  
Fax: **0151 678 1906**  
Email: [schooloffice@woodchurch-high.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@woodchurch-high.wirral.sch.uk)

## Special schools and resourced provision

### Moderate learning difficulty

#### **Bebington High Sports College**

Headteacher: **Mr B Jordan BSc NPQH**  
Phone: **0151 645 4154**  
Email: [schooloffice@bebingtonhigh.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@bebingtonhigh.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age Range: **11 to 18**

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#### **Clare Mount School**

Headteacher: **Mrs S Allen**  
Phone: **0151 606 9440 or 0151 606 0274**  
Email: [schooloffice@claremount.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@claremount.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age Range: **11 to 19** Places: **220**

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#### **Hilbre High School Humanities College**

Headteacher: **Ms J Levenson BEd (Hons)**  
Phone: **0151 625 5996**  
Email: [schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk)

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#### **Oldershaw School**

Headteacher: **Mr S J Peach**  
Phone: **0151 638 2800**  
Email: [schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk)

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#### **Wallasey School**

Headteacher: **Mr P Duffy BEd**  
Phone: **0151 677 7825**  
Email: [office@wallasey.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:office@wallasey.wirral.sch.uk)

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### Complex learning difficulty

#### **Foxfield School**

Headteacher: **Mr A Baird BEd**  
Phone: **0151 677 8555**  
Email: [schooloffice@foxfield.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@foxfield.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age Range: **11 to 19** Places: **125**

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#### **Meadowside School**

Headteacher: **Ms P Wareing**  
Phone: **0151 678 7711**  
Email: [schooloffice@meadowside.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@meadowside.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age Range: **11 to 19** Places: **75**

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### Emotional and behavioural difficulty

#### **Kilgarth School**

Headteacher: **Miss J Dawson BEd**  
Phone: **0151 652 8071**  
Email: [schooloffice@kilgarth.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@kilgarth.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age Range: **11 to 16** Places: **50**

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#### **The Observatory School**

Headteacher: **Ms S Riley**  
Phone: **0151 652 7093**  
Email: [schooloffice@theobservatoryschool.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@theobservatoryschool.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age Range: **10 to 16** Places: **40**

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### Physical and mental health

#### **Wirral Hospitals School and Home Education Service**

Headteacher: **Mr D Kitchen**  
Phone: **0151 488 8342**  
Email: [schooloffice@wirralhospitals-school.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@wirralhospitals-school.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age Range: **2 to 19** Places: **100**

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### Emotional and specific learning difficulty

#### **Sanderling & Ravenswood (at Rock Ferry High School)**

Headteacher: **Mrs K Burke (Acting)**  
Phone: **0151 645 6917**  
Email: [schooloffice@rockferryhigh.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@rockferryhigh.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age Range: **11 to 16** Places: **40**

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### Asperger's Syndrome

#### **Hilbre High School Humanities College**

Headteacher: **Ms J Levenson BEd (Hons)**  
Phone: **0151 625 5996**  
Email: [schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk)

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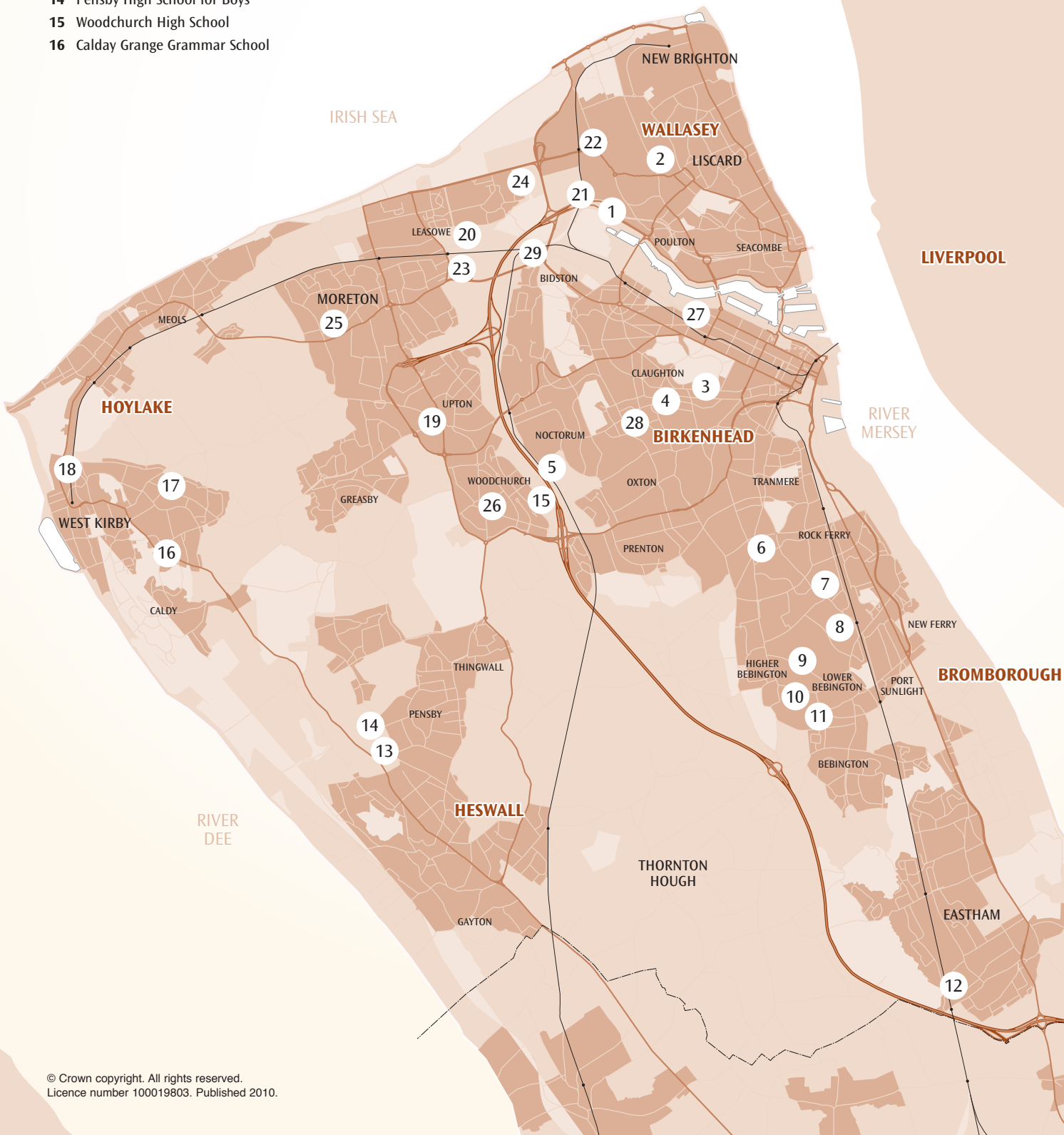
#### **Woodchurch High School**

