



# In Year School Admission to Sefton schools

**Guide for parents/carers who are:**

Moving into Sefton (or a nearby area) & Sefton residents who are moving to another area of Sefton, and who will require a new school place at a Sefton school.



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## Introduction

This guide aims to provide all the information you may need to apply for a place at a Sefton school if you are moving into Sefton or a nearby area (or moved areas within Sefton) during the academic year and require a new school place at a Sefton school for your child(ren).

We know that a number of families will need to move their child to another school because of a house move during the academic year, and we want to make this move as smooth as possible for every child. We have therefore developed arrangements for the admission of children outside the normal admission rounds. These school moves are called 'In Year' admissions.

**This guide is for parents who wish to apply for a place at a Sefton school.**

**If you wish to apply for a school within a different local authority area, please contact the appropriate local authority where the school of your choice is located for information on their application process.**

**The contact details for neighbouring Local Authorities can be found on page 4.**

Please Note:

The local authority will consider an In Year admission application because of a house move where it is too far and or would take too long for the child to travel to/from their current school.

For those moving within Sefton or more locally, Sefton Local Authority (LA) will use the current best practice for home to school transport arrangements, as a guide to evaluate whether the LA has an obligation to allocate a new school place because of a house move (rather than a request to just transfer to a new school). This states that a maximum journey length to school for a primary age child should be 45 minutes each way, and 75 minutes each way for secondary age children.

Therefore, if you have moved to a new house many miles away from your current home and school, it is likely that you will require a new school place. If you have moved less than half a mile away and in the same area your application may not automatically be considered as a house move requiring a new school place. If this is the case you will be contacted by the School Admissions Team.

**Please read this guide before completing the application for a school place.**

## Contact details

### Sefton School Admissions Team

Website: [www.sefton.gov.uk/inyearadmissions](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/inyearadmissions) (all application forms are available on the website.)

Email: [iyadmissions@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:iyadmissions@sefton.gov.uk)

Tel: 0151 934 3590 (multiple lines & voicemail facilities are available).

Normal office hours (excluding public holidays) are Monday to Thursday 9.00–17.00 & Friday 9.00–16.00.

Postal Address: Sefton Council, School Support Services, School Admissions Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 3NJ.

### Where to get further information about Sefton schools

The contact details and a link to the school's website for every Sefton school are included within this guide.

If you need further information relating to a particular school, the schools' individual website is a great place to start. If you want to arrange a visit to a school, please contact the school directly. The contact details for all schools within Sefton are also available on the Sefton website by using the 'Find a school' link under the 'Schools and Learning' option at [www.sefton.gov.uk](http://www.sefton.gov.uk).

Further information is also available in our published guide **Sefton Primary & Secondary Schools Admissions Information**, which can be accessed via the Sefton website [www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool).

You can access Ofsted reports and School performance data by using the Government's 'Find and Compare Schools in England Service' at: [www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk](http://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk).

If you require a place at a school within a different local authority area, please contact the appropriate local authority where that school is located for information on their application process. The contact details for neighbouring local authorities can be found on page 4.

## Contact details for School Admission Teams in neighbouring local authorities

**Knowsley** [www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk)

School Admissions, Education Improvement Team  
PO Box 21, Municipal Buildings  
Archway Road, Huyton  
Liverpool, L36 9YU  
Tel: 0151 443 5142 / 5143 / 3372 / 3373  
Email: [schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk)

**Lancashire** [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk)

**South Area** Education Office  
PO Box 100, Pupil Access Team,  
County Hall  
Fishergate Hill, Preston  
PR1 0LD  
Tel: 01772 532109  
Email: [SouthAdmissions@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:SouthAdmissions@lancashire.gov.uk)

**Liverpool** [www.liverpool.gov.uk](http://www.liverpool.gov.uk)

Children & Young People's Service, Pupil Admissions Team  
Cunard Building, Water Street  
Liverpool, L3 1AH  
Tel: 0151 233 3006  
Email: [admissions@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@liverpool.gov.uk)

**St Helens** [www.sthelens.gov.uk](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk)

Admissions Section  
Atlas House, Corporation Street  
St Helens, WA9 1LD  
Tel: 01744 671030 / 671035 / 671027  
Email: [schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk)

**Wirral** [www.wirral.gov.uk](http://www.wirral.gov.uk)

Children & Young Peoples Department, Mainstream Admissions, Delivery Services  
PO Box 290  
Brighton Street  
Wallasey CH27 9FQ  
Tel: 0151 606 2000  
Email: [Schooladmissions@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:Schooladmissions@wirral.gov.uk)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION – In Year Admission applications

- Applications should be submitted no earlier than **4 weeks** prior to the date on which you require the new school place. **Please do not apply for a school place several months in advance.** The local authority (LA) cannot pend places and will not be able to process an application for a school place unless you indicate that you can take up a place within the next 4 weeks.
- All In Year school admission applications that have been **fully completed** by the parent/carer and received by the LA, are processed in the strict date order that they are received. In the unusual circumstances where there are multiple requests for the same school & year group, received on the same day, the admissions criteria will be applied to each application received, in order to allocate any available place(s).
- The Admissions Team will assess if there are places available at the school(s) you have requested. If there are vacancies at the requested school, you will be contacted directly by the new school in order to make arrangements for your child to be admitted.
- If a school you have requested does not have a place available, we will write to you, refusing a place and advise you of the arrangements for submitting an appeal. You will also be given the option of adding your child's name to the waiting list for the school.
- If the Authority cannot offer **ANY** of the preferred schools named on your application and you have a confirmed address within Sefton, the LA is obliged by law to offer a school place. You will be offered a place at an alternative school with a vacancy, closest to your new home address (irrespective of school type or faith). If you are residing **outside of the Sefton area**, your home LA will be responsible for allocating a school place.
- In some cases, an application may be referred through the Fair Access Protocol (see page 14 for further details).
- Where additional consent has been provided a referral may be made for other support services (see page 12).
- **Places required for the start of the next academic year (September start)**  
Applications should be submitted from the start of June onwards. If you apply any earlier than this, the application will **not** be processed. If the preferred school(s) do not have a vacancy, please be aware that appeals are only heard during term time and **therefore any potential appeal may not be heard until the new academic year has started.**

## In Year Admissions process (due to a house move)

**Stage 1** - Parent/Carer completes In Year Admission Application Form (A1) & submits the form to Sefton Admission Team with evidence of current and/or proposed address.

