



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 2021 and 31 August 2022, they are eligible to start school from 1 September 2026. You must apply to us 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 one place. If you want to apply for a nursery place, contact the school/s direct.

The closing date for primary school applications is 15 January 2026.

Catchment areas

Most Trafford schools and academies have a catchment area. These schools give priority to the children that live in their catchment area. Faith schools may also have a catchment area, usually based on the local parish, but catchment area priority is only usually given to children that meet the faith criteria.

You can apply for any schools you want but your catchment area school is the school where you will have the highest priority. It is important that you know what catchment area you live in and include that school (or schools) in your application. Your catchment area can be found using the [search facility](#).

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 2021 and 31 August 2022, they are eligible to start school from 1 September 2026.

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.

Key dates

- 15 January 2026 - Closing date for applications
- 16 April 2026 - National offer day where all applicants receive their offer of a place
- May 2026 - Review of allocation of vacancies

Allocation of places

Each school has a set number of places to allocate. If more people apply than the number of places available, it is oversubscribed. When this happens, the school uses the oversubscription criteria to decide who gets a place. This is the case for places in the initial allocation and also in the review process.

Special educational needs and disability (SEND)

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. You can find more information about this process from your SENAS practitioner or your SENCO.

If your child has SEND but does not have an EHC plan, you must apply to us for your mainstream school place. This includes children in receipt of SEN Support and those going through the EHC needs assessment process.

It may be useful to arrange visits to your local mainstream schools to consider which would be the best environment to meet your child's needs. Each school has a SEND report which is on their website which may help you with your decision.

All applications should be made through the [Trafford Application Portal](#) by the deadline of 15 January 2026.

You will be advised of the outcome of your application on the 16 April 2026. You may choose to decline this place if at this point a different provision has been named on your child's EHC plan.

There is no guarantee that you will obtain a place at your preferred school/s as places are allocated in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria. Social and medical needs cannot be taken into consideration unless they are part of the school's oversubscription criteria.

Admission Arrangements

The admission arrangements for September 2026 can be found [here](#).