

Working Together for Wirral's Children

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021



Children & Young People's Department

TIMETABLE

31st MAY

Deadline for 11+ assessment requests

1st SEPTEMBER

On-line application system goes live

Preference forms and booklets available

5th September

Upton Hall assessment

16th September

St Anselm's assessment date

21st September

Selective assessment date

10th October

Birkenhead High School banding assessment

21st October

Assessment outcome to parents

31st October

Deadline for preference forms

1 MARCH 2021

ALLOCATION DAY

15th March 2021

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://emsonline.wirral.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login

Admission Policies

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/Housing/information%20and%20advice/Secondary%20admissions%20policies%202020-2021.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.

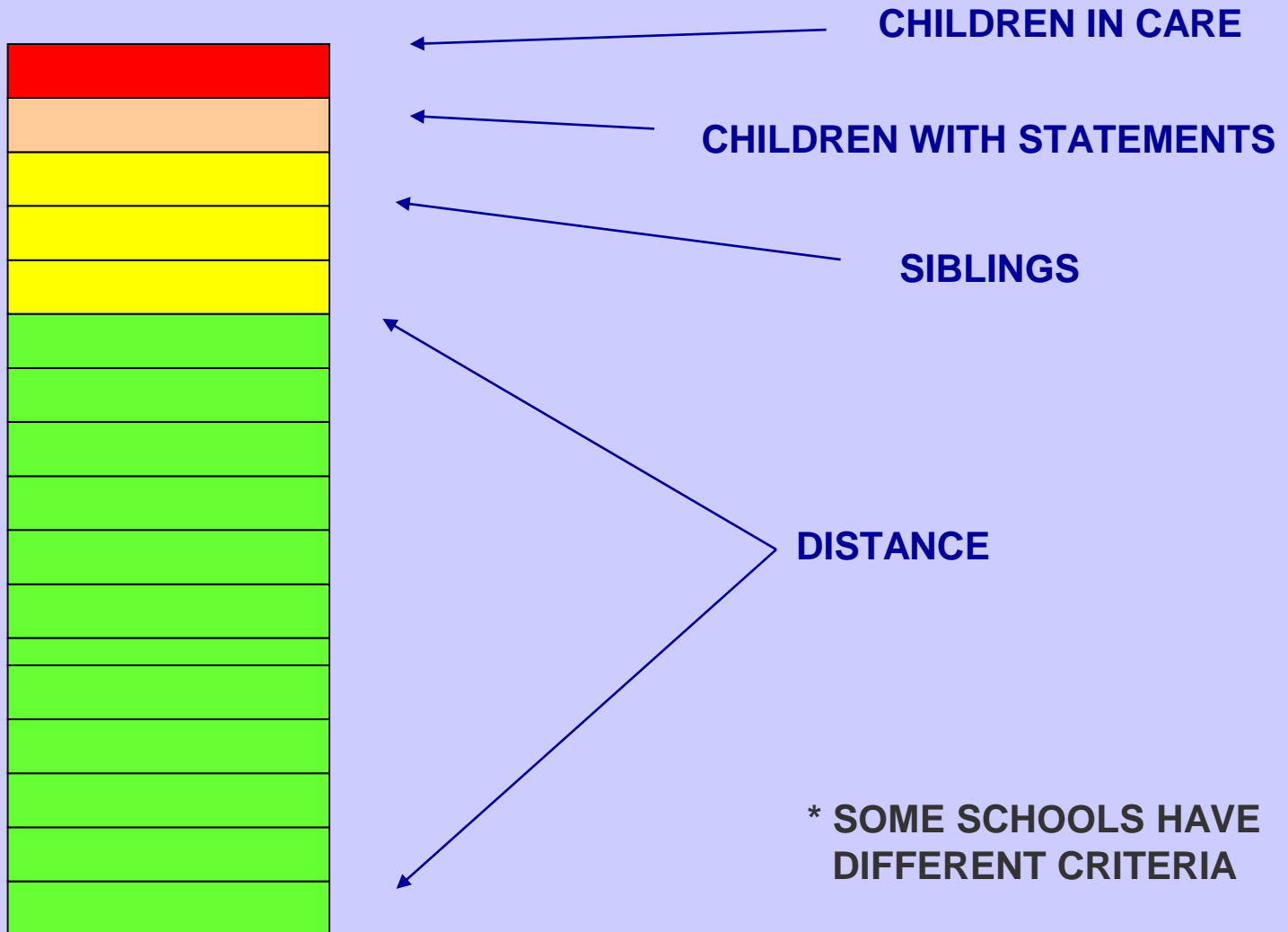
There will be a single offer of a secondary school place.

