



**Netherton Park
Nursery School**

Primary School Admissions

For September 2027

Local Primary Schools

Northfield
Road Primary
School

Netherbrook
Primary
School

Netherton
CofE Primary
School

Dudley Wood
Primary
School

Sledmere
Primary
School

Kates Hill
Primary
School

Other Dudley Primary Schools

Blowers Green
Primary
School

Jessons
Primary
School

Beechwood
Primary
School

Woodside
Primary
School

Russell's Hall
Primary
School

Sandwell Primary Schools

Oakham
Primary School

Springfield
Primary School

Corngreaves
Primary School

Temple
Meadow
Primary School

Tips for choosing a Primary School

- Look at schools that are local to your home
- Look at the schools' websites
- Look at the most recent Ofsted report – be aware of when this was carried out!
- Contact the schools to have a look around – look at the whole school and not just Reception provision, your child will be there for the next 7 years
- They may have specific open days or allow you to book a time with a member of staff at another time
- Attend their Christmas fair – something like this will give you a good feel about the school
- Do you get a nice feel when you look around? Do you feel comfortable and at ease? Are you made to feel welcome? Do you see your child feeling happy here? Trust your 'gut' feeling?
- Does the school environment feel cared for?
- If you need wraparound provision - What provision is there for before/after school care? Is there a waiting list?

Things to think about

- How does the school support children's emotional development?
- Are children involved in supporting each other e.g. as buddies, in class discussions?
- How are children's individual interests and skills supported?
- What type of clubs are available at lunchtime and outside school hours and which year groups are they open to? (sport, music, craft, Lego, friendship, languages etc)
- Who can you talk to if your child is unhappy at school and how will your child be supported?
- How do they handle bullying?
- Look for general cleanliness and good standards of maintenance within the school building and outside in the playground. Does the play equipment or school garden look like it's used?
- Are the staff welcoming and friendly?
- What is their transition process for new children?
- Do they celebrate all children and not just those that achieve well academically?
- How is positive behavior encouraged, supported, rewarded?
- How are parents communicated with, kept informed with what is going on in school, involved in school life?
- How are pupils who need additional support/achieve well catered for?



Applications

- Applications are completed online to the Local Authority where you live

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/primary-reception-intake/>

<https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/school-admissions/applying-reception-place-year-3-junior-school>

Application process

- You need to create an online account with a log in and password
- We do have paper copies for Dudley LA where needed
- You can apply to Primary Schools outside of the Local Authority you live in (Sandwell/Dudley)
- You MUST put a **minimum** of 3 school choices – in order of preference
- If a school is oversubscribed with applications for first choice, the Local Authority will apply the admissions criteria for the school

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/admission-arrangements/>

- If you only select 1 school and it is oversubscribed, then the Local Authority will select the next available school with places wherever it is within Dudley/Sandwell

Application process

- You can return to make any changes to your online application until the closing date 15th January 2027 at midnight.
- Decisions will be sent out via email on 16th April 2027 after 2pm or via 2nd class post for paper applications
- If you have been offered a Dudley School you are not required to accept this. The school offered will contact you later. If you have been offered a school outside Dudley Authority, please contact the relevant Local Authority.
- Refusing a school place - It is strongly recommended that you seriously consider the implications of your child being without a school place. If you have obtained a school elsewhere, please advise the admissions service. **All refusals must be in writing.**
- If you refuse the school place offered, please also consider the fact that this school place may not be available at a later stage. Accepting this place will not affect any waiting list positions or be prejudicial to any appeal you may lodge.
- You can request to go onto a waiting list for any school that you have been refused. Children on the waiting list will be ranked in accordance with the published admission criteria and the list will operate until 31 August. After which time you will need to contact the Admissions Service to reapply. Inclusion on a school's waiting list does not mean that a place will eventually become available. A child's position on a waiting list is not static and is subject to change during the school year.

Appeals process

- If your child has been refused a place in your preferred school(s) this will be because the school(s) received more applications than available places and other children had a higher priority in accordance with the admissions criteria. Your refusal was made on the grounds of **Infant Class Size Legislation**.
- You have the right to appeal against this decision; it is advised you read and understand the grounds of Infant Class Size appeals before submitting your appeal. There are limited nature of the possible grounds on which an appeal may be allowed under Infant Class Size.

Statistics for Appeals in Dudley: Number of Appeals - Infant Class

2026 – heard 48 – refused all

2025 – heard 33- refused all

2024 - heard 28 - refused all

2023 - heard 37 - refused all

2022 - heard 51 - refused 50, allowed 1

- Appeals take place June/July 2027