



Merridale Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Year 6 Secondary Transfer

As your child reaches the end of their time at Merridale, we know that parents, carers and students can feel anxious and excited about the next steps in their educational journey. Choosing the right secondary school for your child is an important decision but we are here to help. We are holding our Year 6 information evening at 5pm on Monday 18th September for all Year 6 parents and carers – if you haven't already, please let us know that you will be attending by completing the form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bFyvY3QcMC>

At this meeting, we will be sharing important information about secondary transfer, Year 6 SATs as well as our Year 6 residential to Borth in June 2024.

You can find lots of information about secondary transfer on our website:

[Introducing Secondary Education | Merridale Primary](#)

Including the information booklet and link to the Wolverhampton School Admissions page:

[School Admissions Applications | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

All secondary schools in Wolverhampton provide numerous opportunities for you and your child to visit before expressing a preference. Please check the websites of any schools that you are interested in to find out more about open evenings, events and visits. We encourage parents, carers and children to visit settings to gain an insight on how they might best support your child. We will always authorise these visits as long as you inform us in advance.

All applications must be made online via The City of Wolverhampton Parents Porta:

[Citizen Portal - Sign in \(wolverhampton.gov.uk\)](#)

You are allowed to express a preference for five schools. Due to the popularity of Wolverhampton schools, you are encouraged to use **all five preferences**.

Applications must be made by the national closing date for applications of **31 October 2023**. Making an application after the closing date can reduce the chance of your child gaining a place at one of your preferred school choices but please be aware that making your application **BEFORE** the closing date does not increase your chances of gaining a place in your chosen school. We urge you to take your time, find out as much information as you can by visiting local schools as well as attending the meeting at Merridale on 18th September **BEFORE** submitting your child's application.

Further advice on the transfer process is available from the Admissions and Appeals Team on: 01902 551122 or email school.admissions@wolverhampton.gov.uk

If you have any questions or require any support with this process, please contact Mrs Towle or Mrs Byrne at school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Towle
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