**Stage 2** - Once a completed application has been received, the application will be checked and registered. An acknowledgement will be sent, usually via email. Additional information is requested from child's current or last school (attendance & attainment etc).

**Stage 3** – The School Admissions Team will assess the application for place availability. Additional information from the previous school (where available) is collated. Following this assessment there are three possible outcomes.

## What happens next?

In accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021 Sefton LA will, wherever possible, aim to notify parents of the outcome of their application within 10 school days\*. You should receive an outcome **no later than** 15 school days\* from your application being received by the LA. \*School days refers to Sefton's standard term dates which are available to view on the Sefton website [www.sefton.gov.uk](http://www.sefton.gov.uk) .

### **Outcome A – a place is available at the requested school**

If we are able to offer you a place at more than one of the schools you have listed, we will offer you the school named highest on your application. The application and additional information (where available) are sent to the preferred school by the LA. The school is asked to contact the parent/carer directly, within 3 school days, to plan for the child to be admitted.

The school informs the Admissions Team of the agreed start date & the place is allocated. The child is admitted to the preferred school on the agreed date.

### **Outcome B – no place available at preferred school(s)**

If it is not possible to offer you the highest preferred school, the application is refused. The LA will send you a decision letter with details on how to appeal for that school to an Independent Appeal Panel. A lower preferred school will be offered if it is appropriate to do so.

If it is not possible to offer **any** of the schools requested, the LA will send you a decision letter with details on how to appeal for those schools. If you live in Sefton (and have provided evidence of this) you will be offered a place at an alternative school closest to your new home address with a vacancy, irrespective of school type or faith.

The parent/carer will be required to complete and return a reply slip to the LA for any preference refused or alternative place being offered. Please refer to page 13 for further information on appeals and waiting lists. If requested, the LA can also provide you with information relating to schools in the wider Sefton area which may have places available.

### **Outcome C – referral through the Fair Access Protocol (for unplaced children only)**

In certain circumstances an application can be referred to the Fair Access Panel, either by the School Admissions Team or by the school itself. The applicant will be informed if the admission request is being referred to the Fair Access Panel. In these circumstances a school placement recommendation would be made via the relevant Fair Access Panel. Please see page 14 for further details.

If you do not live in Sefton and cannot be offered any of your Sefton school choices, you are advised to contact your home local authority to seek advice on securing a school place in your local area for your child. The contact details for neighbouring local authorities can be found on page 4.

### **How to make an In Year Admission application (due to a house move)**

The In Year Admission form (A1) & guide for parents can be downloaded and/or printed from the Sefton council website at: [www.sefton.gov.uk/inyearadmissions](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/inyearadmissions)

A paper copy of the application is available upon request by email: [iyadmissions@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:iyadmissions@sefton.gov.uk)

An online application system is planned for the near future. Please check the website for updates and full details of the application process.

### **Completing the In Year admission application**

The details requested should be self-explanatory. You may be asked to provide further information in answer to some of the questions.

If you are completing a paper application (A1 form) you MUST complete all sections of the form. Incomplete forms cannot be processed and could lead to delays in processing the application. If you need any assistance in completing the application please contact the In Year Admissions Team.

**Important - Any false or deliberately misleading information provided on the application and/or supporting documents may render the application invalid or lead to the offer of a school place being withdrawn.**

### **Please note the following points whilst completing the application**

#### **Child's details**

- Please check you have entered the correct date of birth & year group for your child's age.
- The child's current home address must be the permanent home address and cannot be a relatives, childminders or business address.

#### **Current or proposed address & moving home**

- You **MUST** supply evidence of your current address if you have already moved to a new house within Sefton or a neighbouring area (see 'what documents do I need to provide on page 12).
- Please indicate the previous address and the date moved from a previous address (if applicable).



- Please indicate any proposed new address and date of the proposed move.
- You **MUST** supply evidence of any proposed address (see 'what documents do I need to provide on page 12). The new home address cannot be a childminders or business address.

### Education background & Free School Meals

We need to know a little bit about your request for a new school place so that we can process your application.

- Please provide the name and address of your child's current or most recently attended school. We will contact the current/most recent school before processing any application.
- If you are moving into Sefton from overseas, please provide the most recent school report/information that you may have, (translated into English if necessary) with your application.
- If your child no longer attends this school, please state the date of their last day of attendance.
- Please indicate if you are or were receiving Free School Meals (FSM) for your child and include your NI number and date of birth. In most circumstances this will allow eligibility for FSM to automatically transfer when your child starts at their new school.

### Residency

- If you are proposing to, or have just moved into Sefton, please indicate/select the appropriate box(es) that apply to your circumstances, and provide the details requested.
- If you have moved into Sefton from another country, please provide the requested details.  
**Note:** Foreign nationals who do not normally reside in the UK but wish to apply for a state-funded school place must check that their children have an immigration status which permits them to enter the UK and to access a state-funded school. Further information is available from <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-admissions-applications-from-overseas-children>
- UK or Irish Nationals who are resident overseas and are planning to move or return to the UK, so that the child will be living in Sefton when they start school, should provide a proposed address and moving date as part of their application. Evidence will be required for the purposes of establishing a home address as shown on page 12.
- **For children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces)** or crown servants returning from overseas, the local authority will accept the posting or return address and allocate a school place (where there is a place available) in advance of the family arriving in the area, provided that the application is accompanied by an official letter from the Ministry of Defence confirming a relocation date and address. All applications are still considered according to the admissions criteria for the individual school(s) requested.

