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Guide to secondary school admissions in Telford and Wrekin

2027/28

**Closing
date** for
applications is
**31 October
2026**

Apply online at: www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

Key dates for admission to secondary school in September 2027

September to October 2026

Parents and pupils visit schools (see next page for details)

From September 2026

You are advised to apply to four schools, including your catchment area/nearest school.

www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

31 October 2026 – Application closing date

Closing date for all secondary applications including those for all pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan.

15 February 2027

Children with an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP) will be informed of which school has been named in their plan.

1 March 2027 – Secondary National Offer Day

You will be sent an email by the School Admissions Team informing you of the outcome of your application.

31 March 2027

Deadline for appeals to be lodged for community/voluntary aided schools.

April to June 2027

Appeals heard by independent appeals panel.

6 and 7 July 2027

Year 6 children will visit their new schools.

September 2027

Children start secondary school

School visits

School	Open Mornings/Days	Open Evenings
Burton Borough School www.burtonborough.org.uk Email: burton.borough@taw.org.uk Tel: 01952 951408	Thursday 1 and Friday 2 October 9am – 11am Booking only - see website for details	Wednesday 30 September 5pm – 8pm. Booking via school website
Charlton School www.charlton.uk.com Email: charlton@lct.education Tel: 01952 386800	Thursday 8 October. Tours 9.20am & 11.40am Book via school reception	Thursday 8 October 5pm – 8pm.
Ercall Wood Academy www.ercallwood.lct.education Email: admin@ercallwood.co.uk Tel: 01952 387300	30 September and 1 & 2 October. Tours at 9am, 10am, 11am & 11:40am Book via school reception.	Thursday 1 October 6pm – 8pm.
Haberdashers' Abraham Darby haberdashersabrahamdarby.co.uk Email: mandie.rowson@taw.org.uk Tel: 01952 386000	Tours available w/c 5 & 12 October 3:15pm. Please contact school for further information	Thursday 1 October 6pm – 8.30pm
Haberdashers' Adams www.adamsgs.uk Email: reception@adamsgs.uk Tel: 01952 953810	Open week 19/01/2027 – 23/01/2027. Further information is available on the school website.	N/A
Hadley Learning Community Secondary hadleylearningcommunity.org.uk Email: hlcadmin@lct.education Tel: 01952 951411	Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd October 9am – 10:30am Booking by appointment	Thursday 24th September 5pm – 8pm
Holy Trinity Academy www.holytrinity.academy Email: enquiries@holyltrinity.academy Tel: 01952 386100	N/A	Tuesday 6 October 3pm - 5pm
Madeley Academy www.madeleyacademy.com Tel: 01952 527700 Admission Enquiries to Rhys Hall	N/A	Monday 5 October Head teacher presentations at 5.15pm and 6pm
New Road Academy https://newroad.lct.education Tel: 01952 951412	Thursday 8 October By booking only	Wednesday 7 October 5pm – 7.30pm

Newport Girls' High School www.nghs.org.uk Email: admissions@nghs.org.uk Tel: 01952 797500	N/A	Tuesday 24 March 4.30 – 7pm. Book online via school website from February 2027.
The Telford Langley School www.telfordlangleyschool.co.uk Email: info@telfordlangleyschool.co.uk Tel: 01952 386700	Tours to be booked via School website.	Wednesday 7 October 5.30pm – 8pm.
Telford Park School www.telfordparkschool.co.uk Email: TPStransition@aatrust.co.uk Tel: 01952 387400	N/A	Monday 12 October 5pm – 8pm.

Please visit [Secondary School Admissions](#) for updated information.





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Children start secondary school after the end of Year 6 in primary school. A child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 should start secondary school in September 2027.

When to make your application

If your child is due to begin secondary school in September 2027, you must complete and submit your application by **31 October 2026**.

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) also must apply by **31 October 2026**.

What you should do before you apply

Making the transition to secondary school is an important stage in your child's education. It is important to carefully consider which schools you wish to apply for.

Visiting schools can help you decide. Speaking to school staff and learning about daily school life can help you in deciding which school may be most suitable for your child.

Think about how your child will travel to and from school. In most cases, if you choose a school that is not your nearest or catchment area school you will be responsible for arranging and paying for travel. More information is available on page 27.

You may find it helpful to look at:

- the school's website or prospectus, which provides information about how the school operates.
- the school's most recent Ofsted inspection report (<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk>)
- the school's performance results (www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance)

You should also consider the likelihood of being offered places at your preferred schools. This booklet explains the application

process and how school admission decisions are made.

How to apply

If you live in Telford and Wrekin, you must apply through the local authority, even if you are applying for schools outside the borough. Apply online at www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

If you need help completing the application, please email admissions@telford.gov.uk

Once you have submitted your application you will receive an automatic email confirmation. If you need to make any changes after you have applied please contact admissions@telford.gov.uk

If you live outside of Telford and Wrekin and wish to apply to a school in the borough you should apply through your home local authority.

Contact information for nearby local authorities is provided on page 30.

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You cannot list independent (private) schools on your application. Instead, you should apply directly to these schools. Applications to independent schools do not form part of the nationally coordinated admissions process.

The number of schools you can apply for

We strongly advise that you apply to four local secondary schools.

When listing preferences, you should rank the schools in order of preference, with your most preferred school listed first.

This ranking will determine which school is offered if your child qualifies for admission at more than one of the schools you have applied to.

You must apply to the local authority, even if you have already completed a form at the school

Some voluntary aided (church) and grammar schools require a 'supplementary information form' to be completed. This allows the school to collect additional information so that your application can

be considered against its published admissions criteria.

These forms should be completed and returned directly to the relevant school. You must still submit an application to your local authority.

Applying to a Selective Grammar School

There are two selective grammar schools within Telford and Wrekin:

Haberdashers' Adams

which admits boys and girls in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, and boys only in Year 11. In addition, the school also admits girls in the sixth form (Years 12 and 13).

Newport Girls High School

which admits girls only from years 7 to 13.

To apply for a place at Haberdashers' Adams or Newport Girls High School for Year 7 in September



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2027 you will have needed to register for the entrance test by 26 June 2026. The test will be held on 14 September 2026.

Applying to Thomas Telford School

Thomas Telford School is a city technology college, and the rules of admission differ from local authority maintained schools and academies.

1. You must apply directly to the school. Application forms and guidance are available from the school's website www.ttsonline.net or by contacting the school directly to request an application form.

You cannot list Thomas Telford School on your online application form.

2. Application forms are available from 1 September 2026.

3. The deadline for application is 4pm 21 September 2026. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

4. Assessments will take place in October 2026.

Applicants who do not attend an assessment will not be considered further.

5. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by letter posted on 26 February 2027. Families offered a place will be asked to complete and return an acceptance form by 4.00pm on 8 March 2027.

