

Southampton City Council

Admission Policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Infant/Primary Schools for 2017/18

Southampton City Council is the admission authority for all Community and Voluntary Controlled infant and primary schools in the city. Voluntary Aided and Trust and Foundation school are their own admission authorities and set their own admission arrangements. As required in the School Admissions Code the authority will consider all on-time preferences at the same time for September 2017 admissions.

Parents may express up to three (3) preferences, listing them in the order in which they would accept them. All preferences will be considered and where more than one school could be offered, the parents will be offered a place for their child at the higher ranked of the schools that could be offered.

Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) that name the school

Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) that name a school must be admitted to that school under the Education Act 1996 and with regard to the SEN Code of Practice. These children will be admitted to the named school, even if it is full, and are therefore outside the normal admission arrangements. As required by the Code these children will count as part of the Published Admission Number (PAN) for the school.

Oversubscription criteria

Applications submitted by 15 January 2017 will be dealt with first. If the number of applications submitted by 15 January 2017 is greater than the Published Admission Number (PAN) for a school, admissions to the school will be decided according to the following priorities:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) and previously looked after children as defined in paragraph 1.7 of the School Admissions Code 2014
2. Children subject to a child protection plan or deemed to be vulnerable by the Senior Officer with responsibility for safeguarding in Southampton City Council.
3. Children who have a brother or sister already on the roll of the school who will continue to attend that school for the following year. (This includes children living as siblings in the same family unit.) In the case of applications for places at infant schools a sibling at the linked junior school will count as a sibling at the infant school.

A sibling is defined as a brother or sister including half, step, or foster or adoptive brother or sister, living within the same family unit at the same address.

4. Children who live within the school's designated catchment area and whose parents have satisfied the Local Authority that their child has a significant medical or psychological condition which means they must attend the preferred school

rather than any other. Applications must be supported by appropriate written evidence from a doctor or psychologist.

5. Children who live within the school's designated catchment area.

A "designated catchment area" for a school is the area set out in the definitive catchment area map for each school. This map is held by Southampton City Council, Civic Centre, Rise, Southampton SO14 7LY. A schedule of addresses, to be read in conjunction with the map, is also kept by the Council.

Parents wishing to know if their address is in a particular catchment area can contact the Admissions Team, or log on to the council website www.southampton.gov.uk, click on "my Southampton", follow the links, and enter their post code.

If the school is oversubscribed from within these criteria, priorities (ii) to (iii), as set out at 6 below, will be used to determine which children will be offered places.

6. Children who live outside the school's designated catchment area, in the following order:

- (i) Children whose parents have satisfied the Local Authority that their child has a significant medical or psychological condition which means they must attend the preferred school rather than any other. Applications must be supported by appropriate written evidence from a doctor or psychologist.
- (ii) Children whose parents are applying for their child to attend a Church of England voluntary controlled school on denominational grounds. Evidence of regular church attendance at services held by the Church of England or a local ecumenical partnership (as defined in the school's prospectus) must be certified by the vicar or someone else of authority in the church. "Regular" is defined as "attending worship services at a Church of England church or local ecumenical partnership at least twice a month for the previous two years before the deadline for admissions set by Southampton City Council."
- (iii) Children who live closest to the school based on the shortest practicable walking distance using public roads and footpaths. Distances are measured from home to school for all children. Distances from home to school are measured as shortest walking distances. These are calculated using a computerised mapping system that uses data supplied by Ordnance Survey. Distances are measured from the point designated in the system as the home address to the point designated in the system as the mid point of the nearest open gate to the school, using public roads and footpaths.

Should a school be oversubscribed from within any of the criteria 6(i) to 6(ii) above, then distance as defined in 6(iii) will be used to prioritise applications within these categories. Should there be two or more identical distances requiring prioritisation, this will be done by casting lots. Lots will be drawn by the Principal Officer Education and Early Years, Children and Families Services, Southampton City Council.

Late applications

The closing date for applications is 15 January 2017. Applications received after that date will be late applications and will be dealt with after all on time applicants have been offered a school place. If a school has places available after admitting all on-time applications, late applications will be considered in accordance with the priorities set out above.

Unplaced children

Any child who remains unplaced after their application has been processed, because either they could not be offered a place at any school requested or their parents did not complete an application, will be offered a place at their catchment school if there is one and if places are still available. If there are no places available at their catchment school, they will be allocated a place at the nearest school to their home address with places available that is prepared to offer a place. Distance to their home address will be measured by public roads and footpaths.