### School preferences

- You can choose *up to* 3 Sefton schools in the order in which you prefer them.. Please ensure that your school preferences are only for those Sefton schools that you actively wish to request a place at.
- Please **DO NOT** list schools outside of Sefton as the LA is unable to process requests for schools outside of the area. Please see pages 3-4 for more information
- You can state a reason for your school preference(s) if you wish to do so.
- If your child has a sibling who is attending any of the schools you have listed, please provide their details. The paper form requests details of any siblings of school age. 'Sibling' refers to a brother or sister and includes half, step, adopted or foster siblings, provided they live at the same home address as part of the same family unit. **Please note cousins or other relatives are not classed as siblings.**
- **Faith Information (for faith schools only)** Please state/select the relevant information regarding your child's faith/religion if you are applying for a faith school.

### Parents/carer's details

A person who has **parental responsibility** for the child **MUST** complete the application (see page 11). If you complete a paper application, a valid working email address is required so we can acknowledge receipt of the application form and contact you if we require any further information.

### Private fostering arrangements

If a child is living with you and you do not have parental responsibility for the child and are not a close relative, (a close relative is a step parent by marriage, grandparent, sibling, aunt or uncle) and you have or will be, caring for the child for more than 28 days, can you please indicate this on your application. This type of arrangement is called 'private fostering' and the local authority has a legal responsibility to recognise, support and monitor any child in their area who is being 'privately fostered'.

### Looked after children/social care involvement

Looked after and previously looked after children have the highest priority in the admissions criteria for all maintained schools in Sefton. Children who are subject to a Child in Need Plan, Child Protection Plan, Child Arrangements Order, formal Kinship Care Arrangement or Special Guardianship Order, may if necessary, be referred to the Fair Access Panel for a school placement. If this applies, please provide all the requested details.

### Children who have an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP)

All Sefton maintained or academy schools will meet their legal obligation to admit a pupil who has an EHCP where the school is named in the plan. An EHCP is a legal document that describes a child or young person's special educational, health and social care needs. It explains the extra help that will be given to meet those needs, and it will include the name of a specific educational

establishment that the child will attend in order to meet their needs. This is not the same as a SEN Support Plan or a child receiving additional help within the classroom.

The School Admissions Team is **NOT** involved in school placements for children who have an Education, Health & Care Plan. **In these circumstances DO NOT COMPLETE AN IN YEAR ADMISSION APPLICATION.** Instead, a separate application process applies:

All Local Authorities in England maintain EHCP's for the children who live in that local authority. If you are planning to move to Sefton you should contact your current local authority to let them know of your intention to move and the date if this is known. When the move occurs the SEN Team in your current local authority will send your child's records, including their EHC Plan, to Sefton's SEN Team. Sefton become responsible for your child's EHC Plan on the day you become a Sefton resident and must arrange suitable provision from that date. An allocated officer will be in touch with you to arrange this.

If you have already moved into Sefton but the SEN Team has not been notified or you do not know if your child's information has been passed over from your previous local authority, please contact Sefton SEN Team to provide your details. The SEN Team will then be able to contact your previous local authority to receive the information needed.

Wales and Scotland do not have EHC Plans but run their own equivalent systems. When moving from these areas families should contact their current local authority to inform them of the move to enable that local authority to forward on the relevant paperwork. Sefton local authority will then process this and determine if this can be converted to an EHC Plan or whether an EHC assessment should be carried out.

You can get further information from the SEN & Inclusion Service, Assessment, Resource and Provision Planning Team, Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 3NJ.

Email: [special.needs@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:special.needs@sefton.gov.uk) or telephone: 0151 934 2347.

Information is also available online: [www.seftondirectory.co.uk/localoffer](http://www.seftondirectory.co.uk/localoffer).

You can get free, confidential and impartial advice to help parents make informed decisions about their child's special educational needs, and support children and young people to have their voices heard and discuss their options for next steps and future transitions, from Sefton Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).

Contact SENDIASS by email: [sefton.sendiass@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:sefton.sendiass@barnardos.org.uk) Telephone: 0333 323 8003 or online: <https://www.barnardosendiass.org.uk/sefton-sendiass/>.

### **Children with social/medical or special educational needs (without an EHCP)**

For children who do **NOT** have an EHCP but do have special educational needs, disabilities, or a medical condition which requires a healthcare plan\* you should complete the In Year Admission application in the normal manner. \* Please note children who have a healthcare plan to manage a medical condition in school, e.g., severe allergies or diabetes this is different to a child having an EHCP.

If you believe that a particular school is the most suitable to meet your child's needs, you should detail this on the application and provide supporting evidence with your application from a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professionals. Please provide copies, rather than original documents. Your evidence should set out the reasons why the school you have chosen is most suitable and the difficulties that could be caused if your child were to attend another school.

Please note that any medical condition of the parent(s) or other family member or difficulties with childcare because of other commitments e.g. work commitments, would not be grounds for admission under this criterion.

### **Additional information**

- Please state/select if any of the categories shown apply to your child.
- If your child has been permanently excluded or is being home educated please indicate this and provide the requested details. If you are unsure or have any queries, contact the School Admissions Team for further advice.

### **Data protection & parental declaration**

Further information on how Sefton Council handles the information supplied on the application form (either paper or online) is shown below.