Further information about the admissions arrangements for Thomas Telford School is available at www.ttsonline.net

Applying to Madeley Academy

Applicants who list Madeley Academy as one of their preferred schools will be invited to attend a non-verbal reasoning assessment in November 2026. Based on this assessment, applicants will be placed into one of five ability bands. An equal number of places are offered to children in each band to ensure that the academy admits a full range of ability.

You must complete an application for a secondary place, even if your child already attends a primary school on the same site

Children do not have an automatic right to transfer from primary to secondary school. You must make an application for a secondary place.

Twins and multiple birth children

If you have twins or multiple birth children, you will need to make a separate application for each child.

Parental responsibility

Both parents with parental responsibility and those with legal responsibility for a child through a court order should jointly agree on which schools to apply to.

Where parents cannot agree, they should seek independent legal advice before making an application. The local authority cannot act as a mediator or arbitrator where parents are not in agreement.

Your home address

You must apply using the address where your child normally lives as their main home. This must be the address of the parent or carer with parental responsibility or legal custody.

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A relative's address can only be used where that person has a legal responsibility for the child through a court order. You cannot use the address of a relative, friend, childcare provider, workplace, or business for your application.

Where a child lives between two addresses and parents have shared care of a child, the application should be made using the address where the child lives for most of the school week. If time is equally shared, you should use the address where child benefit is claimed.

The address provided on your application will be checked against Council Tax records. You may be asked to provide additional evidence if your address cannot be verified. An application may be withdrawn where it is found to be fraudulent or misleading.

Changing your address

If you move address before or after the application closing date of 31 October 2026, you must email the School Admissions Team at admissions@telford.gov.uk as soon as possible, so your application can be

updated. You will be asked to provide evidence of your new address. A change of address may affect how your application is considered. Depending on when you move, it may still be possible to change your school preferences after the closing date.

A change in your circumstances

If an older child transfers to another school after 31 October 2026 and you need to change your younger child's school preferences as a result, please contact the School Admissions Team. Depending on the timing of the transfer, it may be possible to update your preferences.

If there are changes in medical circumstances after 31 October 2026 which mean a particular school is necessary you should contact the School Admissions Team.

Children of UK service personnel and crown servants

Families of UK service personnel and crown servants

often move at short notice. If we receive an application along with an official letter from the MOD, FCO or GCHQ, confirming the relocation date, applications will be processed in advance of the move. In these cases, the application will be considered using the address of the service quarters allocated to the family.

Applying after the closing date

Applications received after 31 October 2026 will be processed after all on-time applications have been considered. Many schools will have no places available once all on-time applications have been processed.

How applications are considered

The School Admissions Team processes applications and coordinates offers for children living in Telford and Wrekin, including applications for schools outside the borough. This is part of the nationally coordinated admissions process, which ensures that applications are considered fairly and that each child

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receives only one school offer.

Each application is considered in line with the published admissions criteria for each school. Where a child qualifies for admission at more than one of the preferred schools, only one offer will be made. This will be the highest ranked preference at which a place can be offered.

Making the decisions on applications

For voluntary aided schools and academies, admission decisions are made by the governing body or academy trust using the information provided on the application form and any required supplementary information form.

Admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria for all schools and academies in Telford and Wrekin are available on individual school websites and on the council's website.

Where one or more of your preferred schools are outside Telford and Wrekin, the admission authority for that school will make the decision and notify the School

Admissions Team.

Once all admission decisions have been received, the School Admissions Team will coordinate the offer of places in line with the process described above.

The number of places available at each school in Telford and Wrekin

Details of the number of children who can be admitted to each school in Telford and Wrekin for the school year 2027/28 can be found on pages 24 and 25 of this booklet.

Catchment areas

It is strongly recommended that you include your catchment area school as one of your preferences, as applications from children living within a school's catchment area may be given priority under the school's admission criteria. A map of secondary school catchment areas is shown on page 23. You can also use the council's online [catchment school finder](#) to determine which catchment area you live in.

Application outcomes

If you submit your application by the closing date of **31 October 2026** you will receive your outcome by email from the School Admissions Team on **1 March 2027**. The outcome email will confirm the school place offered and explain what to do next.

Children with an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP) will be notified of the school named in their plan on **15 February 2027**.



Summary of secondary transfer offers for 2026/27

School name	Places available	Total on time preferences received	Number of on time 1st preferences	Number of on time preferences allocated	Children allocated school as nearest alternative offer	Home to school, straight line distance for last place allocated in metres (over-subscribed schools only).	No. of appeals heard	No. of appeals heard
Charlton School	240	625	234	241	0	4375	2	0
Ercall Wood Academy	240	524	174	205	3	n/a	0	0
Haberdashers' Abraham Darby	180	444	112	180	0	43146	0	0
Haberdashers' Adams	135	568	120	135	0	n/a		
Hadley Learning Community Secondary Phase	240	787	306	240	0	1931	8	0
Holy Trinity Academy	210	735	279	210	0	1726	18	4
Madeley Academy	180	870	418	180	0	Band 1: 2553 Band 2: 1486 Band 3: 1748 Band 4: 1582 Band 5: 911	25	16
New Road Academy	240	295	117	181	32	n/a	0	0
Newport Girls High School Academy	120	442	113	120	0	n/a	7	0
The Burton Borough School	242	375	155	231	1	n/a	0	0
The Telford Langleigh School	240	471	140	199	13	n/a	0	0
The Telford Park School	180	258	71	115	15	n/a	0	0

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Accepting the school place offered

If you are happy with the school place offered for your child there is nothing you need to do. The school will contact you with further information about starting school in September.

If you do not have an offer at any of the schools you have applied for

If we cannot offer your child a place at any of the schools you applied for, your child will still be allocated a school place. This will be at your catchment school or the nearest school to your home address with a vacancy after all applications have been considered.

If your child is not offered a place at any of the preferred schools on your application, they will automatically be added to the waiting lists for those schools. The outcome email will also explain how to ask for your child to be added to the waiting lists of other schools and how to appeal.

School waiting lists

Parents can request that their child is added to the waiting list

for their preferred school(s) after National Offer Day.

Waiting lists are ranked in line with the schools' published oversubscription criteria. This means that a child's position on a waiting list can change over time, including moving down the list if new children are added with a higher priority under the criteria.

You will need to contact voluntary aided schools, foundation schools and academies directly to confirm their waiting list arrangements. Schools outside of Telford and Wrekin may operate waiting lists differently and you should check with the relevant admission authority.

How to appeal against a decision not to offer a place

You have the right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place at any of the schools listed on your application form where a place could not be offered. If you wish to appeal for a secondary school in Telford and Wrekin, you must submit your appeal directly to the school.

Appeal timetable

Appeals will normally be heard within 40 school days of the appeal closing date and before your child is due to start secondary school in September.

The independent appeal panel

Appeals are heard by an independent appeal panel made up of three people with experience or knowledge of education. No panel member will have any connection with the school or the admissions authority. The panel is supported by an independent clerk who will contact you to confirm the date, time and venue for the hearing and invite you to attend. The decision of the appeal panel is final and must be accepted by both you and the local authority.



