

Working Together for Wirral's Children

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020



TIMETABLE

31st MAY **Deadline** for 11+ assessment requests

1st SEPTEMBER On-line application system goes live
Preference forms and booklets available

10th SEPTEMBER Upton Hall test

16th SEPTEMBER 11+ assessments

21st SEPTEMBER St Anselms test

OCTOBER Independent Assessment Board

20 OCTOBER Results to parents by this date

31 OCTOBER **Deadline** for preference forms

1 MARCH 2020 **ALLOCATION DAY**

15th March 2020 Parents to return reply slips

Appeals

Applying on-line

- www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions from 1st September

Why apply on-line?

- It is quick, easy and secure.
- Apply from home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (from 1st September).
- You can apply from a computer, smartphone or tablet with internet access.
- No risk your application will be lost in the post.
- You receive an email confirming that your application has been submitted and received.
- The system has a series of security features that will prevent others from seeing your information.
- **You receive your offer by e-mail on allocation day.**

Will secondary schools know what rank I have put them down?

NO. Schools are not sent the actual preference forms.

They are sent:

Child's name, address, date of birth, current school, siblings and faith information (if relevant)

Schools are not told in what order their school has been put down as a preference.

Application form

- <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-primary-or-secondary-school-place#wgSM-3>

Admission Policies

[**https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/schools%20and%20learning/School%20admissions/Secondary%20Admissions%20Policies%202018-2019.pdf**](https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/schools%20and%20learning/School%20admissions/Secondary%20Admissions%20Policies%202018-2019.pdf)

CO-ORDINATION

If you live in Wirral but want a school place in another local authority (LA), you must apply through Wirral as your home LA (either on-line or paper).

Parents who don't live in Wirral, but want to apply for a Wirral school, must apply through their home LA.

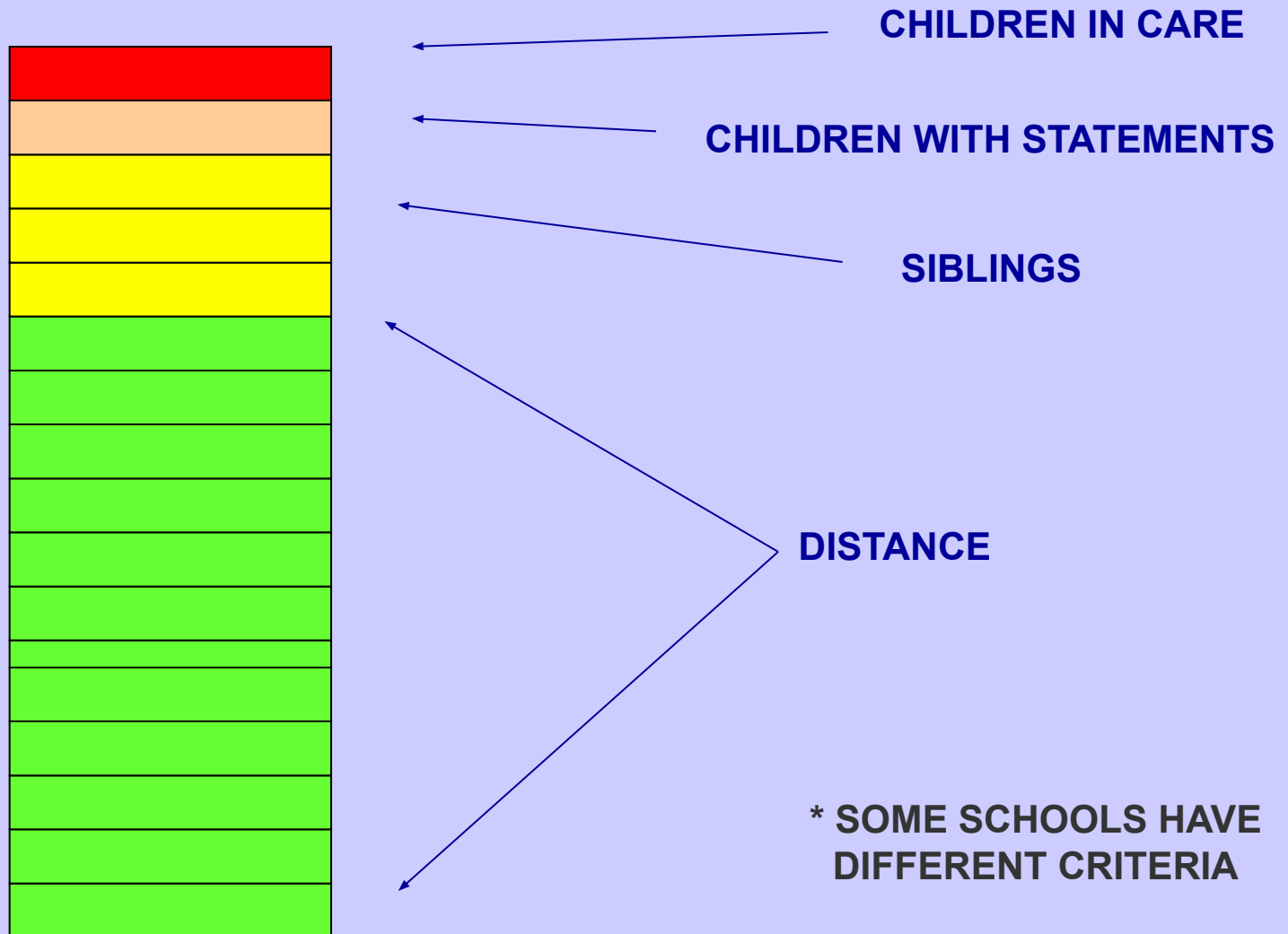
There will be a single offer of a secondary school place.