Sefton Council maintains an electronic database in respect of all pupils who apply for a school place within Sefton. All personal information provided on the application form is treated in strict confidence in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018. Paper application forms will be held for 2 years and then destroyed securely. The application information held within the electronic database may be held for up to 7 years.

### **Sefton council reserves the right to verify all information stated on the application.**

- The information provided will be shared with the requested school(s) in order to complete the school admission application process. In some circumstances the information may also be shared with the current (or last attended) school.
- You must agree that the information provided is correct and up to date.
- A person with **parental responsibility**\* must sign/submit the application. Paper applications that are not signed will NOT be processed.

### **Shared parental responsibility**

\*It is recognised that important decisions such as which schools to apply for should be made if possible jointly between parents, however, if parents are unable to agree lines of communication between themselves on issues involving their child, they may wish to seek independent legal advice and explore other options. These might include referring the matter to non-court dispute resolution, such as mediation, or to the family court for adjudication. **In all cases and in the best interests of their child, the local authority requires parents to resolve matters between themselves (taking legal advice if necessary) BEFORE submitting any application for a school place.**

In cases where parents are separated and both have retained joint responsibility, the parent with whom the child primarily resides should complete the application form. The home address used will be that which is directed by the court, or the address where the child lives for the majority of the school week. If the child's time is split equally between two homes, the address of the parent who receives the child benefit will normally be used.

The LA has an **obligation** to process an application that has been submitted and signed by a parent/carer stating that they have parental responsibility, unless there is a specific court order produced to the LA that prohibits the child from changing school. **It is a parent/carers responsibility to ensure that any request for a new school placement does not breach any existing court orders.**

**THE LOCAL AUTHORITY WILL NOT INTERVENE AND CANNOT RELEASE ANY INFORMATION, WHERE DISPUTES OR DISAGREEMENTS ARISE BETWEEN PARENT(S)/CARER(S) IN RELATION TO ANY PROPOSED OR SUBMITTED APPLICATION FOR A SCHOOL PLACE.**

#### **Optional Consent to share information**

Sefton Council provides many support services for children and families who may be experiencing difficulties at home, in the community or at school. There are sometimes circumstances identified within the information provided on the application which impacts on a child's attendance at school. There can also be family issues identified where the child/family may benefit from an agreed Early Help Plan or support from council services. Examples being, non-attendance or lateness at school, problems with transport to school, a family bereavement, a medical condition or a disability, or community/social issues adversely impacting on the child or family.

By selecting/signing the optional declaration, you agree that, where appropriate, the council may share information contained within the application form with the relevant council support services with the view to contacting you to offer support or an Early Help Plan for the child/family where applicable.

#### **What documents do I need to provide with my application?**

If you are completing a paper application, please provide copies - do not send original documents.

- You must provide proof of your new address if you have already moved to a new house, or evidence of your proposed address if you are scheduled to move to a new house during the next 4 weeks. This applies whether your address is within Sefton or if it is within another neighbouring area.
- We will require a solicitor's letter confirming that contracts have been exchanged and completed on the new property, or that you have a tenancy of at least 6 months, together with evidence that you are residing at the new property.
- The evidence of house purchase (exchange of contracts) or tenancy, and independent evidence which confirms you are residing at your new address, **MUST be received by the local authority or your application may not be processed.**

- You may also be asked to provide evidence of the disposal of your previous property. If you are moving in with family members or friends, please clearly state this on your application form. We will require proof that the family are residing at the address stated e.g., copies of bank statements, driving licence.
- In cases of **shared parental responsibility (see the important information on pages 11-12)** a copy of any Child Arrangements Order or a court order setting out where the child lives, and the time spent with each parent.

## Appeals and waiting lists

### Appeals

If you cannot be offered a place at a school you have named as the highest preference on your application form because the school is full, you have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. Information about how to appeal will be sent to you with the decision letter. If an appeal is submitted there are two possible outcomes following an appeal hearing:

- 1) If the appeal is **refused** by the Independent Appeal Panel the parent/carer will need to accept or seek a place at an alternative school that has a place available. Alternatively, and if feasible, the child can remain at their current school.
- 2) If the appeal is **successful** an admission date will be agreed between the preferred school and the parent/carer.

For further information regarding the admission appeals process please go to the admission appeals webpage on the Sefton website: [www.sefton.gov.uk/schooladmissionappeals](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/schooladmissionappeals).

### Waiting lists

The In Year Admissions Team holds waiting lists for all Sefton schools.

- If the LA cannot offer a place at your preferred school, you will be offered the option of adding your child's name to the schools waiting list.
- For ALL SCHOOLS a waiting list **must** (by law) be held and maintained in priority order, using the school's admissions criteria. A waiting list cannot be ordered based on the date an application was submitted. Waiting lists are subject to change at any time as other applications are added, removed or due to other changes of a child's circumstances. **Therefore, a child can move up or down on a waiting list.**
- In Year waiting lists are held until the end of the school year in which you apply (31 July). Your child's name will NOT automatically remain on the waiting list for the following school year.
- If you wish for your child's name to remain on a waiting list during the following school year, you **MUST** contact the School Admissions Team **before the end of the summer term in July**, to specifically request this.
- **If** a vacancy arises and your child is at the top of a waiting list the LA will contact you to see if the place is still required.

## Sefton Fair Access Protocol

By law, each LA must implement a School Admission Fair Access Protocol. The Fair Access Protocol may be used to place certain groups of **UNPLACED** children, where they are having difficulty in securing a school place In Year, and it can be demonstrated that reasonable measures have been taken to secure a place through the usual In Year admission procedures. For example, where an application has been made to at least one school and this has been refused, or the local authority has confirmed that there are no places available at any school within a reasonable distance of the home address.