Waiting lists

If a place cannot be offered at a higher ranked community or voluntary controlled school, unsuccessful applicants will automatically be placed on the waiting list for the school. If places become available, children on the waiting list will automatically be offered them according to the priorities set out above and any previous offer of a school place will be withdrawn.

The length of time on the waiting list cannot be taken into account. Unsuccessful late applications will be treated in the same way as unsuccessful on-time applications and placed on the waiting list according to the priorities set out above.

Waiting lists will be maintained by the Admissions Manager at Southampton City Council for all community and voluntary controlled schools. Waiting lists will be maintained until the end of the autumn term 2017.

Entry into Reception Class

The offer made to parents for reception class on the initial offer date is of a full time place from the start of term after 1 September 2017. Schools normally stagger entry into school from that date and arrange for some initial part time attendance to ensure a smooth transition from pre-school into school or from home to school.

Parents can request part time education for their child in the reception year until the child is of statutory school age if it is in the child's best interests.

Parents have the right to defer their child's entry into reception class to any point up the

time the child is of statutory school age (the term starting after their child's 5th birthday) Parents of children born between 1 September and 31 March CANNOT however defer entry until the start of year 1 i.e. the reception class place cannot be held open over the summer holidays. The child must start school at some point in the reception year. If a parent does not enrol their child at the offered school at some point in the reception year they must make an in year application for a year 1 place.

However, the parents of a **summer born child**, that is a child born between 1 April and 31 August, may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday. They may **request** that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to reception rather than year 1. All requests will be considered on their merits.

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Admission Policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Junior Schools for 2017/18

Southampton City Council is the admission authority for all Community and Voluntary Controlled junior schools in the city. As required in the School Admissions Code the authority will consider all preferences at the same time for September 2017 admissions.

Parents may express up to three (3) preferences for junior schools only, listing them in the order in which they would accept them. All preferences will be considered and where more than one school place could be offered, the parents will be offered a place for their child at the higher ranked of the schools that could be offered.

Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) that name the school

Children with Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCP) that name a school must be admitted to that school under the Education Act 1996 and with regard to the SEN Code of Practice. These children will be admitted to the named school even if it is full and are therefore outside the normal admission arrangements. As required by the Code these children will count as part of the Published Admission Number (PAN) for the school.

Oversubscription criteria

Applications submitted by 16 January 2017 will be dealt with first. If the number of applications received by 16 January 2017 is greater than the admission limit, admissions will be decided according to the following priorities:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) and previously looked after children as defined in paragraph 1.7 of the School Admissions Code 2014
2. Children subject to a child protection plan or deemed to be vulnerable by the Senior Officer with responsibility for safeguarding in Southampton City Council.
3. Children attending the linked infant school at the time of application. This criterion applies only at the time of transfer from year 2 to year 3 and until the end of the first term of junior school. After that time previous attendance at the linked infant school gives no priority to an application for a place at the linked junior school
3. Children who have a brother or sister already on the roll of the school who will continue to attend that school for the following year. (This includes children living as siblings in the same family unit.) In the case of applications for places at junior schools a sibling at the linked infant school will count as a sibling at the junior school.

A sibling is defined as a brother or sister including half, step, or foster or adoptive brother or sister, living within the same family unit at the same address.

4. Children who live within the school's designated catchment area and whose parents have satisfied the Local Authority that their child has a significant medical

or psychological condition which means they must attend the preferred school rather than any other. Applications must be supported by appropriate written evidence from a doctor or psychologist

6. Children who live within the school's designated catchment area.

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Parents wishing to know if their address is in a particular catchment area can contact the Admissions Team, or log on to the council website www.southampton.gov.uk, click on “my Southampton”, follow the links, and enter their post code.

If the school is oversubscribed from within these criteria, priorities (ii) to (iii), as set out at 7 below, will be used to determine which children will be offered places.

