

Donnington Wood CE Junior School

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Wednesday, 09 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Secondary School Applications – September 2027 Entry

We are **exceptionally proud of how maturely our Year 6 children have returned to school**. They have settled back in extremely well and are already rising to the challenges and expectations of Year 6 with confidence, enthusiasm and a very positive attitude. It has been wonderful to see them embracing their responsibilities as the oldest pupils in school.



As part of this important year, families will also begin preparing for the next exciting stage in their child's education: the move from primary to secondary school. If your child was born between **1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016**, you must apply for a secondary school place by:

Saturday 31 October 2026

This deadline also applies to children who have an **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)**. Parents and carers are strongly advised to **apply for four local secondary schools**, including your nearest or catchment area school. Applying for four schools gives you the best opportunity of being offered one of your preferred choices.



You can use the **Telford & Wrekin Catchment Area School Finder Tool** to check which secondary schools are your nearest or catchment schools. Before submitting your application, we strongly encourage families to attend school open days and evenings and to read the **Guide to Secondary School Admissions 2027/28**. This booklet contains important information about individual schools, open events, the application process and how school places are allocated.

Getting to school

Please also consider carefully how your child will travel to and from their chosen secondary school before submitting your preferences.

Most children attend a local secondary school. If you choose a school further away from your home, you may need to make and fund your own travel arrangements.

Some children may be eligible for **school travel assistance**. For example, your child may qualify if they attend their nearest suitable secondary school and it is more than three miles from



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their home. Further information and eligibility criteria can be found on the Telford & Wrekin School Travel Assistance website.

How to apply

Applications for most secondary schools should be completed and submitted using the **Telford & Wrekin Council online secondary school application form**.

Please be aware that some schools have additional or different application requirements:

- **Haberdashers' Adams and Newport Girls' High School:** Families wishing to apply to these selective grammar schools needed to register separately for the entrance test by **26 June 2026**, as well as naming the school on the council application. The entrance test will take place on **14 September 2026**.
- **Thomas Telford School:** Applications must be made **directly to the school by 21 September 2026**. Thomas Telford School should **not** be included as one of the preferences on the council's online application form.
- **Madeley Academy:** Applicants will be invited to attend a **non-verbal reasoning assessment in November 2026**.
- **Holy Trinity Academy and other faith schools:** You may also need to complete a **Supplementary Information Form**. These forms are normally available from the individual school's website and should be returned directly to the school. You must still list the school as one of your preferences on the council's online application form.

Please check the admissions arrangements for each school you are considering, as some schools may have additional requirements or forms to complete.

Important dates

14 September 2026 – Entrance test for Haberdashers' Adams and Newport Girls' High School

21 September 2026 – Thomas Telford School application deadline

19 October 2026, from 2:00pm – School drop-in session for support with completing the online application

31 October 2026 – Closing date for secondary school applications

November 2026 – Madeley Academy non-verbal reasoning assessments

15 February 2027 – Children with an EHCP will receive their final plan naming their secondary school

1 March 2027 – **Secondary National Offer Day**

Parents and carers who submit their application by **31 October 2026** will receive an email with the outcome of their application on **1 March 2027**.

Please make every effort to submit your application on time. **Late applications will only be considered after National Offer Day and after all applications received by the deadline have been considered.**

Support with your application

We understand that completing the online application can sometimes feel daunting. We will therefore be offering a **drop-in support session on Monday 19 October from 2:00pm onwards** for any parents or carers who would like help completing and submitting their secondary school application online. Please feel free to come along if you need any support with the process.

Further information

We strongly encourage all families to research their preferred schools carefully, attend open events where possible, check any school-specific admissions requirements and complete their application well before the **31 October 2026 deadline**.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Fox
Headteacher

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School	Open Mornings/Days	Open Evenings
Burton Borough School www.burtonborough.org.uk Email: burton.borough@taw.org.uk Tel: 01952 951408	Thursday 1 and Friday 2 October 9am – 11am Booking only - see website for details	Wednesday 30 September 5pm – 8pm. Booking via school website
Charlton School www.charlton.uk.com Email: charlton@lct.education Tel: 01952 386800	Thursday 8 October. Tours 9.20am & 11.40am Book via school reception	Thursday 8 October 5pm – 8pm.
Ercall Wood Academy www.ercallwood.lct.education Email: admin@ercallwood.co.uk Tel: 01952 387300	30 September and 1 & 2 October. Tours at 9am, 10am, 11am & 11:40am Book via school reception.	Thursday 1 October 6pm – 8pm.
Haberdashers' Abraham Darby haberdashersabrahamdarby.co.uk Email: mandie.rowson@taw.org.uk Tel: 01952 386000	Tours available w/c 5 & 12 October 3:15pm. Please contact school for further information	Thursday 1 October 6pm – 8.30pm
Haberdashers' Adams www.adamsgs.uk Email: reception@adamsgs.uk Tel: 01952 953810	Open week 19/01/2027 – 23/01/2027. Further information is available on the school website.	N/A
Hadley Learning Community Secondary hadleylearningcommunity.org.uk Email: hlcadmin@lct.education Tel: 01952 951411	Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd October 9am – 10:30am Booking by appointment	Thursday 24th September 5pm – 8pm
Holy Trinity Academy www.holytrinity.academy Email: enquiries@holyltrinity.academy Tel: 01952 386100	N/A	Tuesday 6 October 3pm - 5pm
Madeley Academy www.madeleyacademy.com Tel: 01952 527700 Admission Enquiries to Rhys Hall	N/A	Monday 5 October Head teacher presentations at 5.15pm and 6pm
New Road Academy https://newroad.lct.education Tel: 01952 951412	Thursday 8 October By booking only	Wednesday 7 October 5pm – 7.30pm
Newport Girls' High School www.nghs.org.uk Email: admissions@nghs.org.uk Tel: 01952 797500	N/A	Tuesday 24 March 4.30 – 7pm. Book online via school website from February 2027.
The Telford Langley School www.telfordlangleyschool.co.uk Email: info@telfordlangleyschool.co.uk Tel: 01952 386700	Tours to be booked via School website.	Wednesday 7 October 5.30pm – 8pm.
Telford Park School www.telfordparkschool.co.uk Email: TPStransition@aatrust.co.uk Tel: 01952 387400	N/A	Monday 12 October 5pm - 8pm.