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

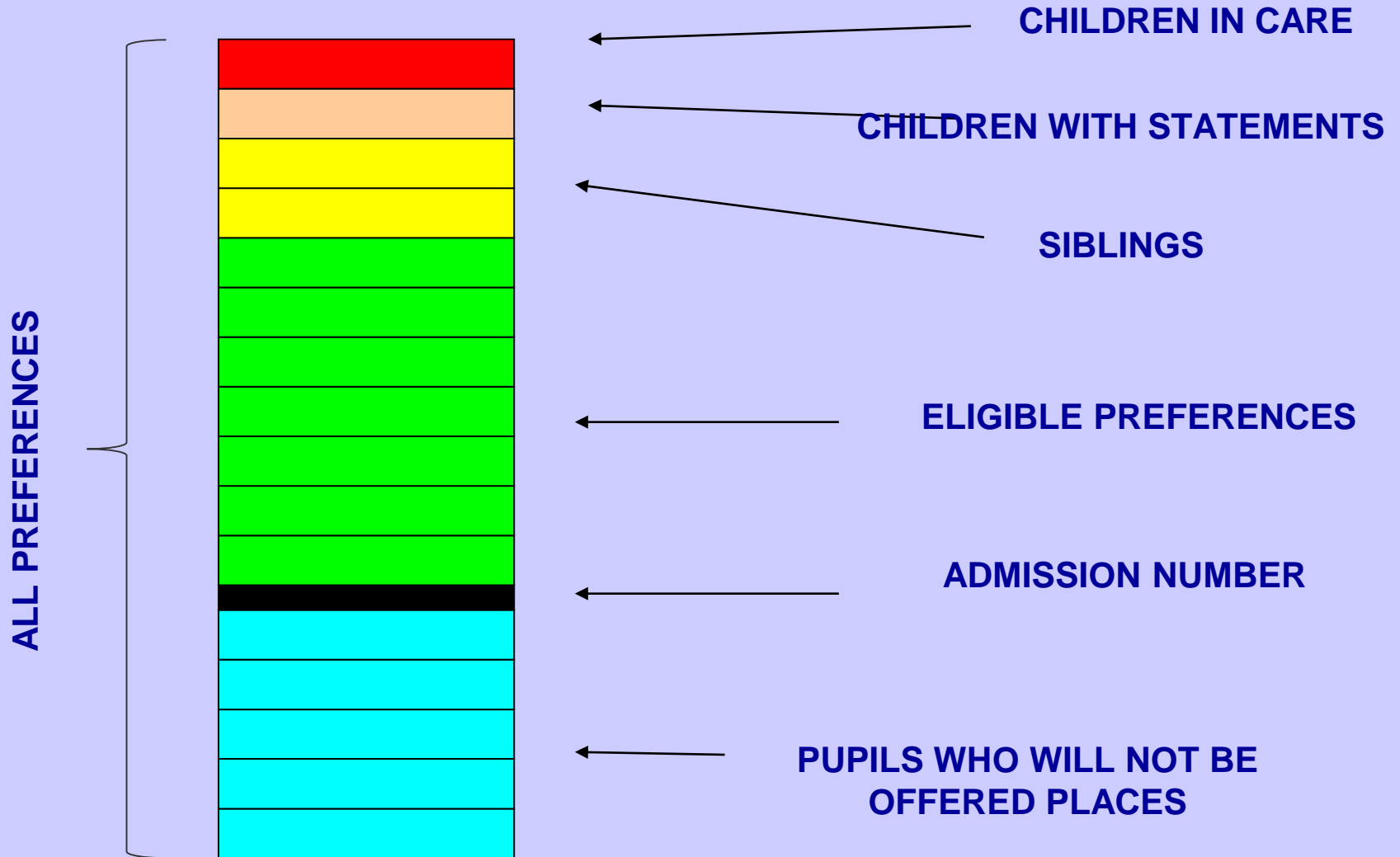
WHAT HAPPENS TO MY PREFERENCES?