7. Children who live outside the school’s designated catchment area, in the following order:

- (i) Children whose parents have satisfied the Local Authority that their child has a significant medical or psychological condition which means they must attend the preferred school rather than any other. Applications must be supported by appropriate written evidence from a doctor or psychologist.
- (ii) Children whose parents are applying for their child to attend a Church of England voluntary controlled school on denominational grounds. Evidence of regular church attendance at services held by the Church of England or a local ecumenical partnership, (as defined in the school’s prospectus), must be certified by the vicar or someone else of authority in the church. “Regular” is defined as “attending worship services at a Church of England church or local ecumenical partnership at least twice a month for the previous two years before the deadline for admissions set by Southampton City Council.”
- (iii) Children who live closest to the school based on the shortest practicable walking distance using public roads and footpaths. Distances are measured from home to school for in-catchment children and from either home to school or home to the designated catchment area boundary for out-catchment children, as agreed with each school and laid out in the school’s prospectus. Distances from home to school are measured as shortest walking distances. These are calculated using a computerised mapping system that uses data supplied by Ordnance Survey. Distances are measured from the point designated in the system as the home

address to the point designated in the system as the mid point of the nearest open gate to the school, using public roads and footpaths.

Should a school be oversubscribed from within any of the criteria 7(i) to 7(ii) above, then distance as defined in 7(iii) will be used to prioritise applications within these categories. Should there be two or more identical distances requiring prioritisation, this will be done by casting lots. Lots will be drawn by the Principal Officer Education and Early Years, Children and Families Services, Southampton City Council.

Late applications

The closing date for applications is 15 January 2017. Applications received after that date will be late applications and will be dealt with after all on time applicants have been offered a school place. If a school has places available after admitting all on-time applications, late applications will be considered in accordance with the priorities set out above.

Unplaced children

Any children who remain unplaced after their application has been processed, because either they could not be offered a place at any school requested or their parents did not complete an application, will be offered a place at their linked junior school, if places are still available. If there are no places available at their linked junior school, they will be allocated a place at the nearest junior school to their home address with places available that is prepared to offer a place. Distance to their home address will be measured by public roads and footpaths.

Waiting lists

If a place cannot be offered at a higher ranked community or voluntary controlled school, children will automatically be placed on the waiting list for the school. If places become available, children on the waiting list will automatically be offered them according to the priorities set out above and any previous offer of a school place will be withdrawn.

The length of time on the waiting list cannot be taken into account. Unsuccessful late applications will be treated in the same way as unsuccessful on time applications and placed on the waiting list according to the priorities set out above.

Waiting lists will be maintained by the Admissions Manager at Southampton City Council for all community and voluntary controlled schools. Waiting lists will be held until the end of the autumn term 2017.

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Admission Policy for Community Secondary Schools for September 2017/18

Southampton City Council is the admission authority for all community secondary schools in the city. As required in the School Admissions Code, the authority will consider all preferences at the same time for September 2017 admissions.

Parents may express up to three preferences, listing them in the order in which they would accept them. All preferences will be considered and where more than one school could be offered, the parents will be offered a place for their child at the higher ranked of the schools that could be offered.

Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) that name the school

Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) that name a school must be admitted to that school under the Education Act 1996 and with regard to the SEN Code of Practice. These children will be admitted to the named school, even if it is full and are therefore outside the normal admission arrangements. As required by the Code these children will count as part of the Published Admission Number (PAN) for the school.

Oversubscription criteria

Applications submitted by 31 October 2016 will be dealt with first. If the number of applications submitted by 31 October 2016 for a school is greater than the Published Admission Number for the school, admissions will be decided according to the following priorities:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) and previously looked after children as defined in paragraph 1.7 of the School Admissions Code 2014
2. Children subject to a child protection plan or deemed to be vulnerable by the Senior Officer with responsibility for safeguarding in Southampton City Council.
3. Children who have a brother or sister already on the roll of the school who will continue to attend that school during the following year. (This includes children who live as siblings in the same family unit.)

A sibling is defined as a brother or sister including half, step, or foster or adoptive brother or sister, living within the same family unit at the same address

4. Children who live within the school's designated catchment area and whose parents have satisfied the Local Authority that their child has a significant medical or psychological condition which means they must attend the preferred school rather than any other. Applications must be supported by appropriate written evidence from a doctor or psychologist
5. Children who live within the school's designated catchment area.

A “designated catchment area” for a school is the area set out in the definitive catchment area map for each school. This map is held by Southampton City Council, Civic Centre, Southampton SO14 7LT. A schedule of addresses, to be read in conjunction with the map, is also kept by the Council.