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Frequently asked questions

Q. Is my child guaranteed a place at one of their four preferred schools?

Most families are offered a place at one of their four preferred schools; however, this cannot be guaranteed. It is not always possible for every child to be offered a place at their most preferred school.

Where a school receives more applications than the number of places available, not all children can be admitted. For this reason, it is important to carefully consider the likelihood of your child being offered a place at each school before submitting your application.

Q. What happens if I only apply to one school?

Your child will not gain any additional priority by applying for only one school. Applying for more than one school does not reduce the likelihood of being offered a place at your most preferred school.

If it is not possible to offer a place at the school you applied for, a place will be allocated at your catchment

area or the nearest school to your home address where places are available once all applications have been considered. By this stage the schools you may have considered as second, third, or fourth preferences may already be full.

To increase the likelihood of your child being offered a place at one of your preferred schools, it is strongly advised that you apply to four schools.

Q. Is my child more likely to be offered a place at my first preference school?

Applications for each school are considered in line with each school's admission criteria without regard to whether it is the first, second, third, or fourth preference school. However, if your child qualifies for a place at more than one school, the order in which you listed your preferences on your application form will determine the school you are offered.

This school will be the highest listed preference at which an offer can be made. Your application for schools listed

as lower preferences will no longer be considered.

It is therefore important to list schools you are applying to in order of preference on the application form.

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Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan you must apply online at www.telford.gov.uk/admissions by 31 October 2026.

You can express preferences for mainstream and/or special schools. Information about all schools in Telford and Wrekin and how children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities are supported is available through the SEND Local Offer at www.telfordsend.org.uk.

The local authority is committed to inclusive education and will support children in mainstream schools wherever this is appropriate and in line with their needs. Most children who attend a mainstream primary school with an EHCP will transfer to a mainstream secondary school.

If your child currently attends a mainstream primary school, and your first preference is a special secondary school, it is important that you also name mainstream secondary schools as your second, third and fourth preferences. This increases the likelihood of your child being allocated a school place that you have considered. When expressing

preferences, you should carefully consider the views of your child's current school or setting and any professionals involved with your child, including advice provided through the Annual Review process.

Where a preference is expressed for a special school, this must have been discussed at your child's most recent Annual Review, which should include contributions from relevant external professionals. The annual review report must have been sent to the Local Authority SEND Team and must clearly set out evidence that your child meets suitability criteria for the requested special school. Special school places are limited, and it may not always be possible to allocate a place at your preferred special school.

Where the local authority does not consider a special school placement to be appropriate and no mainstream school has been named as a lower preference; the local authority will consult with the closest

appropriate mainstream school to your home address in order to secure a placement.

If your child currently attends a special primary school and your preference is for a special secondary school, then you must still submit an application. This applies even where a special school is an all-age provision. For example parents of children attending the Bridge School in Year 6 must still apply for a place at the Bridge School in Year 7, where that is the preference.

The Local Authority must comply with your preference for a maintained school unless:

- the school is unsuitable to the child's age, ability, aptitude, or special educational needs, or
- The placement would be incompatible with the efficient education of the other children, or
- The placement would be incompatible with the

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Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan

- efficient use of resources.

You may also make representations to the local authority for a place at an independent or non-maintained school. The Local Authority is required to consider this preference but will also consider maintained school options. To express a preference for an independent or non-maintained school you must contact the SEND Team directly at sendandinclusion@telford.gov.uk.

School places for children with an EHCP are allocated in accordance with the Education Act 1996 and Children and Families

Act 2014. Decisions are made after considering the child's special educational needs, parental preference, and the formal views of the schools requested.

The local authority is required to amend your child's Education, Health and Care Plan by 15 February 2027 naming the secondary school your child will attend from September 2027.

If you do not submit an application online, the local authority will:

- Consider information already available including the current EHCP and the most recent Annual Review.
- Consult with the closest appropriate school setting to secure a placement

It is therefore important that you apply on time to express your preferences.

Where a place cannot be

offered at your preferred school, you have the right to appeal to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal (SENDIST).

If you would like advice and support in your decision-making Telford and Wrekin SENDIASS (Information, Advice and Support Service) www.telfordsendiass.org.uk can provide comprehensive, quality, and impartial advice to parents of young people and children with special educational needs.



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Policy for Inclusive Education

Telford & Wrekin Council promotes an inclusive approach to education enabling children and young people to have their educational needs met within their local school wherever possible and appropriate. The Council believes that inclusive education is an effective way to combat discriminatory attitudes and contribute

towards the creation of welcoming and inclusive communities. The view of inclusive education is based on the principle of Entitlement.

Telford & Wrekin Council believes that all children and young people are entitled to:

- Equality of opportunity and access to education.
- Learn, participate, and form friendships with peers within their local community.

- Support to develop their skills and abilities, maximise their potential and attainment and to enhance self-esteem.
- Early identification of any special educational needs
- Professional support, advice, and appropriate resources to meet identified needs.
- Be treated with respect to their views and opinions listened to and taken into



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Specialist schools

Queensway

Primary area of need: Social Communication/Autistic Spectrum Condition, Social, Emotional and Mental Health

Contact telephone number: 01952 951414

Address: Queensway, Hadley, Telford, TF1 6AJ

Website: <https://queensway.school>

Age Range (mainly): 11-16

Linden Secondary Specialist School

Primary area of need: Social, Emotional and Mental Health

Contact telephone number: 01952 385601

Address: Webb Crescent, Dawley, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 3DU

Website: www.lindencentre.co.uk

Age Range (mainly): 11-16

Southall School

Primary area of need: Complex Learning Needs

Contact telephone number: 01952 387600

Address: Off Rowan Avenue, Dawley, Telford TF4 3PN

Website: www.southallschool.com

Age Range (mainly): 11-16

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The Bridge School

Primary area of need: Severe Learning Difficulties

Contact telephone number: 01952 387108

Address: Hadley Learning Community, Waterloo Road, Hadley, Telford TF1 5NQ

Website: www.thebridgeschool.co.uk

Age Range (mainly): 5-16

Admission criteria for each school can be found on their websites.

Specialist provision hubs

In addition to specialist schools, Telford and Wrekin also offers specialist provision hubs to support children and young people with communication and interaction needs and cognition and learning needs.

Southall – Langley Specialist Hub

Age range 11-16

Tel: 01952 386700

Specialist Provision Hubs - SEND - Local offer (telfordsend.org.uk)

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In-year admissions



In-year admission is where a child starts secondary school at a time other than the normal point of entry in Year 7. This is often when a child has moved into the Telford and Wrekin area from another part of the UK or overseas.

How to apply

The Telford and Wrekin School Admissions Team co-ordinate in-year admissions for most schools and academies in the borough. Full details are available on our website: www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

To apply for an in-year place in Telford and Wrekin you should apply online at www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

This applies to families living within Telford and Wrekin and families living outside the borough who wish to apply for a place at a Telford & Wrekin School.

