

Admission to Secondary School September 2026: A quick guide to the application process

In September 2026, your child will be due to transfer to Secondary School.

This leaflet contains a basic guide to the application process and some information about the allocation of school places. A full version of the booklet “A Guide for Parents – Secondary Education in Redcar & Cleveland 2026-2027”, which gives details of all the secondary academies admission policies for 2026-2027, is available on the Redcar and Cleveland website - [starting-secondary-school](#)

A copy can also be obtained by emailing the School Admissions Team – SchoolsAdmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

The timetable for the application process is as follows and the important dates are shown.

W/C 2 nd September 2025	Application packs posted to the home address
5 th September 2025	Online application website opens
September / October 2025	Academy Open Evenings for pupils and parents
31 st October 2025	Closing date for receipt of online and paper applications
1 st March 2026	National Allocation Offer Day
May – July 2026	Appeals to be heard by Independent Panels
End of Autumn Term 2026	Secondary Year 7 waiting lists close

If you need any help with the application process you can contact the independent School Choice Adviser Christine Morris on 01642 444539 who will be able to assist you on all aspects of applying for a school place.

Change of address

If you move address during the application and appeal process, you must notify the School Admissions Section you will be asked to provide evidence of the new address. Where address evidence is requested, and the evidence received and verified, the new address details will be updated on the pupil's record.

Admissions (Oversubscription) Criteria

Sometimes there are more applications for schools than there are places available. This is what is meant when a school is said to be oversubscribed. If this is the case then places are offered up to the school's Published Admission Limit using their oversubscription criteria included in their Admissions Policy.

Parents are advised to read the admissions criteria for the schools in which they wish to apply for as admissions criteria can differ between schools. The oversubscription criteria can be found on the academies own websites or as part of their admissions arrangements or in the full version of the parent's guide which is available on the Redcar and Cleveland website. If parents have any queries or require assistance the School's Choice Adviser can help support parents with the application process. The School Admissions Section is also available for advice and guidance on the admissions application process.

As part of their admissions arrangements each academy will set an admission number of pupils which will be admitted into the year group. The below table shows the Published Admission Numbers for the Secondary Academies for the admissions round for September 2025.

SCHOOL NAME	PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER
Freebrough Academy	180
Huntcliff Academy	112
Laurence Jackson Academy	250
Nunthorpe Academy	260
Outwood Academy Bydales	150
Outwood Academy Normanby	150
Outwood Academy Redcar	150
Rye Hills Academy	150
Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Voluntary Academy	150
St Peter's Roman Catholic Voluntary Academy	120

To assist parents with the application process each academy will have an open evening where parents and children can attend and also provide information on their own websites. The below table provides contact details, webpages, and the open evening for each academy within the borough.

Academy Name	Telephone Number / School Web page	Open Evenings
Freebrough Academy	01287 676305 https://fa.northerneducationtrust.org	Tuesday 23 RD September - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Huntcliff Academy	01287 621010 https://www.huntcliff.co.uk	Thursday 18 th September 5.00PM-7.00PM
Laurence Jackson Academy	01287 636361 https://www.laurencejackson.org	Wednesday 24 th September - 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Nunthorpe Academy	01642 310561 https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk	Monday 15 th September - 4.00pm - 5.30pm
Outwood Academy Bydales	01642 474000 https://www.bydales.outwood.com	Tuesday 30 th September - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Outwood Academy Normanby	01642 454577 https://www.normanby.outwood.com	Tuesday 30 th September - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Outwood Academy Redcar	01642 289211 https://www.redcar.outwood.com	TO BE CONFIRMED
Rye Hills Academy	01642 484269 http://www.ryehillsacademy.co.uk	Wednesday 24 th September – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary	01642 487100 https://sacredheart.npcat.org.uk	Tuesday 16 th September - 5.00pm - 7.00pm
St. Peter's Catholic College	01642 453462 https://stpeters.npcat.org.uk	Tuesday 7 th October 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Useful Contact Details

Team	Telephone Number	Email Address
School Admissions Team	01642 837740	SchoolsAdmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
Choice Adviser - Christine Morris	01642 444539	Christine.morris@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
Free School Meals	01642 774774	educationalbenefits@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
School Transport	01642 444998 01642 444974	Transport@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
Special Educational Needs	01642 304547	sen@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
School Attendance and Welfare Service	01642 837738	AWS@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Contact Details of Neighbouring Local Authorities

Middlesbrough Council

Phone: 01642 201891 / 201890

Email: schooladmissions@middlesbrough.gov.uk

North Yorkshire County Council

Tel: 01609 533679

Email: schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk

Stockton Borough Council

Phone: 01642 526605

Email: school.admissions@stockton.gov.uk

Darlington Borough Council

Phone: 01325 406333

Email: schools.admissions@darlington.gov.uk

Hartlepool Borough Council

Phone: 01429 523765

Email: admissionsteam@hartlepool.gov.uk