Parents wishing to know if their address is in a particular catchment area can contact the Admissions Team, or log on to the council website www.southampton.gov.uk, click on “my Southampton”, follow the links, and enter their post code.

If the school is oversubscribed from within the criteria above, priorities (ii) to (iii), as set out at 6 below, will be used to determine which children will be offered places.

6. Children who live outside the school's designated catchment area, in the following order:

- (i) Children whose parents have named a particular school because the child has a significant medical or psychological condition which means they must attend the preferred school rather than any other. Applications must be supported by appropriate written evidence from a doctor or psychologist.
- (ii) Children attending a designated catchment junior or primary school.
- (iii) Children who live closest to the school based on the shortest practicable walking distance using public roads and footpaths. Distances are measured from home to school for in-catchment children and from either home to school or home to the designated catchment area boundary for out-catchment children, as agreed with each school and laid out in the school's prospectus. Distances from home to school are measured as shortest walking distances. These are calculated using a computerised mapping system that uses data supplied by Ordnance Survey. Distances are measured from the point designated in the system as the home address to the point designated in the system as the mid point of the nearest open gate to the school, using public roads and footpaths.

Should a school be oversubscribed from within any of the criteria 6(i) to 6(ii) above, then distance, as given in 6(iii), will be used to prioritise applications within these categories. Should there be two identical distances requiring prioritisation, this will be done by casting lots. Lots will be drawn by the Principal Officer Education and Early Years, Children and Families Services, Southampton City Council.

Late applications

The closing date for applications is 31 October 2016. Applications received after that date will be late applications and will be dealt with after all on time applicants have been offered a school place. If a school has places available after admitting all on-time applications, late applications will be considered in accordance with the priorities set out above.

Unplaced children

Any child who remains unplaced after their application has been processed, because either they could not be offered a place at any school requested or their parents did not make an application, will be offered a place at their catchment school if there is one and if places are still available. If there are no places available at their catchment school, they will be allocated a place at the nearest school with places available to their home address that is prepared to offer a place. Distance to their home address will be measured by public roads and footpaths.

Waiting lists

If a place cannot be offered at a higher ranked community school, unsuccessful applicants for the school will automatically be placed on the waiting list for the school. If places become available, children on the waiting list will automatically be offered them according to the priorities set out above and any previous offer of a school place will be withdrawn.

The length of time on the waiting list cannot be taken into account. Unsuccessful late applications will be treated in the same way as unsuccessful on-time applications and placed on the waiting list according to the priorities set out above.

Waiting lists will be maintained by the Admissions Manager at Southampton City Council for all community schools. Waiting lists will be held until the end of the autumn term 2017.

Bitterne Park School (Secondary Places)

The admission criteria for Bitterne Park School are the same as for other LA community schools except for the addition of an extra criterion selecting up to 30 children for the school on the basis of their aptitude for the performing arts (a specialism of the school).

The admission criteria for the school are therefore as follows:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) and previously looked after children as defined in paragraph 1.7 of the School Admissions Code 2014.
2. Children subject to a child protection plan or deemed to be vulnerable by the Senior Officer with responsibility for safeguarding in Southampton City Council
3. Children who have a brother or sister already on the roll of the school who will continue to attend that school during the following year. (This includes children who live as siblings in the same family unit.) Siblings who it is hoped will be in the sixth form when the younger child would be due to start will not be regarded as siblings in this category.

A sibling is defined as a brother or sister including half, step, or foster or adoptive brother or sister, living within the same family unit at the same address

4. Children, up to a maximum of 30, who score highest in the aptitude test set by Southampton City Council to measure their aptitude for the performing arts. In the event of a tie in the aptitude scoring the child/children closest to the school will be given priority.
5. Children who live within the school's designated catchment area and whose parents have satisfied the Local Authority that their child has a significant medical or psychological condition which means they must attend the preferred school rather than any other. Applications must be supported by appropriate written evidence from a doctor or psychologist
6. Children who live within the school's designated catchment area.

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Parents wishing to know if their address is in a particular catchment area can contact the Admissions Team, or log on to the council website www.southampton.gov.uk, click on "my Southampton", follow the links, and enter their post code.

If the school is oversubscribed from within the criteria above, priorities (ii) to (iii), as set out at 7 below, will be used to determine which children will be offered places.