If you are applying for a school outside of Telford and Wrekin, you must apply either:

- Directly to the relevant local authority, or
- Directly to the school

Contact details for nearby local authorities are provided on page 30.

Application outcomes

The School Admissions Team will normally notify you of the outcome within 15 school days of receiving an in-year application. Where a place is offered your child will be expected to start school as soon as possible.

Unplaced children

If your family has recently moved into Telford and Wrekin and your child does not currently have a school place or it is not possible to offer a place at one of the schools you have applied for you will be advised of local schools that have vacancies.

You should inform the School Admissions Team of your preferred school so that a place can be secured promptly.

If no local school places are available, your child may be referred for placement under the Fair Access Protocol

Telford and Wrekin Fair Access Protocol

All schools and academies in Telford and Wrekin participate in the Fair Access Protocol. The protocol sets out how school places are allocated for children who move into the borough and cannot secure a place at a local school. The Fair Access Panel meets every three to four weeks during term time to ensure that children do not face long delays in accessing a school place.

The panel will take into consideration where you live, the schools you have applied to, and which school is best placed to accommodate additional pupils. A place at

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your preferred school is not guaranteed.

The protocol also supports children who due to specific circumstances, may require alternative educational provision where placement in a mainstream school is not immediately appropriate.

Transferring to another school

If you wish to transfer your child from one secondary school in Telford and Wrekin to another this can be arranged by the School Admissions Team. You are advised to first discuss any concerns with staff at your child's current school.

Transfer requests are subject to place availability, and it may not be possible for a child to transfer where the preferred school is full or there are more applicants than places available at the time of application. Your child must continue to attend their current school while a transfer request is being considered.

If places are not available at your preferred schools you may request that your child is added to the school's waiting list. Waiting lists are maintained in line with each school's

admission criteria.

If you wish for your child to remain on a waiting list for the following academic year, you will need to re-apply each year during the summer holidays.

University Technical College (UTC) and Studio Schools

University Technical Colleges (UTCs) are education institutions established in partnership with universities. They specialise in one or two technical subjects. Alongside their specialist focus, UTCs offer a broad curriculum similar to that of a typical 11-18 secondary school, including core subjects such as English and Mathematics.

Studio Schools are like UTCs in that they have employer involvement in the curriculum and focus on developing the skills needed for employment, involving personal coaching and work experience, alongside a similar curriculum to a typical 11-18 secondary.

The following UTCs and Studio Schools are within reasonable travelling distance of Telford and Wrekin:

- Aston University Engineering Academy www.auea.co.uk
- Birmingham Ormiston Academy www.boa-academy.co.uk
- JCB Academy, Rocester www.jcb-academy.com
- WMG Academy for Young Engineers (Solihull) <https://solihull.wmgacademy.org.uk>
- Waverley Studio College Birmingham www.waverleystudiocollege.co.uk
- Walsall Studio School www.studioschoolandsixth.org

If your child is currently in Year 9 and you decide that you would like to apply for a place at any of these schools, you will need to apply directly to them. Details of how to apply are on their websites.

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Post-16 and sixth form admissions

All schools have a statutory duty to secure impartial careers guidance for students in Year 8 to 13. This guidance should inspire young people to fulfil their potential and ensure they are aware of the full range of education, training and employment opportunities available to them. We strongly recommend that your child discuss their options with a careers adviser at their current school or college.

The raising of the participation age

The Government has increased the age to which all young people in England must continue in education or training. Young people are required to participate until the end of the academic year in which they turn 18.

Raising the participation age does not mean young people must remain in school. After the age of 16, they may choose one of the following options:

- full time education, such as school, college or home education
- an apprenticeship
- part-time education or training if they are employed, self-employed or volunteering full time (defined as 20 hours or more per week)

For more information about this area please see School leaving

age - [GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Post 16 provision

There are six schools in Telford and Wrekin which currently offer a sixth form:

- Haberdashers' Abraham Darby
- Haberdashers' Adams
- Holy Trinity Academy
- Madeley Academy
- Newport Girls High School
- Thomas Telford School

All schools with sixth forms and further education colleges are self-governing institutions and responsible for their own admissions. To apply for a sixth form place, families must contact the school/college directly. Additionally, students may prefer to continue their education at:

Telford College, Haybridge Road, Wellington, Telford TF1 2NP

Tel: 01952 642200

Email: info@telfordcollege.ac.uk

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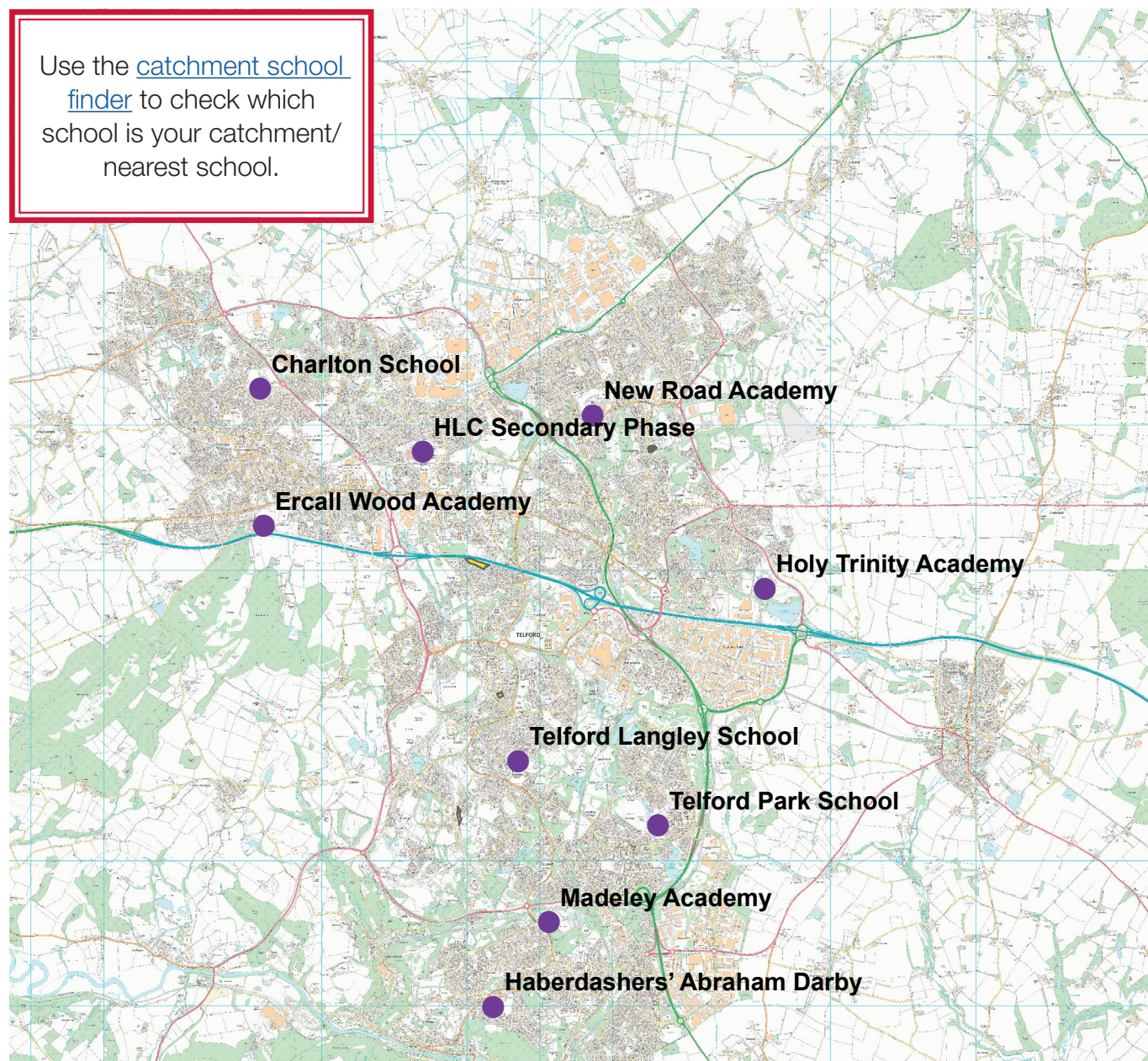
There is a separate process in place for young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan as they move into post-16 provision. A letter will be sent directly to those young people and their families outlining the next steps. If you have any queries, please contact the SEND team on 01952 385399 or email sendandinclusion@telford.gov.uk