Parents will be informed of their outcome of their applications by their home LA, not by the LA where the school is located.

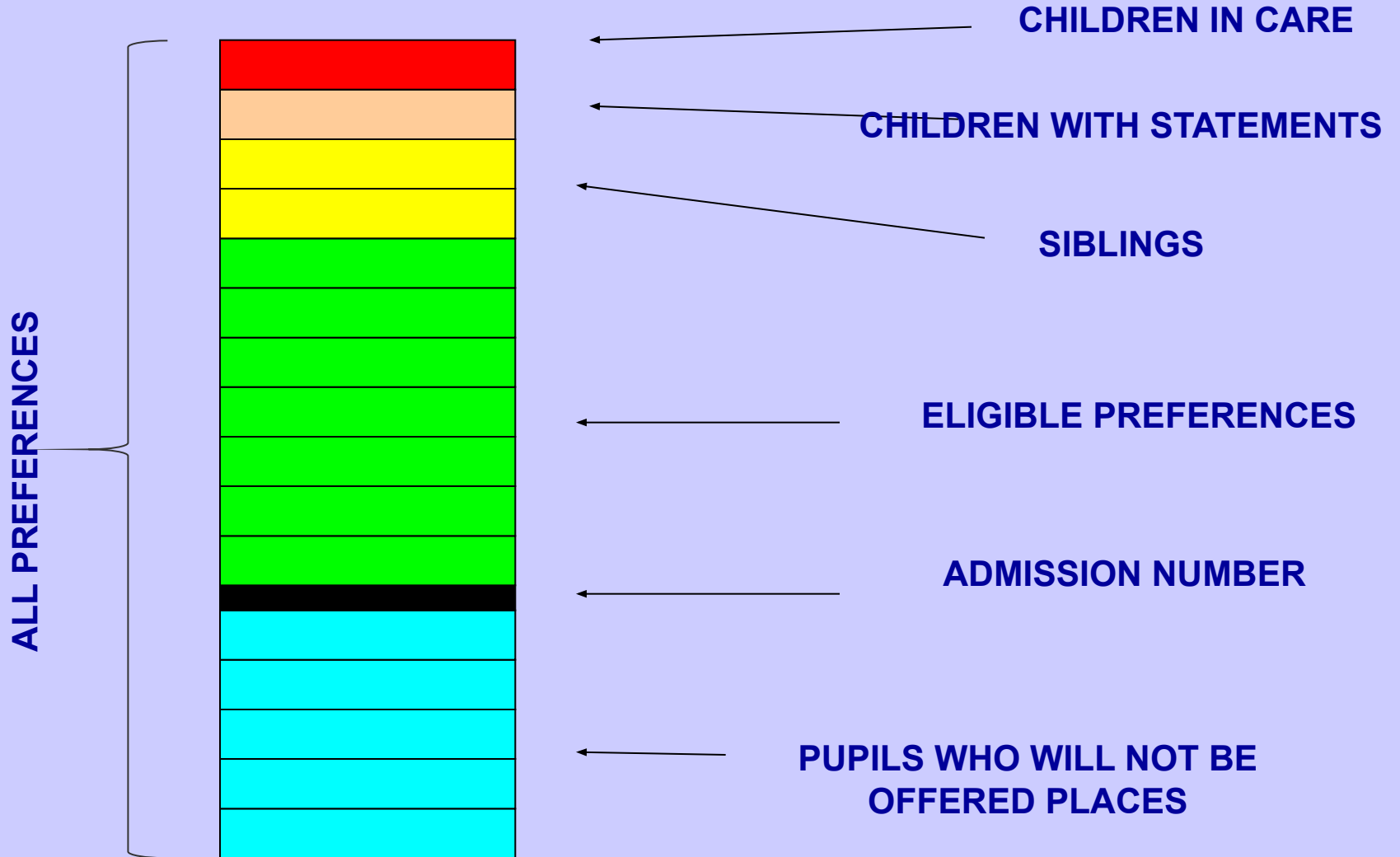
WHAT HAPPENS TO MY PREFERENCES?

