

APPENDIX 2

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CHILDREN SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Consultation Document

On

Admission rules for community and voluntary controlled co-educational and single sex schools for the school year 2005-2006 (except Tring).

Admissions rules for Tring voluntary controlled co-educational school for the school year 2005-2006.

Text in bold italics indicates proposed changes to the rules.

Text in italics clarifies how the rule is applied.

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The rules proposed for community and voluntary controlled co-educational schools (except Tring) are as follows:

1. Children who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs which names the school.
2. **Children for whom it can be demonstrated** that they have a particular medical or social reason for attending the school, and those who are in public care.
A panel of officers will determine whether the evidence provided is sufficiently compelling to meet the requirements for this rule.
3. Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of application.
A sibling means the sister, brother, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or child of the parent or partner living in the same house.
4. Children of staff permanently employed at the school where the Local Authority has determined, having regard to the wishes of the Governing Body, that this is necessary to reduce recruitment and/or retention difficulties.
“Children” means children by blood or by marriage, or the child of a partner living in the same house.
5. Children who live in the priority area for the school and who demonstrate an aptitude in the area of the school’s specialism (with those demonstrating the greatest aptitude being given priority). This rule applies to 10% of places in those schools determined by the LEA having regard to the wishes of their Governing Bodies. **This rule will not be applied to any community or voluntary controlled school this year.**
6. Children who live in the priority area and who would have further to travel to another maintained non-faith co-educational school than the one applied for. Where more children qualify under this rule than there are places available, places will be allocated to those who live nearest to the school.
These will be measured using ‘the shortest designated route’ which is the shortest public route with a proper surface (for example, tarmac or concrete).
7. Children who live in the priority area who live closest to the school.
8. Children who live outside the priority area and who would have further to travel to another maintained non-faith co-educational school than the one applied for. Where more children qualify under this rule than there are places available, places will be allocated to those who live nearest the school.
9. Children living outside the priority area who live closest to the school.

We apply these rules in the order they are printed above. If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, we use a tiebreak for those children.

Priority Areas

The co-educational priority areas in the admission rules are based on the following towns and parishes (*parish boundaries are as of 1st April 2003*). These apply to Rules 5 to 7.

Hitchin (For Priory School)

Hexton, Hitchin, Holwell, Ickleford, Langley, Letchworth, Lilley, Offley, Pirton, Preston, St. Ippolyts, Wymondley.

Letchworth (for Fearnhill and Highfield Schools)

Baldock and surrounding villages (for Knights Templar School)

Ashwell, Baldock, Bygrave, Caldecote, Clothall, Hinxworth, Newnham, Radwell, Rushden, Sandon, Wallington. Weston

Buntingford, Puckeridge and Royston (for Edwinstree, Freeman College, Greneway, Meridian, Ralph Sadleir and Roysia Schools)

Anstey, Ardley, Aspenden, Barkway, Barley, Braughing, Brent Pelham, Buckland, Buntingford, Cottered, Great Munden, Hormead, Kelshall, Meesden, Nuthampstead, Reed, Royston, Standon, Therfield, Westmill, Wyddial.

Stevenage (for Barclay, Barnwell, Collenswood, Heathcote, Marriotts, Nobel and Thomas Alleyne Schools)

Aston, Benington, Datchworth, Graveley, Knebworth, Walkern, Stevenage.

Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Berkhamsted, Tring, Garston, Watford, Chorleywood and Rickmansworth (for Adeyfield, Astley Cooper, Bridgewater, Cavendish, Francis Combe, Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Longdean and Westfield Schools).

Abbots Langley, Aldbury, Berkhamsted, Bovingdon, Chipperfield, Chorleywood, Croxley Green, Flaunden, Great Gaddesden, Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Little Gaddesden, Maple Cross, Nash Mills, Nettleden with Potten End, Northchurch, Northwood, Pinner, Rickmansworth, Sarratt, Tring, Tring Rural, Watford, Watford Rural, Wigginton.

Harpenden and St. Albans (for Beaumont, Roundwood Park, Sandringham, and Sir John Lawes Schools)

Ayot St. Lawrence, Colney Heath, Flamstead, Harpenden, Harpenden Rural, Kimpton, King's Walden, London Colney, Markyate, Redbourn, Ridge, Sandridge, St. Michael, St. Pauls Walden, St. Stephens, St. Albans, Shenley, Wheathampstead.

Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield, Potters Bar and Brookmans Park (for Monks Walk, Onslow St. Audreys, Sir Fredric Obsborn and Stanborough Schools)

Ayot St. Peter, Codicote, Essenden, Hatfield, North Mymms, Potters Bar, Welwyn Garden City, Welwyn, Woolmer Green.

Ware and Hertford (for Chauncy, Sele and Simon Balle Schools)

Bayford, Bengoe Rural, Bramfield, Brickendon Liberty, Great Amwell, Hertford, Hertford Heath, Hertingfordbury, Hunsdon, Little Berkhamsted, Little Munden, Sacombe, Stanstead St. Margarets, Stapleford, Tewin, Thundridge, Ware, Wareside, Watton-at-Stone, Widford.

Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth (for Birchwood High School)

Albury, Birchanger, Bishop's Stortford, Eastwick, Elsenham, Furneux Pelham, Gilston, Great Hallingbury, High Wych, Little Hadham, Little Hallingbury, Much Hadham, Sawbridgeworth, Sheering, Stocking Pelham, Thorley.

Borehamwood and Bushey (for Hertwood School)

Aldenham, Bushey, Elstree and Borehamwood.

Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, Turnford and Cheshunt (for Broxbourne, Sheredes and Turnford Schools)

Broxbourne, Cheshunt, Hoddesdon, Nazeing, Northaw & Cuffley, Stanstead Abbots, Waltham Cross.

The rules for Tring voluntary controlled co-educational school are as follows:

1. Children who must go to Tring School because they have a statement of special educational needs under the Education Act 1996 which names the school.
2. Children who can prove that they have a particular medical or social reason why they must go to the school. **(Professionally supplied)**
3. Up to a maximum 10 places will be available for children who can prove that they have specific religious reasons for attending Tring School.

Priority will be given to children whose parents have been active Church attendees (eg at least once a month) over a period of time. Applications must be supported by a letter from a Priest or Minister. If there are more than ten applications which meet this criteria, priority will be given to those who live nearest the school.

4. Children who have an elder brother or sister at the school at the time of application.
5. Children who live in the parishes of Tring, Tring Rural, Aldbury, Wigginton and Little Gaddesden.

If there are more children living in these parishes than there are places then we will give priority to those who live nearest to the school.

6. Children who live nearest to Tring School.

The following rules are proposed for admission to **community single-sex secondary schools**:

1. Children who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school.
2. **Children for whom it can be demonstrated that** they have a particular medical or social need to attend the school, and those who are in public care.
A panel of officers will determine whether the evidence provided is sufficiently compelling to meet the requirements for this rule.
3. Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of application.
A sibling means the sister, brother, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or child of the parent or partner living in the same house.
4. Children of staff permanently employed at the school where the Local Authority has determined, having regard to the wishes of the Governing Body, that this is necessary to reduce recruitment and/or retention difficulties.
“Children” means children by blood or by marriage, or the child of a partner living in the same house.
5. Children who live in the priority area for the school and who demonstrate an aptitude in the area of the school’s specialism (with those demonstrating the greatest aptitude being given priority). This rule applies to 10% of places in those schools determined by the LEA having regard to the wishes of their Governing Bodies. **This rule will not be applied to any community or voluntary controlled school this year.**
6. Children who live in the priority area.

Places will be allocated to each parish or town in proportion to the number of applications made. In the event of there being more applications than places available to a particular parish or town, places will be allocated in the following order:-

- i. to those who would have further to travel to another non-faith maintained school than the one applied for*
- ii. to those living closest to the school.

**home to school distances will be measured using ‘the shortest designated route’ which is the shortest public route with a proper surface (for example, tarmac or concrete).*

7. Children living outside of the priority area who live closest to the school.

Priority areas for girls are based on the following towns and parishes.

(Parish boundaries are as of 1st April 2003)

Hitchin Girls School

Baldock, Codicote, Graveley, Hexton, Hitchin, Holwell, Ickleford, King's Walden, Knebworth, Langley, Letchworth, Lilley, Offley, Pirton, Preston, St. Ippolyts, St. Pauls Walden, Weston, Wymondley.

St. Albans Girls School

Aldenham, Colney Heath, Harpenden, Kimpton, London Colney, Redbourn, Sandridge, Shenley, St. Albans, St. Michael, St. Stephen, Wheathampstead

Bishops Hatfield Girls School

Hatfield, North Mymms, Welwyn, Welwyn Garden City, **Woolmer Green**

Presdales School

Aspenden, Bayford, Bengoe Rural, Bramfield, Brickendon Liberty, Datchworth, Essendon, Great Amwell, Great Munden, Hertford, Hertford Heath, Hertingfordbury, Hunsdon, Little Berkhamsted, Little Munden, Much Hadham, Sacombe, Stanstead Abbots, Stanstead St. Margarets, Stapleford, Tewin, Thundridge, Ware, Wareside, Watton-at-Stone, Widford

Priority areas for boys are based on the following towns and parishes.

Hitchin Boys

Baldock, Codicote, Graveley, Hexton, Hitchin, Holwell, Ickleford, King's Walden, Knebworth, Langley, Letchworth, Lilley, Offley, Pirton, Preston, St. Ippolyts, St. Pauls Walden, Weston, Wymondley.

Verulam School

Aldenham, Colney Heath, Harpenden, Kimpton, London Colney, Redbourn, Sandridge, Shenley, St. Albans, St. Michael, St. Stephen, Wheathampstead

Richard Hale School

Bayford, Bengoe Rural, Bramfield, Brickendon Liberty, Datchworth, Essendon, Great Amwell, Hertford, Hertford Heath, Hertingfordbury, Hunsdon, Little Berkhamsted, Little Munden, Sacombe, Stanstead Abbots, Stanstead St. Margarets, Stapleford, Tewin, Thundridge, Ware, Wareside, Watton-at-Stone, Welwyn, Widford, Woolmer Green.