7. Children who live outside the school's designated catchment area, in the following order:
 - (i) Children whose parents have named a particular school because the child has a significant medical or psychological condition which means they must attend the preferred school rather than any other. Applications must be supported by appropriate written evidence from a doctor or psychologist.
 - (ii) Children attending a designated catchment junior or primary school.
 - (iii) Children who live closest to the school based on the shortest practicable walking distance using public roads and footpaths. Distances are measured from home to school for in-catchment children and from either home to school or home to the designated catchment area boundary for out-catchment children, as agreed with each school and laid out in the school's prospectus. Distances from home to school are measured as shortest walking distances. These are calculated using a computerised mapping system that uses data supplied by Ordnance Survey. Distances are measured from the point designated in the system as the home address to the point designated in the system as the mid point of the nearest open gate to the school, using public roads and footpaths.

Should a school be oversubscribed from within any of the criteria 7(i) to 7(ii) above, then distance, as given in 7(iii), will be used to prioritise applications within these categories. Should there be two identical distances requiring prioritisation, this will be done by casting lots. Lots will be drawn by the Principal Officer Education and Early Years, Children and Families Services, Southampton City Council.

Late applications

The closing date for applications is 15 January 2017. Applications received after that date will be late applications and will be dealt with after all on time applicants have been offered a school place. If a school has places available after admitting all on-time applications, late applications will be considered in accordance with the priorities set out above.

Unplaced children

Any child who remains unplaced after their application has been processed, because either they could not be offered a place at any school requested or their parents did not make an application, will be offered a place at their catchment school if there is one and if places are still available. If there are no places available at their catchment school, they will be allocated a place at the nearest school with places available to their home address that is prepared to offer a place. Distance to their home address will be measured by public roads and footpaths.

Waiting lists

If a place cannot be offered at a higher ranked community school, unsuccessful applicants for the school will automatically be placed on the waiting list for the school. If places become available, children on the waiting list will automatically be offered them according to the priorities set out above and any previous offer of a school place will be withdrawn.

The length of time on the waiting list cannot be taken into account. Unsuccessful late applications will be treated in the same way as unsuccessful on-time applications and placed on the waiting list according to the priorities set out above.

Waiting lists will be maintained by the Admissions Manager at Southampton City Council for all community schools. Waiting lists will be held until the end of the autumn term 2017.

Bitterne Park School (Sixth Form Places)

Bitterne Park Sixth Form application deadline is Monday 12th June 2017. Applications received after this date will be processed as 'late applications' (see below).

The Sixth Form has a maximum pupil number of 90 in Year 12 (180 Total in Years 12 and 13).

The majority of these places will be filled by existing Bitterne Park School students however, external applicants are welcome to apply to fill up to the remainder of 90 places. If the sixth form is over subscribed they will be considered in line with the SCC admissions policy that is detailed below.

The application form is made up of two parts:

Part 1 – Place application, this is to obtain a place within the sixth form at Bitterne Park School. Currently the procedure is run by Southampton City Council Admissions team (address below)

Part 2 – Course application, this is to secure a place on the requested courses, please note that some course may not run if sufficient applicants are not received. These are to be returned to the school office.

To apply complete both parts of the application, which are available to download from www.bitterneparkschool.org.uk or within the pack obtained from the school office.

Return part 1 as soon as possible to the Admission Team at Southampton City Council (address below) and by at the latest 12th June 2017.

Part 1: Place Application
Admission Team (OGS)
Southampton City Council
Civic Centre

Southampton SO14 7LY

If you submit the place application form to the school, this will be forwarded to the Admissions Team.

Return Part 2, the course selection form to be returned to the school (address below)

Part 2: Course Application
Sixth Form recruitment
Main School Office
Bitterne Park School
Copsewood Road
Southampton

When completing part 2 of the application please ensure on your course choice that you indicate if it is level 2 or level 3 that you are applying for. If you are unsure whether you are a Level 2 or 3 students you are welcome to apply for both programmes, and then discuss this at the application guidance meeting.

Once your application has been received a letter will be sent confirming receipt and you will be invited in to the Sixth Form for an Application Guidance Meeting, which will review your course options and provide you with support and assistance with your application. This is not mandatory and will not form part of the Admissions process it is purely there to support and inform your decisions. You will not be required to bring anything to this meeting.