THE LA, OR THE SCHOOLS*, DRAW UP A “STACK” OF APPLICANTS PUTTING THEM IN ORDER USING THE OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOOL

- CHILDREN IN CARE, STATEMENTED CHILDREN, SIBLINGS AND DISTANCE

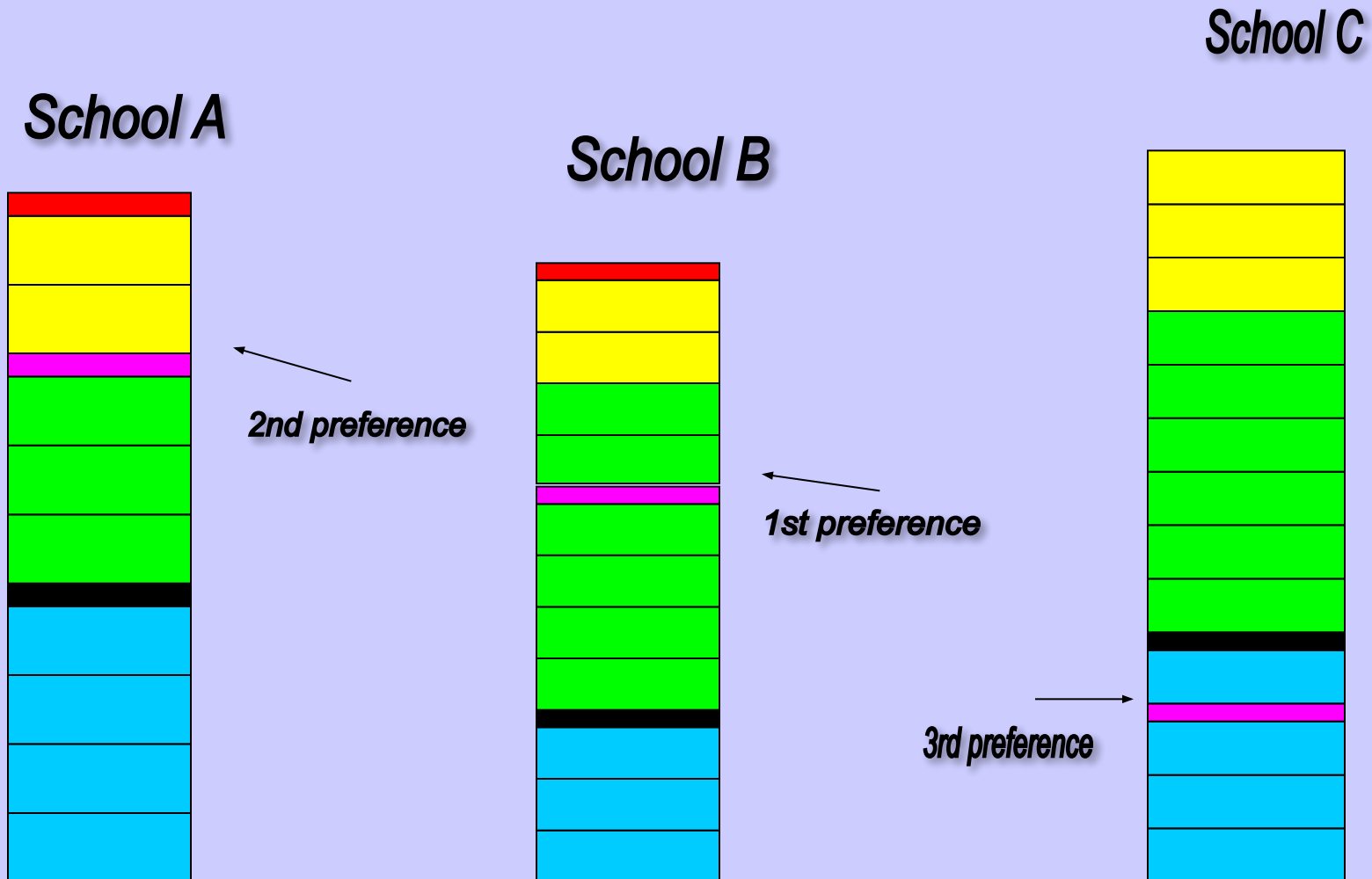


THE ADMISSION NUMBER IS APPLIED TO DETERMINE WHO IS OFFERED A PLACE



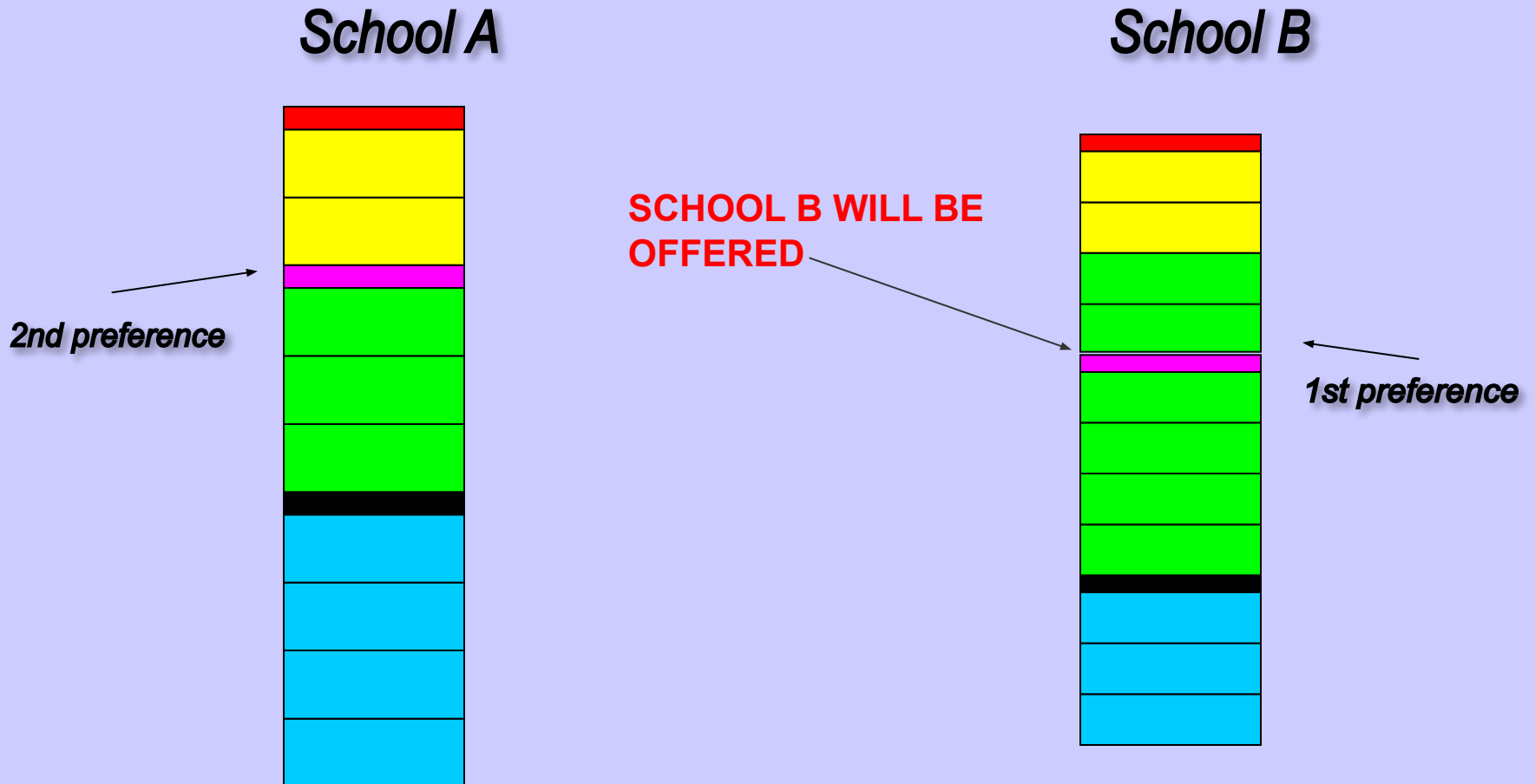
WHAT DOES EQUAL PREFERENCES MEAN?