In Sefton, the protocol is administered by two panels one for primary school applications and one for secondary school applications. You will be contacted by e-mail/letter and informed if your application is being considered under the Sefton Fair Access Protocol. There is no duty for admission authorities to comply with parental preference when applications are considered under the Fair Access Protocol however a parents view should be considered.

An individual school (or Sefton In Year Admissions Team) may request that an application for a school place is referred to the appropriate Fair Access Panel, if it meets the requirements contained within the protocol. The Fair Access Panel considers the application and makes a school placement recommendation. A school place will be allocated based on the panel's decision and arrangements made for the child to be admitted into that school. If necessary, the parent/carer is advised of their right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. The admissions team informs schools and the parent/carer of the panel's decision. You can view/download the full Fair Access Protocol from the Sefton website by accessing the **In Year School Admissions Policy** document at [www.sefton.gov.uk/schooladmissionspolicyandreports](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/schooladmissionspolicyandreports).

## Sefton schools

**Sefton has 74 primary schools and 18 secondary schools.** The type of each school is shown next to the school name within the alphabetical list(s) of schools on the following pages.

### Academy schools (AC)

Sefton has some primary academy schools, with the majority of secondary schools also being academies. Academies are independently managed, all ability schools set up by sponsors from business, faith or voluntary groups in partnership with the Department for Education. Together they fund the land and buildings, with the government covering the running costs.

### Community primary schools (COM)

Many primary schools in Sefton are community primary schools. This means that the school is managed by the local authority. Religious education is non-denominational in character and does not follow the distinctive beliefs and practices of any one particular church or religion.

### Voluntary controlled primary schools (VC)

There are a few voluntary controlled schools in Sefton, which are similar in most respects to community primary schools. Religious teaching in these schools is mainly in accordance with the agreed syllabus, but this may, for those who wish, be supplemented by specific church teaching.

Worship at school assemblies is linked with the worship of the church. The appropriate parish is represented on the Governing Body.

### **Voluntary aided schools – primary & secondary (VA)**

Other schools in Sefton are voluntary aided schools. This means that they are managed by a church authority, although the local authority meets most of the running costs of the school. Religious education is under the general control of the governors and will be in line with the distinctive ethos, religious beliefs, culture and practices of the church with which the school is associated.

**Sefton LA is the coordinating body for In Year admissions for ALL Sefton schools.**

## **Admissions criteria**

More information about individual schools and the admissions criteria for each school (which will be applied to applicants on a waiting list) can be found in the publication, **Sefton Primary & Secondary Schools Admissions Information Guide** which is available to view or download on Sefton's website at [www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool).

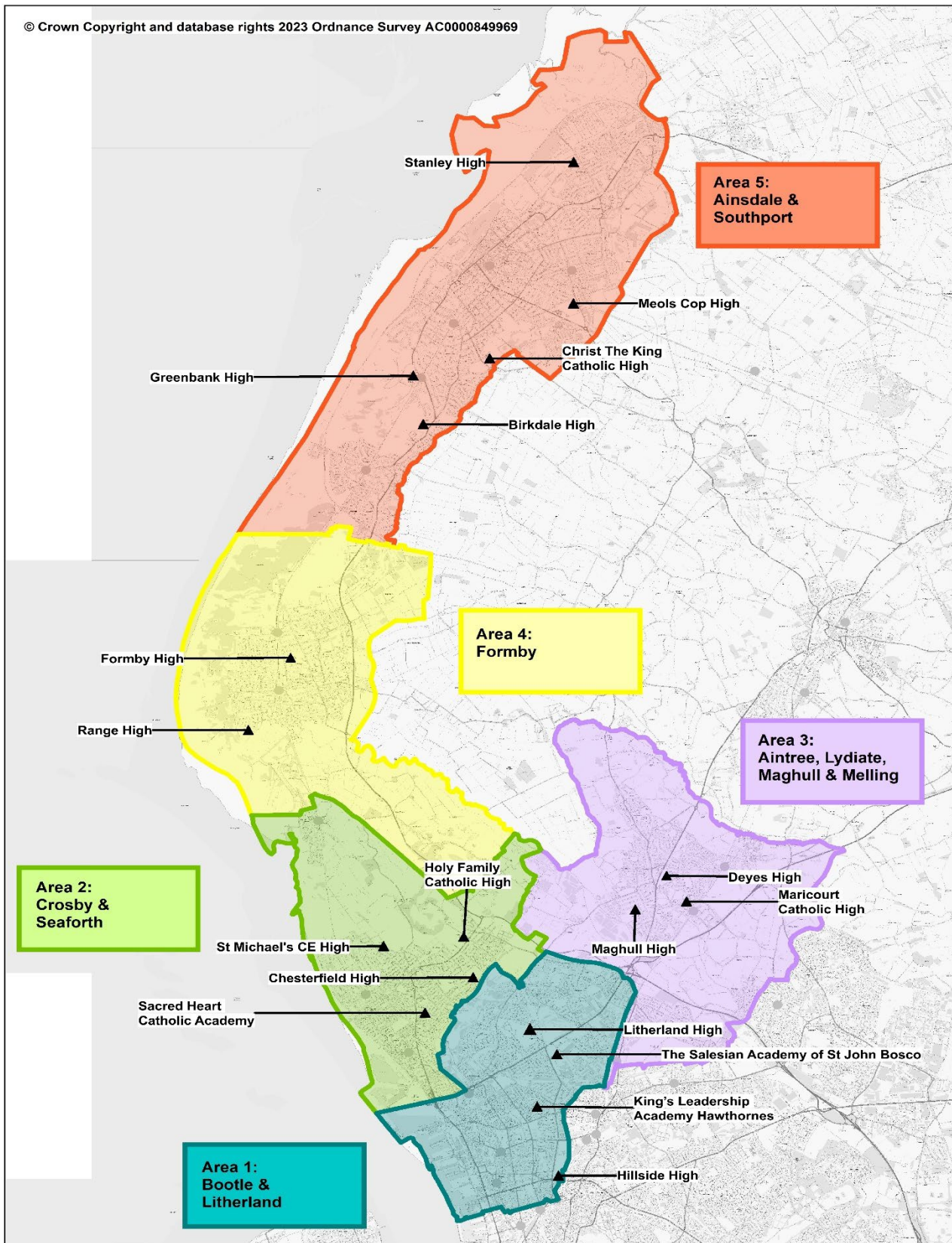
Each voluntary aided and academy school have their own oversubscription criteria which are set by the governing body of the school.