There will be a post-17 induction programme for students who have a place in the Sixth Form in which you will have an opportunity to attend taster lessons in your chosen subjects as well as take part in team building and leadership activities. It is expected that all students who are transferring to Bitterne Park Sixth Form will attend.

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All places offered by Southampton City Council are conditional upon the applicant meeting the Academic Entry Requirements set out below.

Places will be offered on the following basis:

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Oversubscription criteria

Applications submitted by 12th June 2017 will be dealt with first. If the number of applications submitted by 12th June 2017 for the sixth form exceed the Admission Number of 90, admissions will be decided according to the following priorities:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) and previously looked after children as defined in paragraph 1.7 of the School Admissions Code
2. Children who live within the school's designated catchment area.

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Parents wishing to know if their address is in a particular catchment area can contact the Admissions Team, or log on to the council website www.southampton.gov.uk, click on “my Southampton”, follow the links, and enter their post code.

If the school is oversubscribed from within the designated catchment area, the procedure set out at 3, below, will be used to determine which children will be offered places.

3. Children who live closest to the school based on the shortest practicable walking distance using public roads and footpaths. Distances are measured from home to school for in-catchment children and from either home to school or home to the designated catchment area boundary for out-catchment children, as agreed with each school and laid out in the school’s prospectus. Distances from home to school are measured as shortest walking distances. These are calculated using a computerised mapping system that uses data supplied by Ordnance Survey. Distances are measured from the point designated in the system as the home address to the point designated in the system as the mid point of the nearest open gate to the school, using public roads and footpaths.

Should there be two identical distances requiring prioritisation, this will be done by casting lots. Lots will be drawn by the Principal Officer Education and Early Years, Children and Families Services, Southampton City Council.

Late applications

If a school has places available after admitting all on-time applications, late applications will be considered in accordance with the priorities set out above.

Waiting lists

Unsuccessful applicants for the school will automatically be placed on the waiting list for the school. If places become available, children on the waiting list will automatically be offered them according to the priorities set out above.

The length of time on the waiting list cannot be taken into account. Unsuccessful late applications will be treated in the same way as unsuccessful on-time applications and placed on the waiting list according to the priorities set out above.

Waiting lists will be maintained by the Admissions Manager at Southampton City Council for all community schools. Waiting lists will be held until the end of the autumn term 2017.

Sixth Form Courses and Entry Requirements

Level 3 Courses:

This is a two year programme of study that is at a higher level than the work undertaken in Year 11.

Level 3 courses prepare students for entry to university. Bitterne Park Sixth Form offers a wide range of both academic A Levels and the full range of applied BTEC courses.

Each AS/A2 Level and BTEC has 5 hours of taught study each week. For success a similar amount of private study is expected out of hours.

The desired entry requirement for a Level 3 programme of study is 5A* to C grades at GCSE or equivalent in 4 or more subjects including English and Maths.

Some Level 3 subjects have specific entry requirements (such as a B grade at the Higher Tier of entry).

These are outlined in the subject information and must be met. It is at the discretion of the School whether a student who has a D grade in either English or Mathematics at GCSE (not both) is able to progress to Level 3

Level 2 Courses:

This is a one year programme of study for students who wish to progress to the Level 3 programme of study at the Bitterne Park School Sixth Form and have not yet quite gained the 5A* - C grades at GCSE or equivalent needed for this.

This programme of study enables students to retake English and Mathematics and take a number of new and exciting subjects.

The desired entry requirements for Level 2 Courses in Year 12 is 5 D grades at GCSE or equivalent in 4 or more subjects.

A minimum of an E grade in English and/or Mathematics is also desired.

Foundation Learning:

This is a one year programme of study for students who wish to progress to the Level 2 programme of study at the Bitterne Park School Sixth Form, or seek employment, and have not yet quite gained the desired entry requirements for level 2 courses.

Results day

Once you receive your GCSE results we can confirm your course and subject choices and finalise your enrolment to The Sixth Form. Support for students who have not made entry requirements will be available on the results publication day in August. All Bitterne Park Year 11 students are expected to be present that day, where possible.

We will do all we can to support you if you wish to change your options but after the timetable is written this will only be possible if a class is not full and the subjects you wish to study are not timetabled at the same time.

You will then receive a letter confirming your place in the Sixth Form, which is conditional on the entry requirements.