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Secondary schools in Telford and Wrekin map

Use the [catchment school finder](#) to check which school is your catchment/nearest school.



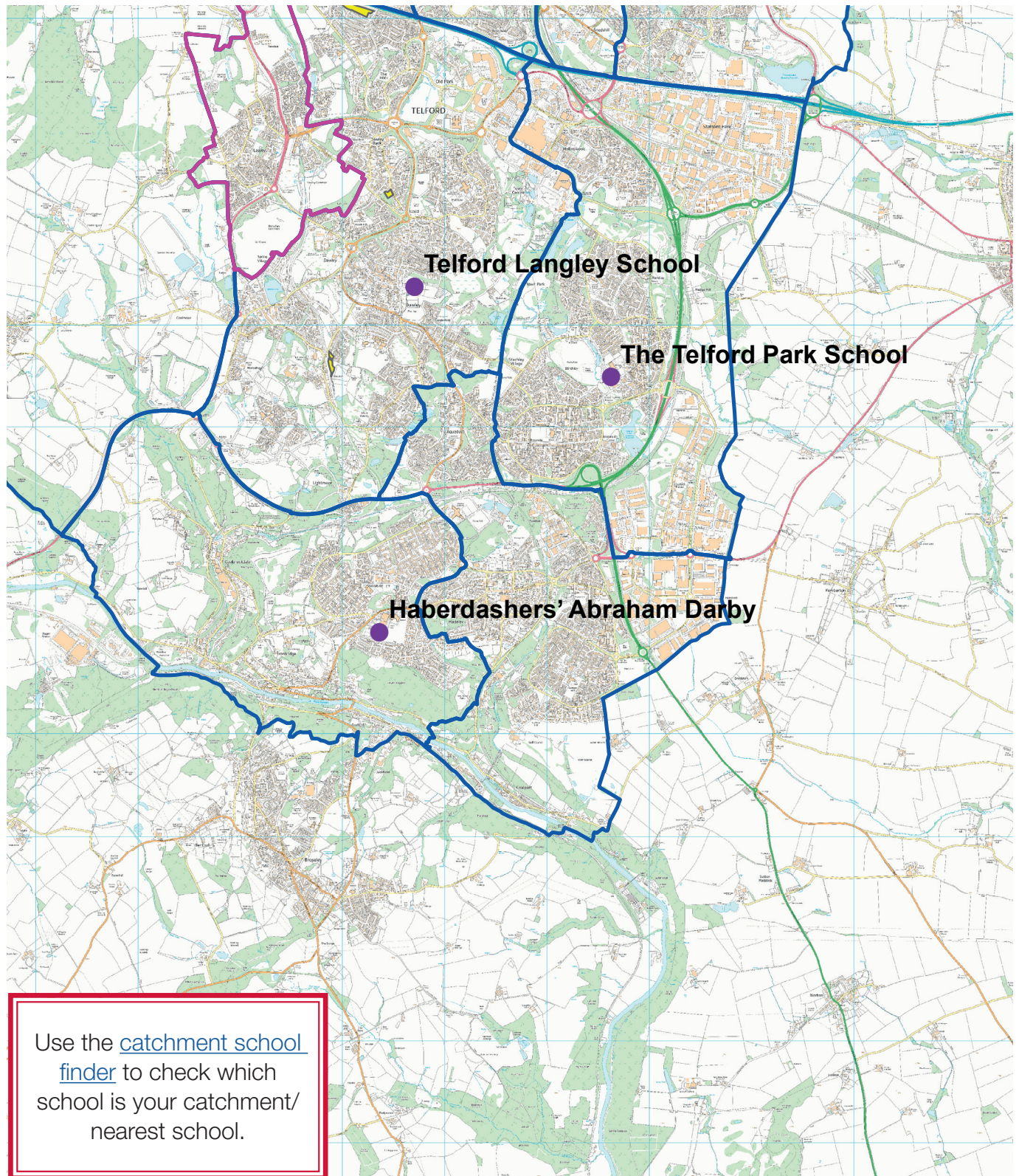
All Secondary Schools in Telford and Wrekin

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South Telford secondary school catchment area map



South Telford (Secondary)