## **Amendments to the information provided in this guide**

The information in this guide is correct at the time of publishing. We have done all we can to make sure it is accurate, correct and accessible, at the time of publishing. However, the local authority cannot include in this guide any changes that come into effect during the current school year. We may need to make changes from time to time, due to circumstances beyond our control.



## Map of secondary schools in Sefton

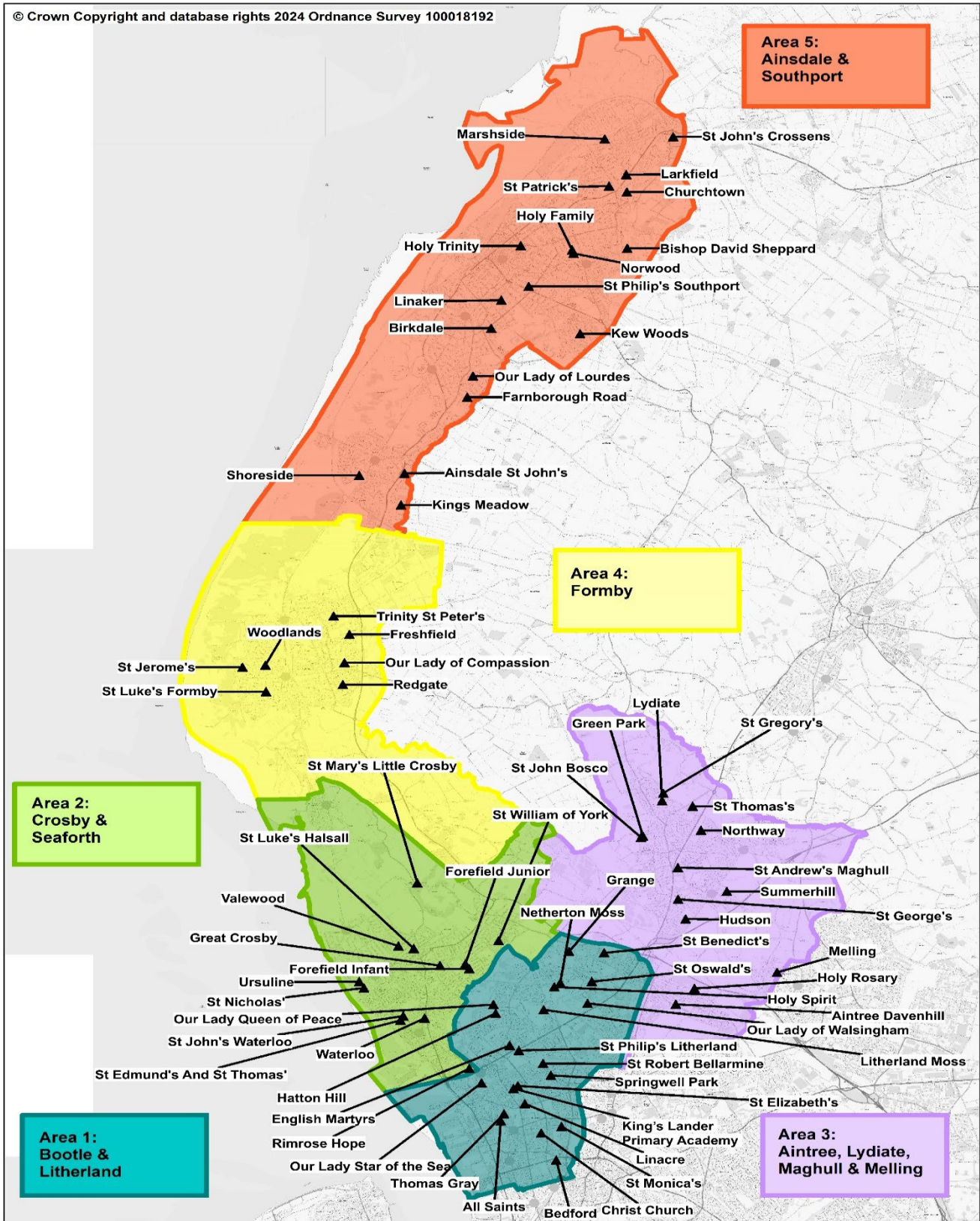


## List of secondary schools in Sefton

Table 1: List of secondary schools in Sefton

School Name & link to school website	Type of school	Area	Address & telephone number
<a href="#">Birkdale High School</a> (for boys)	AC (Boys)	Southport	Windy Harbour Road Southport PR8 3DT 01704 577253
<a href="#">Chesterfield High School</a>	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	Chesterfield Road Crosby L23 9YB 0151 924 6454
<a href="#">Christ the King Catholic High School</a>	VA	Southport	Stamford Road Southport PR8 4EX 01704 565121 or 01704 567024
<a href="#">Deyes High School</a>	AC	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Deyes Lane Maghull L31 6DE 0151 526 3814
<a href="#">Formby High School</a>	AC	Formby	Freshfield Road Formby L37 3HW 01704 873100 or 01704 877383
<a href="#">Greenbank High School</a> (for girls)	AC (Girls)	Southport	Hastings Road Southport PR8 2LT 01704 567591
<a href="#">Hillside High School</a>	AC	Bootle & Litherland	Breeze Hill Bootle L20 9NU 0151 525 2630
<a href="#">Holy Family Catholic High School</a>	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	Virgin's Lane Thornton L23 4UL 0151 924 6451 or 0151 924 0071
<a href="#">King's Leadership Academy Hawthornes</a>	AC	Bootle & Litherland	Fernhill Road Bootle L20 6AQ 0151 922 3798
<a href="#">Litherland High School</a>	AC	Bootle & Litherland	Sterrix Lane Litherland L21 0DB 0151 214 3434
<a href="#">Maghull High School</a>	AC	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Ormonde Drive Maghull L31 7AW 0151 527 3955
<a href="#">Maricourt Catholic High School</a>	VA	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Hall Lane Maghull L31 3DZ 0151 330 3366
<a href="#">Meols Cop High School</a>	AC	Southport	Meols Cop Road Southport PR8 6JS 01704 531180
<a href="#">Range High School</a>	AC	Formby	Stapleton Road Formby L37 2YN 01704 879315 or 01704 879316
<a href="#">Sacred Heart Catholic Academy</a>	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	Liverpool Road Crosby L23 5TF 0151 931 2971
<a href="#">St Michael's CE High School</a>	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	St Michael's Road Crosby L23 7UL 0151 924 6778
<a href="#">The Salesian Academy of St John Bosco</a>	AC	Bootle & Litherland	Netherton Way Bootle L30 2NA 0151 521 3088
<a href="#">Stanley High School</a>	AC	Southport	Fleetwood Road Southport PR9 9TF 01704 228940

# Map of primary schools in Sefton



## List of primary schools in Sefton

Table 2: List of primary schools in Sefton

School Name & link to school website	Type of school	Area	Address & telephone number
<a href="#">Ainsdale St John's CE Primary</a>	AC	Southport	Sandbrook Road Southport PR8 3JE 01704 578427
<a href="#">Aintree Davenhill Primary</a>	COM	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Aintree Lane Aintree L10 8LE 0151 526 1162
<a href="#">All Saints Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Bootle & Litherland	Chesnut Grove Bootle L20 4LX 0151 257 5566
<a href="#">Bedford Primary</a>	AC	Bootle & Litherland	Quarry Road Bootle L20 9LJ 0151 922 1467
<a href="#">Birkdale Primary</a>	COM	Southport	Matlock Road Southport PR8 4EL 01704 567516
