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Executive Director of Children and Young People

Our Ref	LF/68
Your Ref	
Date	4th September 2026
Please ask for	Admissions Team
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Department for Children and Young People

Ben Dunne
Director of Early Years, Education and Skills

Dear Parent

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS 2027 FOR BURY RESIDENT CHILDREN

- As you are aware your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027. Our online admissions system is the easiest and quickest way to apply. All you will need is a valid email address and your child's details. Please include any sibling details or complete any supplementary forms if applicable. This can be done online from 1st September, via Bury Council's website at www.bury.gov.uk/admissionssecondary.
- Following the consultation process with all parents in October 2022, the Local Authority removed the catchment area priority from the admissions policy for community schools and non-faith academies. The Admissions Policy can be found on our website.
- **If you reside outside the Bury Local Authority, you will need to make your application to your home authority. Information on how to do this will be on their website. You can still state Bury schools on your application if you wish to do so.**
- If your child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) you will receive separate correspondence via the SEN Team in Bury.
- Before you make your application there is a lot of useful information on our website which will assist in making an informed decision about which school you would prefer your child to attend.
- Details of school open days/evenings can be found overleaf. Please refer to individual school websites to confirm dates.
- If you wish to apply for schools in other areas as well as Bury schools, these must be stated on your Bury application. These preferences will be forwarded to the other Local Authority for their consideration. In due course, they will inform us as to whether they are able to offer a place.
- Emails will be sent out to online applicants after 9am on 1st March 2027. For those that have applied by paper form or telephone, allocation letters will be **posted** on the 1st March 2027 informing you of the outcome of your application.

The deadline for applications is 31st October 2026. It is important that you apply by the date given. If you do not do so, your application will be treated as late, and will not be considered until after all on time applications have been allocated. It may result in your child not getting a school of your preference. Changes to preferences can only be made up to 31st October 2026, or they will be treated as late applications.

Please do not list independent or private schools on your application. You need to apply directly to independent schools or private schools for places.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Team on the number given above.

Yours sincerely

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TEAM

OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS

Please check school websites to confirm dates and times as they may be subject to change.

Bury Church of England High School	Wednesday 23rd September 5.15pm-8.15pm Friday 25th September 9am-12noon Monday 28th September 9am-12noon
Derby High School	Thursday 8th October 9.15am-11am and 6pm-8.15pm
Elton High School	Tuesday 29th September 9.30am–12noon Wednesday 30th September – 9.30am–12noon Thursday 1st October - 5pm–7pm
Hazel Wood High School	Wednesday 30th September 5pm-7pm
Parrenthorn High School	Thursday 24th September 5.30pm-8pm Monday 28th September 9am-10.30am
Philips High School	Wednesday 30th September 6pm-8pm Thursday 1st October 9am-12.15
Star Radcliffe Academy	Thursday 1st October 4pm-6.30pm
St Gabriel's RC	Tuesday 22nd September 5pm-7pm
St Monica's RC	Thursday 1st October 3.30pm-6.30pm
The Heys	Thursday 17th September 9.30am-11am and 4.30pm-7.30pm Friday 25th September – open morning
Tottington High School	Thursday 17th September 5pm-8pm
Unsworth Academy	Thursday 8th October Time to be confirmed
Woodhey High School	Monday 21st September and Tuesday 22nd September – Open mornings – contact the school to book an appointment.