



School Admissions Team
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ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL: SEPTEMBER 2026

PLEASE READ THESE NOTES VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE APPLYING

APPLY ONLINE – GO TO WWW.REDCAR-CLEVELAND.GOV.UK

- **The National Offer date for the announcement of the secondary school placements is the 1 March 2026.**
- **When you apply online, which is quick and easy, you will be informed by email on 1 March 2026.**
- Every parent/guardian must make an application. This applies even if your child lives in the admission zone for your preferred school or your child has a brother or sister attending the school in the 2026/27 school year.
- You also apply to this Authority for a school that is in another Authorities' area e.g., Middlesbrough or North Yorkshire
- **If one of your school preferences is for one of this Authority's Roman Catholic schools you will need to complete a supplementary form; this form can be downloaded from the website [RCBC School Admissions](http://RCBC.SchoolAdmissions) or to request a paper copy please email SchoolsAdmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk This applies even if you have made the main application online. When completed, the supplementary form should be returned to the school for which you are applying and NOT the Local Authority.**
- You may express a preference for up to 3 different schools and we encourage you to do so. This should include your admission zone school if you want that to be one of your choices. **Repeating the same school three times does not increase your chance of getting a place in that school.** Preferences will be treated equally which means that you will have the same chance of getting your child a place in any of your three preferred schools.
- If you think there are exceptional medical or social reasons why your child should attend a particular school you are strongly advised to submit independent, third party evidence (e.g. from a doctor) in support of any special reasons. This support must make clear why a particular school is the only school which could meet your child's needs.
- If your child meets the admission/oversubscription criteria for a place at only one of your preferred schools, a place will be offered at that school. If your child meets the admission criteria for a place at two or more of your preferred schools, a place will be offered in the school which you have ranked as your higher preference. If your child does not meet the admission criteria for a place at any of your preferred schools, a place will be offered in the school closest to your home with spare places.
- Applications **received after the closing date will be processed after those submitted on time.** Late applications or failure to express a preference at all may mean you **losing out on your chance of getting your child a place at your preferred school.**
- All the information regarding the application process is available in the booklet "A Guide for Parents" 2026-2027 which is available on the Redcar and Cleveland website or from the School Admissions Team.

Need Help with your Application?

Contact the School Admissions Team on 01642 837740

Email: SchoolsAdmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Or the independent School Choice Adviser - Telephone: 01642 444539

You MUST apply by 31 October 2025

If you are unable to apply online, please contact us to request a paper application form