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

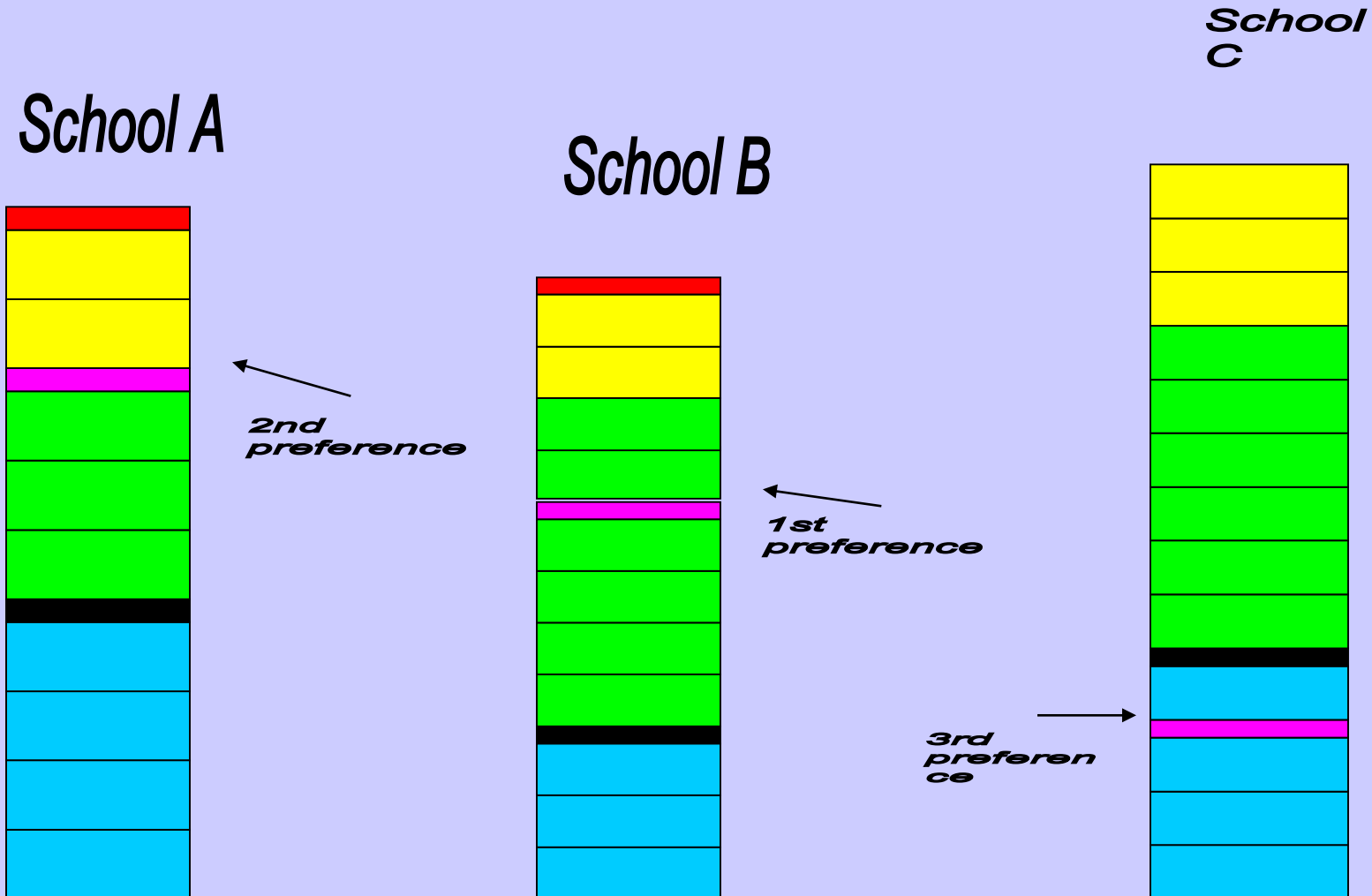


THE ADMISSION NUMBER IS APPLIED TO DETERMINE WHO IS OFFERED A PLACE



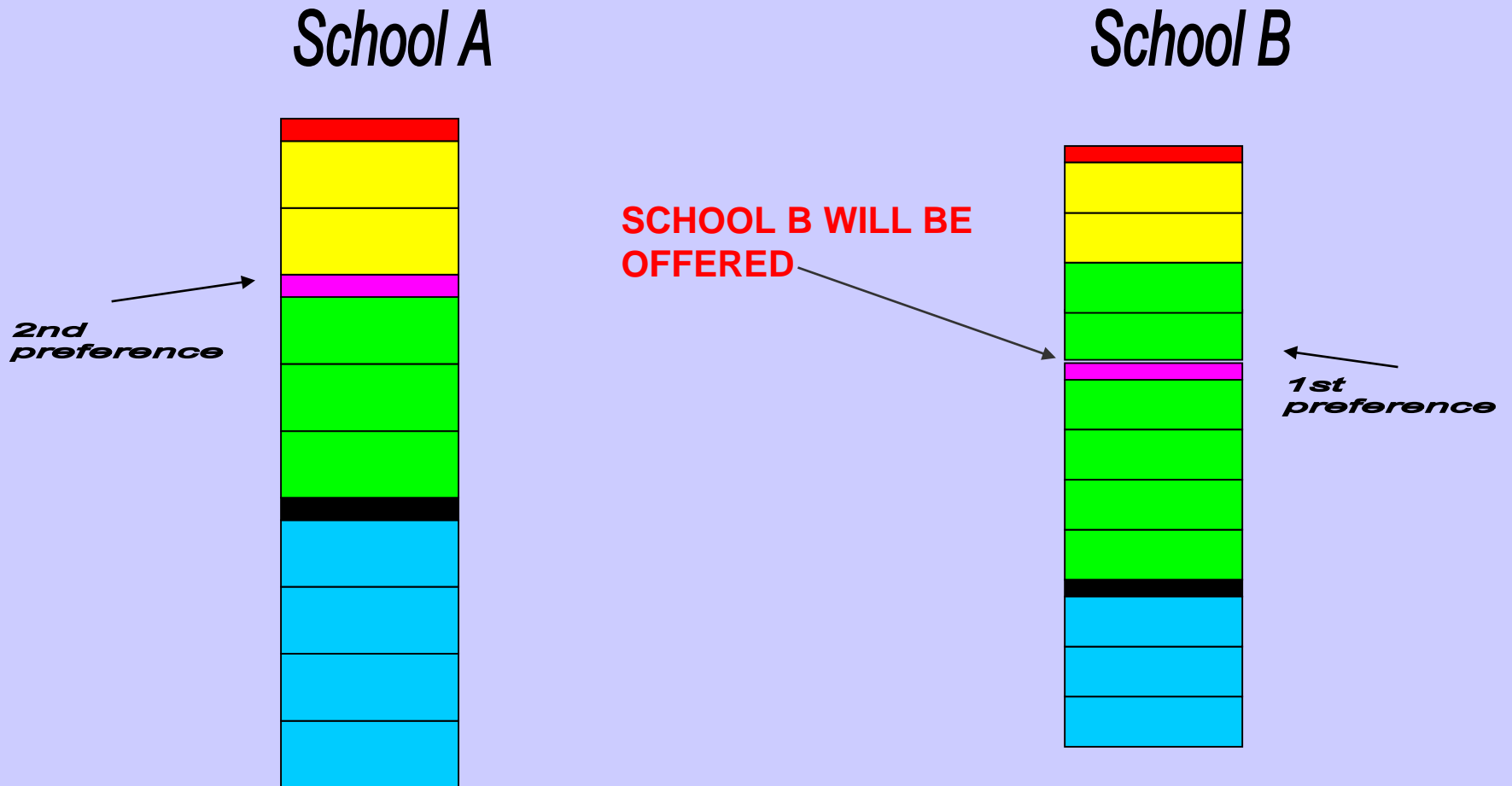
WHAT DOES EQUAL PREFERENCES MEAN?

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
- Make sure you look at secondary school websites for information and to find out what they can offer you
- secondaryplaces@wirral.gov.uk.

Secondary schools would usually hold open evenings and days during June/July and September/October - these are subject to change due to COVID19.

QUESTIONS

Published assessment dates are currently intended to go ahead as planned. However, changes might be needed in order to comply with Public Health England guidance, including social distancing.

Non-Catholic 11+ tests

https://my.wirral.gov.uk/service/11_Plus_assessment_application_form

- 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
- **GL practice materials - downloadable**
- <https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/11plus-series-11-plus-practice-papers/11plus-familiarisation-materials/>

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**