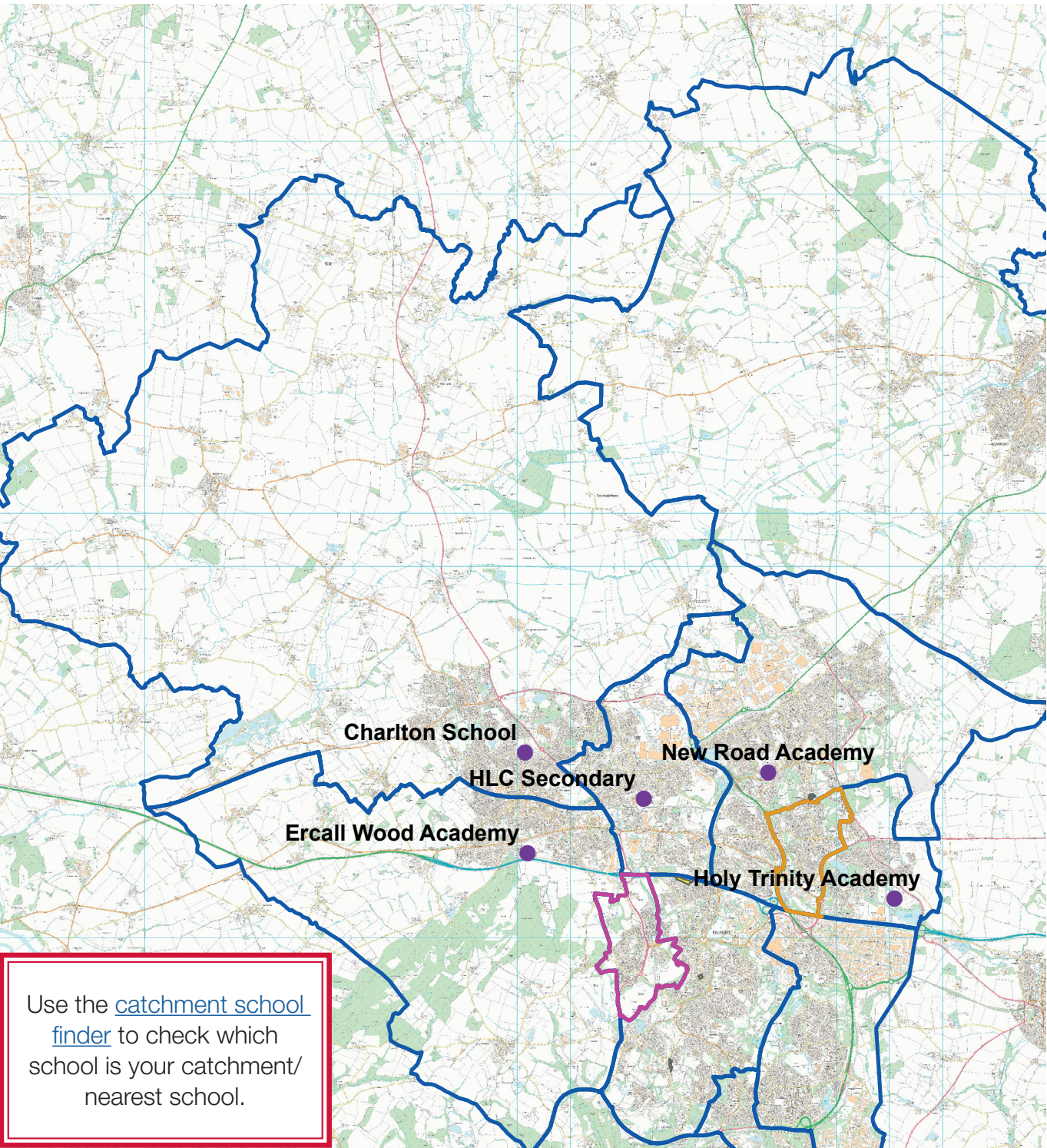
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- Telford Langley and Ercall Wood shared

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North Telford secondary school catchment area map



North Telford (Secondary)

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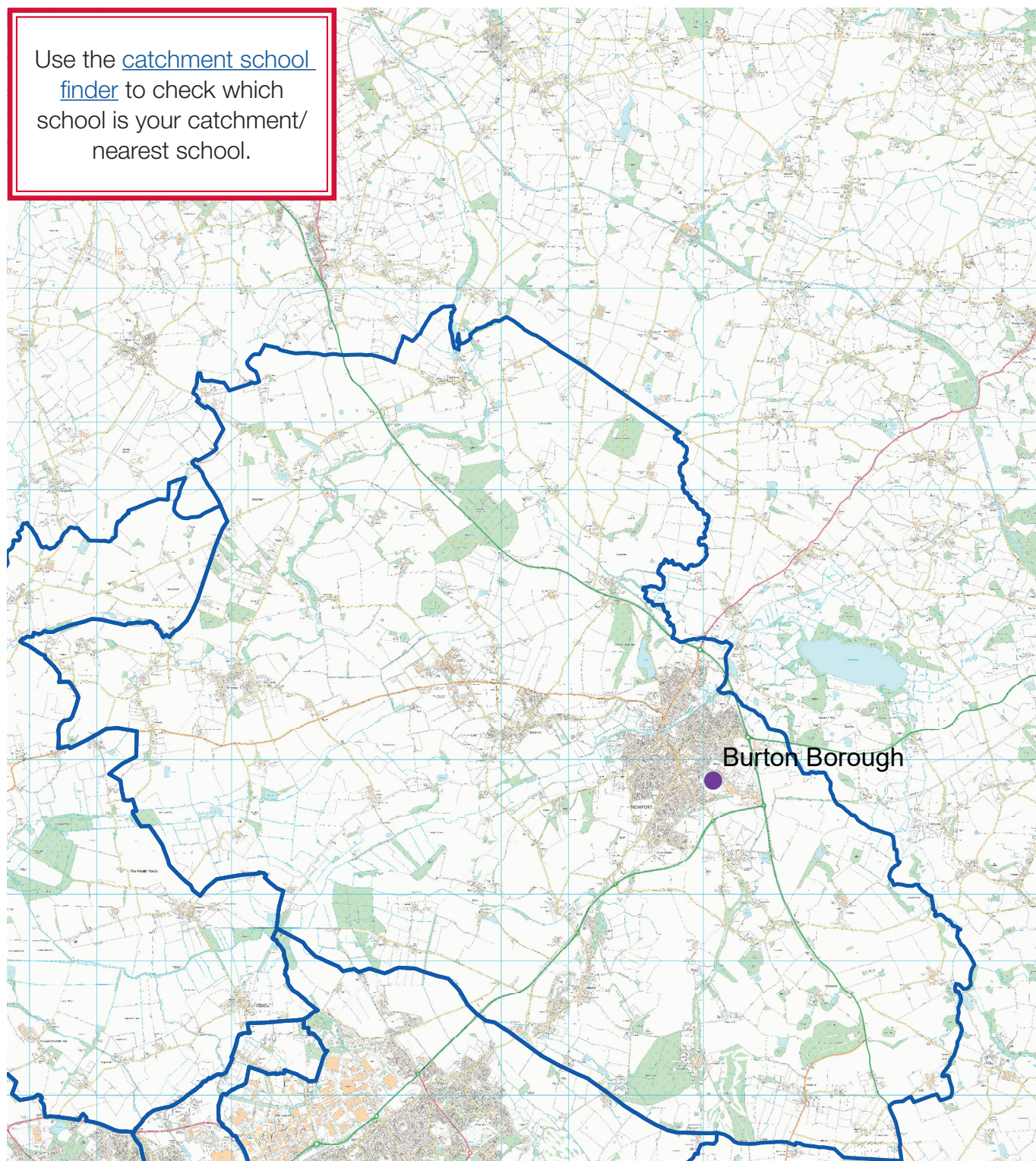
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Newport secondary school catchment area map