<a href="#">Bishop David Sheppard CE Primary</a>	VA	Southport	Devonshire Road Southport PR9 7BZ 01704 227987
<a href="#">Christ Church CE Primary</a>	VC	Bootle & Litherland	Cornwall Road Bootle L20 3JL 0151 922 2136
<a href="#">Churchtown Primary</a>	AC	Southport	St Cuthbert's Road Southport PR9 7NN 01704 508500
<a href="#">English Martyrs Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Bootle & Litherland	School Lane Litherland L21 7LX 0151 928 5601
<a href="#">Farnborough Road Infant</a>	COM	Southport	Farnborough Road Southport PR8 3DF 01704 577637
<a href="#">Farnborough Road Junior</a>	COM	Southport	Farnborough Road Southport PR8 3DF 01704 577625
<a href="#">Forefield Infant</a>	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	Forefield Lane Crosby L23 9SL 0151 924 6235
<a href="#">Forefield Junior</a>	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	Forefield Lane Crosby L23 9TJ 0151 924 3971
<a href="#">Freshfield Primary</a>	COM	Formby	Watchyard Lane Formby L37 3JT 01704 876567
<a href="#">The Grange Primary</a>	AC	Bootle & Litherland	Stonyfield Bootle L30 0QS 0151 924 7917
<a href="#">Great Crosby Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	The Northern Road Crosby L23 2RQ 0151 924 8661
<a href="#">Green Park Primary</a>	COM	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Green Lane Maghull L31 8BW 0151 526 2755
<a href="#">Hatton Hill Primary</a>	COM	Bootle & Litherland	Alwyn Avenue Litherland L21 9NZ 0151 928 7012
<a href="#">Holy Family Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Southport	Norwood Crescent Southport PR9 7DU 01704 213084

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<a href="#">Holy Rosary Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Oriel Drive Aintree L10 6NJ 0151 288 6206
<a href="#">Holy Spirit Catholic Academy</a>	AC	Bootle & Litherland	Poulsom Drive Bootle L30 2NR 0151 525 7497
<a href="#">Holy Trinity CE Primary</a>	AC	Southport	Manchester Road Southport PR9 9AZ 01704 538366
<a href="#">Hudson Primary</a>	COM	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Moorhey Road Maghull L31 5LE 0151 526 1568
<a href="#">Kew Woods Primary</a>	AC	Southport	Ovington Drive Southport PR8 6JW 01704 533478
<a href="#">Kings Lander Primary Academy</a>	AC	Bootle & Litherland	Pennington Road Litherland L21 8HY 0151 922 5760
<a href="#">Kings Meadow Primary</a>	COM	Southport	Meadow Lane Southport PR8 3RS 01704 578512
<a href="#">Larkfield Primary</a>	COM	Southport	Preston New Road Southport PR9 8PA 01704 224720
<a href="#">Linacre Primary</a>	COM	Bootle & Litherland	Thornton Road Bootle L20 5ED 0151 922 1466
<a href="#">Linaker Primary</a>	COM***	Southport	Sefton Street Southport PR8 5DB 01704 532343
<a href="#">Litherland Moss Primary</a>	AC	Bootle & Litherland	Sterrix Lane Litherland L21 0DB 0151 928 4544
<a href="#">Lydiate Primary</a>	COM	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Lambshear Lane Lydiate L31 2JZ 0151 526 2657
<a href="#">Marshside Primary</a>	COM	Southport	Elswick Road Southport PR9 9XA 01704 211177
<a href="#">Melling Primary</a>	COM	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Wheeler Drive Melling L31 1DA 0151 547 3349
<a href="#">Netherton Moss Primary</a>	COM	Bootle & Litherland	Swifts Lane Bootle L30 3RU 0151 525 5026
<a href="#">Northway Primary</a>	COM	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Dodds Lane Maghull L31 9AA 0151 526 2565
<a href="#">Norwood Primary</a>	COM	Southport	Norwood Crescent Southport PR9 7DU 01704 211960
<a href="#">Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Formby	Bull Cop Formby L37 8BZ 01704 877281
<a href="#">Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary</a>	AC	Southport	Grantham Road Southport PR8 4LT 01704 568375

