



Admissions Policy

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Admissions Policy

Please note, Stamford Park Primary School follows Trafford Council's Admission Policy and process. The following content is taken directly from the Trafford Council website.

If you live in Trafford and your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, they are eligible to start school from 1 September 2027.

You must apply to Trafford for all your preferred schools, including schools in other local authority areas. We work with other areas to make sure each child is only offered a place at one school.

If you only apply directly to a school, your application will not be considered. If you want to apply for a nursery place, contact the school directly.

Key Dates

15 January 2027 - Closing date for applications

16 April 2027 - National offer day, where all applicants receive their offer of a place

May 2027 - Review of allocation of vacancies

Catchment areas

Most schools in Trafford have a catchment area, where resident children are given priority over other children.

We recommend you apply for your catchment area school, even as your last preference.

If you live in the catchment area for more than one school, we recommend including them all in your list. This will not stop you from being offered a place at the school you have listed higher, but it will increase your chance of being offered a local place.

If your child lives in another local authority you can still apply for Trafford schools, but you must apply through your own home local authority where you pay your Council Tax.

All applications must be made through the [Application Portal](#).

Compulsory school age

Most children start in reception class in the September after their fourth birthday. If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, they are eligible to start school from 1 September 2027.

The latest they may start is when they reach compulsory school age. A child reaches compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their fifth birthday (or on his or her fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 December, 31 March and 31 August.

Allocation of places

Each school has a fixed number of places. If applications exceed the number of places available, the school is oversubscribed and applies its oversubscription criteria to decide who gets a place. This criteria is applied both during the initial allocation and also in the review process.

Special educational needs and disability (SEND)

- Children with an EHC plan

If your child already has an education, health, and care (EHC) plan with a named provision, there is a different process for starting primary school. Ask your SENAS practitioner or your SENCO for more information about this.

- Children without an EHC plan

If your child has additional needs but does not have an EHC plan, you must apply to Trafford Council for your mainstream school place. This includes children receiving SEN Support and those going through the EHC needs assessment process.

It may be useful to visit your local mainstream schools to consider which would best meet your child's needs. Each school has a SEND report on its website to help with your decision.

Applying for a Place

All applications should be made through the [Application Portal](#) by the deadline of 15 January 2027.

Once you have submitted your application, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive an email, call [0161 912 5007](tel:01619125007) or email school.admissions@trafford.gov.uk

You will be advised of the outcome of your application on the 16 April 2027.

Admission Arrangements

The admission arrangements for September 2027 can be found [here](#).