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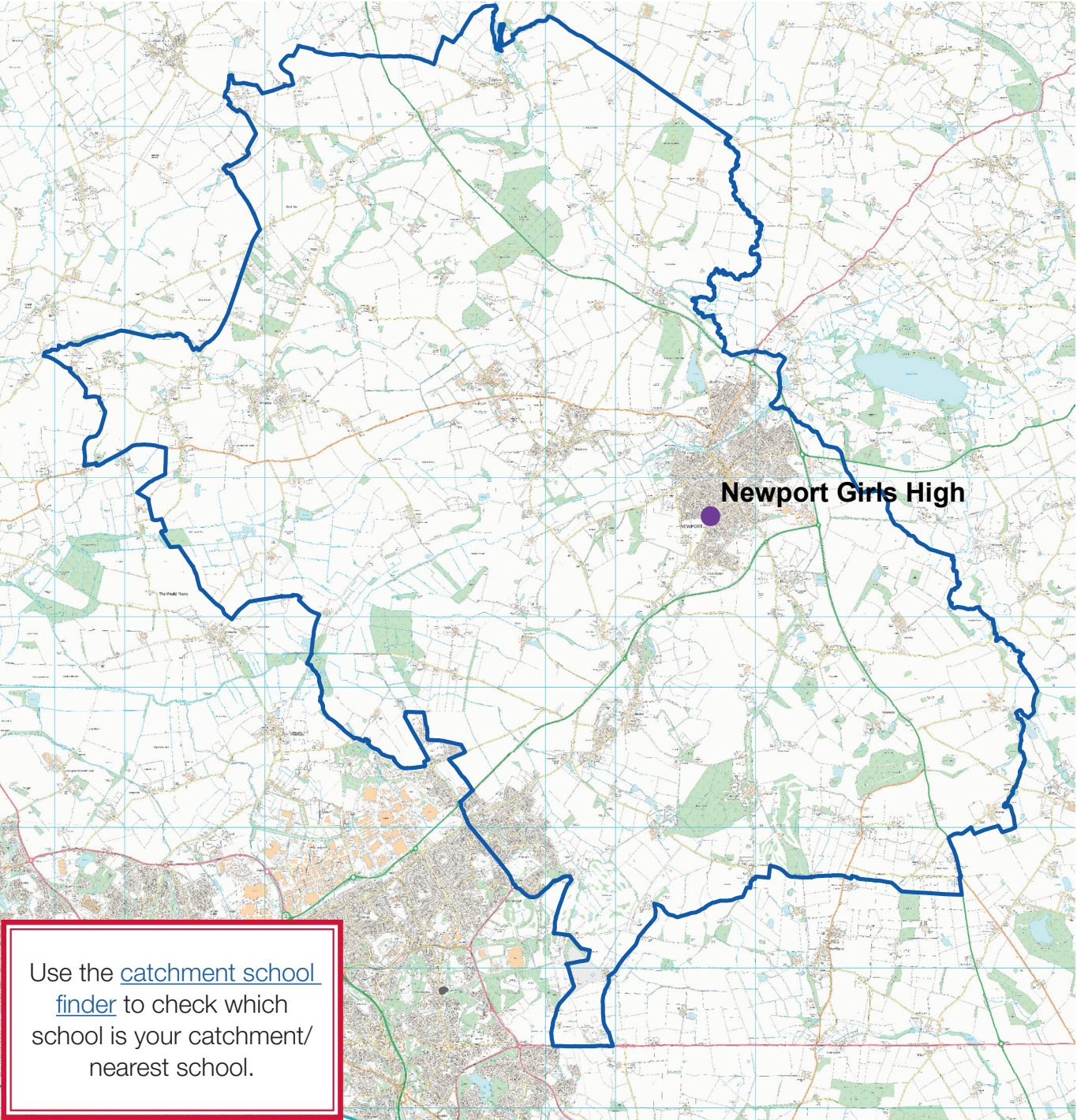
Newport (Secondary)

-  Burton Borough
-  Catchment Area

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Grammar schools catchment area map



Grammar school catchment area

Newport Girls High

Grammar Catchment Area

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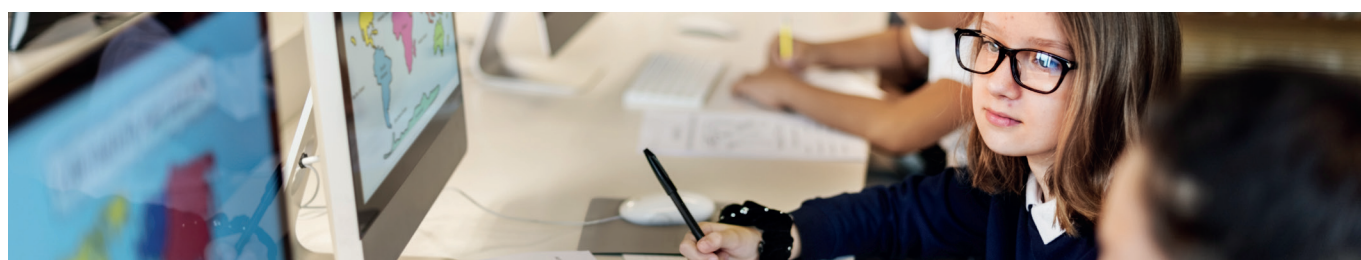
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Secondary school details

School name and address	Contact details	Age range	Published admission number (PAN)	Admission arrangements
Charlton School (Academy) Apley Avenue, Wellington, Telford TF1 3FA	www.charlton.uk.com 01952 951409	11-16	240	Click here
Ercall Wood Academy (Academy) Golf Links Lane, Wellington, Telford TF1 2DT	www.ercallwood.lct.education 01952 951410	11-16	240	Click here
Haberdashers' Abraham Darby (Academy) Ironbridge Road, Madeley, Telford TF7 5HX	www.haberdashersabrahamdarby.co.uk 01952 386800	11-18	180	Click here
Haberdashers' Adams Grammar School (Academy) High Street, Newport TF10 7BD	www.adamsgs.uk 01952 953810	11-18	135	Click here
Hadley Learning Community – Secondary Phase (Academy) Waterloo Road, Hadley, Telford TF1 5NU	www.hlcsecondary.lct.education 01952 951411	11-16	240	Click here



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School name and address	Contact details	Age range	Published admission number (PAN)	Admission arrangements
Holy Trinity Academy (Voluntary Aided School) Teece Dr, Priorslee, Telford TF2 9SF	www.holytrinity.academy 01952 386100	11-18	210	Click here
Madeley Academy (Academy) Castlefields Way, Madeley, Telford TF7 5FB	www.madeleyacademy.com 01952 527700	11-18	180	Click here
New Road Academy (Academy) New Road, Wrockwardine Wood, Telford TF2 7AB	www.newroad.lct.education 01952 951412	11-16	240	Click here
Newport Girls' High School Academy (Academy) Wellington Rd, Newport TF10 7HL	www.nghs.org.uk 01952 797550	11-18	120	Click here
The Burton Borough School (Academy) Audley Avenue, Newport TF10 7DS	www.burtonborough.lct.education 01952 951408	11-16	242	Click here
The Telford Langley School (Academy) Duce Drive, Dawley, Telford TF4 3JS	www.telfordlangleyschool.co.uk 01952 386700	11-16	240	Click here
The Telford Park School (Academy) Grange Avenue, Stirchley, Telford TF3 1FA	www.telfordparkschool.co.uk 01952 387400	11-16	180	Click here

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School attendance

By law (Section 444 of the Education Act 1996) all children aged 5 to 16 must receive suitable full-time education. To ensure this your child must:

- Attend school regularly
- Arrive at school on time
- Abide by school rules and attend all scheduled lessons

Schools monitor attendance closely because good attendance:

- gives children the best possible start in life
- helps them to keep up with schoolwork
- demonstrates reliability to future employers and supports them in gaining employment in the future
- reduces the risk of children becoming victims of crime or abuse
- reduces the likelihood of involvement in anti-social or criminal behaviour

An attendance of 90% may sound acceptable but it means that your child has missed four whole weeks of schooling in one academic year. If this continued throughout school, a child could miss more than half a year of education.