THIS MEANS THAT WE GIVE EQUAL VALUE TO ALL PREFERENCES WHEN DRAWING UP THE STACKS AND ONLY LATER ON WILL THE ORDER OF YOUR PREFERENCES BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.



IS THE ORDER OF MY PREFERENCES IMPORTANT?

YES IT IS, BECAUSE IF WE CAN OFFER YOUR CHILD A PLACE AT MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL, THEN WE WILL ALLOCATE A PLACE AT THE SCHOOL YOU NAME AS THE HIGHEST PREFERENCE.



National Allocation Day is 1st March 2020

- **On-line applicants will be sent an e-mail from the LA on this day.**
- **Paper applicants will be posted an offer letter from the LA on this day (2nd class post only).**
- **The offer will come from the home LA and will be the highest preference that can be allocated.**
- **Each child will only get one offer of a place.**
- **After 1st March parents can appeal in writing to an independent panel for a place at another school.**

For more information

- Go online to

www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions

- Take advantage of the Open Days and Evenings

School	Open event	Contact
Caldy Grammar	30/04/19	0151 625 2727
West Kirby	Last weekend	0151 632 3449
St Anslems	26/06/19 @ 5.00 – 8.00pm	0151 652 1957
Hibre	12/9/19 @ 5.30 – 8.30pm 22/9/19 @ 9.30 – 11am	0151 625 5996
Pensby	Eve 10/10/19 @ 6.00 – 8.30pm Day 14/10/19 @ 9.30 – 12	0151 342 0570
Weatherhead	TBC please check website	0151 631 4400
Ridgeway	TBC please check website – will be in Sept	0151 678 3322
Mosslands	TBC please check website	0151 638 8131
Birkenhead Girls Academy	1/10/19 @ 6.00 – 8.30pm	0151 652 5777
Prenton Girls	TBC please check website	0151 644 8113
Woodchurch		0151 677 5257
Oldershaw	TBC please check website	0151 638 2800
Upton Girls	20/6/19 @ 5.30 – 8pm	0151 677 7696

Non-Catholic 11+ tests

- Parents advised their child's test venue in August
- Two multiple choice tests of 45-50 minutes each
- Tests taken on the same day with a short break between
- Mixture of verbal, non-verbal and maths questions on both tests
- Sections are timed using an audio CD
- Pencil and eraser only equipment needed
- Exam conditions apply – no mobile phones or other electronic devices allowed
- Tests are marked centrally by an independent body, not by the test venue
- Parents cannot see test papers or answer sheets
- **CEM practice materials - downloadable**

11+ tests and applying for a place

- Selective test results are sent to parents by 21st October.
- **All parents must submit a preference application by 31st October to be on-time.**
- **If their child has not reached the standard**, parents should not give the grammar school as a preference as it will be withdrawn.
- Parents of **children who miss the test date** must still apply by 31st October – if they do not reach the standard then the highest non-grammar preference becomes the highest preference.
- Parents of children who have not reached the standard can submit a written appeal after 1st March if they wish to do so.
- **Please think carefully about whether your child is an appropriate candid**

Upton Hall Dates

DATE	ACTIVITY
20 June 2019	Summer Open Evening, 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
8 July 2019	Deadline for submission of Upton Hall School FCJ Application Forms to the school
End of August 2019	Letter sent to parents of applicants with Entrance Examination arrangements
9 September 2019	Year 6 pupils sit Upton Hall School FCJ Entrance Examination
12 September 2019	Year 6 pupils sit Upton Hall School FCJ Entrance Examination This is for those who missed the previous date through illness and any additional candidates who could not be accommodated on Monday. On this date, candidates with a special need will be accommodated in suitable and separate accommodation
19 September 2019	Autumn Open Evening, 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
By 18 October 2019	Results of Upton Hall School FCJ Entrance Examination posted to parents of applicants
31 October 2019	Deadline for submitting Preference Form to the LA
1 March 2020	Allocation Day

St. Anselm's

- Online registration now open
- <https://www.st-anselms.com/214/2019-entrance-examination-registration-for-entrance-into-year-7-in-2020>
- School contacts parents in September regarding testing arrangements
- September – examination day
- Results sent to parents by 21st October