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<a href="#">Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Primary</a>	AC	Bootle & Litherland	Stand Park Avenue Bootle L30 3SA 0151 525 0395
<a href="#">Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Bootle & Litherland	Ford Close Litherland L21 0EP 0151 928 3676
<a href="#">Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	Kepler Street Seaforth L21 3TE 0151 928 3158
<a href="#">Redgate Primary</a>	COM	Formby	Redgate Formby L37 4EW 01704 828140
<a href="#">Rimrose Hope CE Primary School</a>	VC	Crosby & Seaforth	Sandy Road Seaforth L21 1AD 0151 288 6508
<a href="#">Shoreside Primary</a>	AC	Southport	Westminster Drive Southport PR8 2QZ 01704 576040
<a href="#">Springwell Park Community Primary</a>	COM	Bootle & Litherland	Menai Road Bootle L20 6PG 0151 288 6054
<a href="#">St Andrew's Maghull CE Primary</a>	AC	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Deyes Lane Maghull L31 6DE 0151 526 1378
<a href="#">St Benedict's Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Bootle & Litherland	Copy Lane Bootle L30 7PG 0151 526 6423
<a href="#">St Edmund's and St Thomas' Catholic Primary</a>	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	Oxford Road Waterloo L22 8QF 0151 928 5586
<a href="#">St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Bootle & Litherland	Webster Street Litherland L21 8JH 0151 922 5752
<a href="#">St George's Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Dennett Close Maghull L31 5PD 0151 288 6630
<a href="#">St Gregory's Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Sandy Lane Lydiate L31 2LB 0151 526 5856
<a href="#">St Jerome's Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Formby	Greenloons Drive Formby L37 2LX 01704 833211
<a href="#">St John Bosco Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Aintree/Lydiate/Maghull and Melling	Green Lane Maghull L31 8BW 0151 520 2628
<a href="#">St John's CE Primary, Southport</a>	VC	Southport	Rufford Road Southport PR9 8JH 01704 227441
<a href="#">St John's CE Primary, Waterloo</a>	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	Denmark Street Waterloo L22 9RG 0151 928 5685
<a href="#">St Luke's CE Primary</a>	VC	Formby	Jubilee Road Formby L37 2HW 01704 872692

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<a href="#">St Luke's Halsall CE Primary</a>	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	Cooks Road Crosby L23 2TB 0151 924 5142
<a href="#">St Mary's Catholic Primary</a>	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	Back Lane Little Crosby L23 4UA 0151 924 4447
<a href="#">St Monica's Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Bootle & Litherland	Aintree Road Bootle L20 9EB 0151 525 1245
<a href="#">St Nicholas' CE Primary</a>	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	Nicholas Road Crosby L23 6TS 0151 924 1204
<a href="#">St Oswald's CE Primary</a>	VA	Bootle & Litherland	Ronald Ross Avenue Bootle L30 5RH 0151 525 4580
<a href="#">St Patrick's Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Southport	Radnor Drive Southport PR9 9RR 01704 225906
<a href="#">St Philip's CE Primary, Litherland</a>	VC	Bootle & Litherland	Church Road Litherland L21 8NZ 0151 928 1483
<a href="#">St Philip's CE Primary, Southport</a>	VA	Southport	Hampton Road Southport PR8 6SS 01704 535737
<a href="#">St Robert Bellarmine Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Bootle & Litherland	Harris Drive Bootle L20 6ED 0151 922 1216
<a href="#">St Thomas CE Primary</a>	AC	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghull and Melling	Kenyons Lane Lydiat L31 0BP 0151 531 9955
<a href="#">St William of York Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	St William Road Thornton L23 9XH 0151 924 7280
<a href="#">Summerhill Primary</a>	COM	Aintree/Lydiat/Maghull and Melling	Poverty Lane Maghull L31 3DT 0151 526 1343
<a href="#">Thomas Gray Primary</a>	AC	Bootle & Litherland	Chesnut Grove Bootle L20 4LX 0151 288 6530
<a href="#">Trinity St Peter's CE Primary</a>	VA	Formby	Paradise Lane Formby L37 7EJ 01704 876391
<a href="#">Ursuline Catholic Primary</a>	VA	Crosby & Seaforth	Nicholas Road Blundellsands L23 6TT 0151 924 1704
<a href="#">Valewood Primary</a>	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	Sherwood Avenue Crosby L23 7YG 0151 924 0483
<a href="#">Waterloo Primary</a>	AC	Crosby & Seaforth	Crosby Road North Waterloo L22 0LD 0151 928 4274
<a href="#">Woodlands Primary</a>	COM	Formby	Woodlands Road Formby L37 2JN 01704 876444

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