The Department for Education classifies any pupil with attendance of 90% or below as a persistent absentee.

Parents and carers can help by making sure children attend school every day. Children should not be kept off school for reasons such as shopping trips, birthdays, long weekends, waiting in for deliveries or visiting relatives.

Each school has a Nominated Attendance Officer who can provide advice and support if families experience difficulties with attendance.

Leave in term time (holidays)

There is no automatic right to take a child out of school during term time.

The local authority policy, in line with the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England)

Regulations 2024 is that no request for absence during term time should be authorised unless it is deemed by the headteacher to be in exceptional circumstances.

Any request for leave must:

- be made in writing
- be submitted in advance
- be requested before any travel or accommodation is booked

The headteacher will consider all requests and inform parents of their decision. If leave is taken without permission, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised, and a penalty notice (PN) may be issued.

Penalty Notice Charges

- First PN within three years: £80 (if paid within 21 days)
- Second PN within three years £160 (flat rate)
- Third offence within three years: no further PN will be issued; alternative legal action may be taken including prosecution.

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If a penalty notice is not paid within the required timescale, the parent may be prosecuted in the Magistrates Court.

If you have any questions about attendance or penalty notices you should contact the Attendance Support Team.

School travel assistance

A secondary school age child may be eligible for travel assistance if:

- They attend their nearest or catchment area school; and
- Live more than three miles from the school.

A secondary school age child may also be eligible for extended rights provisions where they live in a household with an annual income of £7,400 or less and meet distance criteria and either:

- attend one of the three nearest suitable schools which is between two and six miles from home where there are fewer than three suitable schools closer, or
- attend a school that is between two and 15 miles from home on the grounds of religion or belief where no nearer suitable school is available

The safety and suitability of the walking route to school will also be considered.

Travel assistance is also provided for:

- children with special educational needs, disabilities and mobility difficulties who cannot reasonably be expected to walk to school, even if accompanied.
- Children in exceptional circumstances, such as those living in emergency accommodation or some looked after children who need to remain at a particular school.

For eligible secondary-age pupils, travel assistance is usually provided as a free bus pass, enabling independent

travel to and from school. Other forms of assistance may be provided depending on the child's needs or availability on existing transport routes.

For further information on school travel assistance and to apply, please visit travelassistance.telford.gov.uk or contact the Passenger Transport Team on 01952 384545 or emailing travelassistance@telford.gov.uk

Applications must be made by 30 June 2027 to ensure that travel arrangements for eligible children can be put in place for September 2027.

Applications received after this date may still be considered but travel assistance cannot be guaranteed to be in place for the start of the academic year.

Free school meals

From the start of the 2026/27 school year children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive free school meals.

Visit www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals or [Telford & Wrekin Council](https://www.telford.gov.uk) | [Free School Meals](https://www.telford.gov.uk/free-school-meals) for further information.

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School uniform and clothing

The Local Authority does not provide grants towards the cost of school uniforms or other clothing. Schools may be able to tell you about local sources of support.

Telford Crisis Support may also be able to help through its School Uniform Project. Further information is available at www.telfordcrisissupport.org.uk and you can contact them by emailing telfordcrisissupport.org.uk or calling 01952 586646.

Child employment and performance licensing for children of compulsory school age

Telford & Wrekin Council recognises that children and young people may gain valuable life experiences through part-time employment and by taking part in local or national stage productions, films, and television advertisements.

The Council's Attendance Support Team includes a Child Employment Officer who has a statutory duty to regulate, supervise and enforce legislation relating to the

employment of children and performance licensing.

Under the Employment of Children Regulations all children of compulsory school age up to, and including the minimum school leaving age, must hold a licence or permit issued by the Local Authority before undertaking part-time paid work outside of school hours.

Both the employer and the parent/carer of a child who wishes to work must complete a work permit application form which is submitted to the Child Employment Officer for approval and the issuing of a licence. The Child Employment Officer provides advice to schools, parents, employers and children on:

- The types of work permitted
- The number of hours a child is allowed to work
- Ensuring that all working environments are safe and appropriate.

A child may not begin employment until the age of 13. During term time, a child may work up to two hours per school day, with



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a maximum of 12 hours per school week. Permitted working hours increase during school holidays, in line with regulations.

The Child Employment Officer is also responsible for the issuing of performance licenses. These licences are granted to production companies, modelling agencies and amateur dramatic societies following a detailed application process in partnership with the parent/carer and the child's school.

The Child Employment Officer can be contacted for further information on 01952 385223.

Email: child.employment@telford.gov.uk. Information is also available on our website [Child in Employment - Telford & Wrekin Council](#)

School governors

Every school has a governing School Admissions Team body made up of members of the local community, including parents of children attending the school. School governors play a vital role, contributing to the leadership and strategic direction of the school. The governing body acts as a corporate entity and is responsible for setting the school's ethos and strategic framework. This includes determining the school's aims and overseeing its conduct. While the headteacher and staff are responsible for the day-to-day management of the school they are accountable to the governing body for the school's performance and

progress.

If you would like to find out more about the work of the governing body, or are interested in becoming a school governor, you should contact the school directly. Further information is also available from the Local Authority's School Governance Team on (01952) 380808

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Useful contacts

Telford and Wrekin

School Admissions Team

Darby House, Lawn Central,
Telford, TF3 4JA

Email: admissions@telford.gov.uk

SEND Team Email:
sendandinclusion@telford.gov.uk

Shropshire

School Admissions Team
The Guildhall,
Frankwell Quay,
Shrewsbury
SY3 9HQ

Email: school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

Staffordshire

School Admissions Team and
Transport Service

Staffordshire County Council,
1 Staffordshire Place, Stafford
ST16 2LP

Email: admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk

Wolverhampton

School Admissions and
Appeals Team

City of Wolverhampton
Council, Civic Centre,
St Peter's Square,
Wolverhampton WV1 1RL

Email: schooladmissions@wolverhampton.gov.uk