Headteacher: **Mrs R Phillips**  
Phone: **0151 677 5257**  
Email: [schooloffice@woodchurch-high.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@woodchurch-high.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age Range: **11 to 16** Places: **15**

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# Map of Wirral secondary schools

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| 1 Weatherhead High School              | 17 Hilbre High School Humanities College               |
| 2 Oldershaw School                     | 18 West Kirby Grammar School                           |
| 3 Park High School                     | 19 Upton Hall School                                   |
| 4 St Anselm's College                  | 20 Wallasey School                                     |
| 5 Ridgeway High School                 | 21 Mosslands School                                    |
| 6 Prenton High School for Girls        | 22 St Mary's Catholic College                          |
| 7 Rock Ferry High School               | 23 Clare Mount School                                  |
| 8 St John Plessington Catholic College | 24 Wirral Hospital School and Pupil Access and Support |
| 9 Bebington High School                | 25 Foxfield School                                     |
| 10 Wirral Grammar School for Boys      | 26 Meadowside School                                   |
| 11 Wirral Grammar School for Girls     | 27 Kilgarth School                                     |
| 12 South Wirral High School            | 28 Birkenhead High School Academy                      |
| 13 Pensby High School for Girls        | 29 The Observatory School                              |
| 14 Pensby High School for Boys         |  |
| 15 Woodchurch High School              |  |
| 16 Calday Grange Grammar School        |  |



# Parents' questionnaire

Secondary Education in Wirral 2011-2012

Information for parents

We would like you to comment on the style and layout of this booklet 'Information for parents'.

## How did you get this booklet?

From a primary school

From a secondary school's open day or evening

From the Children and Young People's Department

From an information office or one stop shop

Other *(Please give details.)*

## Did you find the layout easy to follow?

Yes

No

If 'No', what do you think we should change?

## Does the information answer all or most of your questions?

Yes

No

If 'No', what do you think we should include?

## Did you know that you could read this booklet on our website ([www.wirral.gov.uk](http://www.wirral.gov.uk))?

Yes

No

Do you have any other comments to make about the booklet?

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. Please hand it in at any primary school or send it directly to Children and Young People's Department, Hamilton Building, Conway Street, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH41 4FD.

## Useful websites and phone numbers

**ACE** (Advisory Centre for Education)  
Phone: 0808 800 5793  
[www.ace-ed.org.uk](http://www.ace-ed.org.uk)

**Childcare link**  
[www.childcarelink.gov.uk](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk)

**D for E**  
[www.parentcentre.gov.uk](http://www.parentcentre.gov.uk)

**Secondary League Tables**  
Phone: 0800 24 23 22

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

**Wirral Parent Partnership**  
[www.wired.me.uk/parent-partnership.html](http://www.wired.me.uk/parent-partnership.html)

**Wirral Learning Grid**  
[www.wirral-abc.gov.uk](http://www.wirral-abc.gov.uk)

**Wirral Website**  
[www.wirral.gov.uk](http://www.wirral.gov.uk)

**Admissions Portal**  
[www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

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