

Why you must put 6 schools in your order of choice on the list when you apply for a school place in year 1 and year 6.



The slides below show how the application process works. We are happy to talk to you about how the process works – we take part every year.

It is complicated but **we cannot stress enough how vital it is that you list 6 schools in your order of preference.** Don't try to beat the system or second guess what other people will do.

Each school you are interested in will say in its admissions policy

- how many places it has in the year group

- how it decides the order children are offered places, for example children with brothers and sisters already at the school, then the children in the catchment area and then how far away each child lives from the school.

After the closing date for school applications, Bucks sends us the list of children that have our school on their list and we order those children by the rules in our admissions policy. The order they put us on their list makes no difference. That is done across the county and then Bucks work their magic....

Here is a simple example showing how the school allocations work:

An Example

- Tom has three preferences. His mum lists them as
- 1. High Town School
- 2. Leafy Lane School
- 3. Long Avenue School

Step 1

step 1	High Town School	Leafy Lane School	Long Avenue School
OFFERS	Billy	Tansy	Razia
	Rachel	Norris	Naureen
	Janice	Phoebe	TOM
	John	Katie	Susannah
	Barney	Siobhan	Lily
	Tansy	Billy	Harry
WAITING LIST	Shahim	Marcus	John
	Jonathan	Rachel	Amy
	Wilson	TOM	Lacey
	Susannah	Susannah	Patrick
	TOM	Liam	Ahmed
	Lacey	Shahim	Tansy
	Carly	Ernie	Billy
			At step 1 Tom is offered Long Avenue

Step 2

step 2	High Town School	Leafy Lane School	Long Avenue School
OFFERS	Billy	Tansy	Razia
	Rachel	Norris	Naureen
	Janice	Phoebe	TOM
	John	Katie	Susannah
	Barney	Siobhan	Lily
	Tansy	Billy	Harry
WAITING LIST	Shahim	Marcus	John
	Jonathan	Rachel	Amy
	Wilson	TOM	Lacey
	Susannah	Susannah	Patrick
	TOM	Liam	Ahmed
	Lacey	Shahim	Tansy
	Carly	Ernie	Billy
All children are taken off lower preference lists			

Step 3

step 3	High Town School	Leafy Lane School	Long Avenue School
OFFERS	Rachel	Norris	Razia
	John	Katie	Naureen
	Barney	Siobhan	TOM
	Tansy	Billy	Susannah
	Shahim	Marcus	Lily
	Wilson	TOM	Harry
WAITING LIST	TOM	Liam	Amy
	Lacey		Lacey
	Carly		Ahmed
Tom can now be offered Leafy Lane School			

Step 4

step 4	High Town School	Leafy Lane School	Long Avenue School
OFFERS	Rachel	Norris	Razia
	John	Katie	Naureen
	Barney	Siobhan	TOM
	Tansy	Billy	Susannah
	Shahim	Marcus	Lily
	Wilson	TOM	Harry
WAITING LIST	TOM	Liam	Amy
	Lacey		Lacey
	Carly		Ahmed

All children are taken off lower preference lists

Step 5

step 5	High Town School	Leafy Lane School	Long Avenue School
OFFERS	Rachel	Norris	Razia
	John	Katie	Naureen
	Tansy	Siobhan	Susannah
	Shahim	Billy	Lily
	Wilson	Marcus	Harry
	TOM	TOM	Amy
WAITING LIST	Lacey	Liam	Lacey
	Carly		Ahmed

Tom can now be offered High Town School

His Leafy Lane place is given back and next time will be offered to Liam...

As a more complicated example showing why you should put 6 schools in your order of preference, say these schools take in this number of children:

Cadmore End Church of England School	15 places
Coal Hill	24 places
Grange Hill	16 places
Greyfriars	18 places
Hogwarts	20 places
Jordan College	22 places
Lowood	28 places

These preferences were given for these children

Hercule's parents put 6 schools

- 1 Cadmore End
 - 2 Hogwarts
 - 3 Greyfriars
 - 4 Jordan
 - 5 Coal Hill
 - 6 Lowood
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Nyssa's parents put 6 schools

- 1 Coal Hill
 - 2 Jordan
 - 3 Cadmore End
 - 4 Grange Hill
 - 5 Greyfriars
 - 6 Lowood
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Charlotte's parents put 1 school thinking it guarantees the school they want

- 1 Jordan
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
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Rasallon's parents put 3 schools

- 1 Greyfriars
 - 2 Coal Hill
 - 3 Jordan
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
-

George's parents put 6 schools

- 1 Hogwarts
 - 2 Jordan
 - 3 Cadmore End
 - 4 Greyfriars
 - 5 Lowood
 - 6 Grange Hill
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We put all the children that have us on their list in the order from our admissions policy – the children we looked at above are highlighted

Charlotte and Rassilon haven't listed us

1	Tom	15	Doris
2	Mary	16	Marshall
3	Caroline	17	Rios
4	Parvati	18	Xavier
5	Neville	19	Mariella
6	Duane	20	Ying
7	Beatrice	21	Lucy
8	George	22	Nyssa
9	Frank	23	Berwyn
10	Rose	24	Roly
11	Draco	25	Morag
12	Norman	26	Manii
13	Percy	27	Blanche
14	Cedric	28	Hercule

What the data look like when Bucks start to work on it:

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2	Mary	Dodo	Justin	Harry	Hermione	Malcom	Helen
3	Caroline	Romana	Judy	Frank	Lavendar	Gerard	Charlotte
4	Parvati	Adric	Nyssa	Bob	Draco	Alice	Anne
5	Neville	Martha	Sudhami	Vic	Neville	Xaphania	Maria
6	Duane	Tegan	Pogo	Chris	Ron	Gracious	Bramwell
7	Beatrice	Vislor	Duane	Percy	Fred	Metatron	Heathcliff
8	George	Kamelion	Precious	Peter	George	Mary	Currer
9	Frank	Peri	Norman	Harold	Parvati	Will	George
10	Rose	Jack	Zammo	Sidney	Seamus	Salmakia	Florian
11	Draco	Amy	Roly	Herbert	Cedric	Ruta	Charles
12	Norman	Graham	Randir	Horace	Luna	Gomez	Albert
13	Percy	Yaz	Glenroy	George	Padma	Pavel	Emily
14	Cedric	Ryan	Woody	Jamset	Ernie	Marisa	Sarah
15	Doris	Ace	Banksie	Ram	Daphne	Iorek	John
16	Marshall	Joe	Ziggy	Cedric	Blaise	Serafina	Eliza
17	Rios	Rassilon	Tegs	Doris	Theodore	Lee	Georgiana
18	Xavier	Nardole	Akik	Hurree	Justin	Iofur	Nyssa
19	Mariella	River	Robyn	Johnny	Hannah	Roger	Martha
20	Ying	Polly	Jodie	Nyssa	Kevin	Carlo	Adele
21	Lucy	Astrid	Poppy	Hercule	Gregory	Coram	Grace
22	Nyssa	Katarina	Cracker	Rassilon	Millicent	Susan	Blanche
23	Berwyn	Barbara	Anika		Anthony	George	Hercule
24	Roly	Leela	Ozzie		Pansy	Nyssa	Robert
25	Morag	Sarah Jane	Baz		Megan	Rios	Bertha
26	Manii	Clara	Mooney		Roger	Rassilon	Diana
27	Blanche	Rose	Bryn		Hercule	Mariella	Rosamund
28	Hercule	Donna	George		Isobel	Ying	Rassilon
29		Bill	Hercule		Stephen	Hercule	
30		Nyssa	Tigger		Tracey	Charlotte	

The schools can take the children in the white boxes.

Everyone that has listed Lowood COULD go there

It looks like George will go to Cadmore End or Hogwarts. He put Hogwarts above Cadmore End so he is offered Hogwarts and taken off the other school's lists and everyone at the other schools he listed moves up a row.

It looks like Nyssa will get Lowood (her 6th choice) or Grange Hill (her 4th choice). She is taken off the list of the schools she put below Grange Hill and everyone else on the list she has been taken off move up a row.

It looks like Rassilon will get Jordan or Coal Hill but his first choice is Greyfriars. He comes off his lowest choice school and everyone else moves up a row.

It looks like Hercule will go to Lowood, his 6th choice but let's see what happens when everyone's lower choices are taken away.

Charlotte doesn't have a school place.

Bucks adjust the data behind the scenes to allocate all children to their highest choice available to them:

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2	Mary	Dodo	Justin	Harry	Hermione	Malcom	Helen
3	Caroline	Romana	Judy	Frank	Lavendar	Gerard	Charlotte
4	Parvati	Adric	Nyssa	Bob	Draco	Alice	Anne
5	Neville	Martha	Sudhami	Vic	Neville	Xaphania	Maria
6	Duane	Tegan	Pogo	Chris	Ron	Gracious	Bramwell
7	Beatrice	Vislor	Duane	Percy	Fred	Metatron	Heathcliff
8	George	Kamelion	Precious	Peter	George	Mary	Currer
9	Frank	Peri	Norman	Harold	Parvati	Will	George
10	Rose	Jack	Zammo	Sidney	Seamus	Salmakia	Florian
11	Drace	Amy	Roly	Herbert	Cedric	Ruta	Charles
12	Norman	Graham	Randir	Horace	Luna	Gomez	Albert
13	Percy	Yaz	Glenroy	George	Padma	Pavel	Emily
14	Cedric	Ryan	Woody	Jamset	Ernie	Marisa	Sarah
15	Doris	Ace	Banksie	Ram	Daphne	Iorek	John
16	Marshall	Joe	Ziggy	Cedric	Blaise	Serafina	Eliza
17	Rios	Rassilon	Tegs	Doris	Theodore	Lee	Georgiana
18	Xavier	Nardole	Akik	Hurree	Justin	Iofur	Nyssa
19	Mariella	River	Robyn	Johnny	Hannah	Roger	Martha
20	Ying	Polly	Jodie	Nyssa	Kevin	Carlo	Adele
21	Lavendar	Astrid	Poppy	Hercule	Gregory	Coram	Grace
22	Nyssa	Katarina	Cracker	Rassilon	Millicent	Susan	Blanche
23	Berwyn	Barbara	Anika		Anthony	George	Hercule
24	Roly	Leela	Ozzie		Pansy	Nyssa	Robert
25	Morag	Sarah Jane	Baz		Megan	Rios	Bertha
26	Manii	Clara	Moocy		Roger	Rassilon	Diana
27	Blanche	Rose	Bryn		Hercule	Mariella	Rosamund
28	Hercule	Donna	George		Isobel	Ying	
29		Bill	Hercule		Stephen	Hercule	
30		Nyssa	Tigger		Tracey	Charlotte	

- George is offered Hogwarts.
- It looks like Nyssa will get Lowood (her 6th choice) or Grange Hill (her 4th choice). She is taken off the list of the schools she put below Grange Hill and everyone else on the list she has been taken off move up a row.
- It looks like Rassilon will get Coal Hill but his first choice is Greyfriars. He comes off his lowest choice school and everyone else moves up a row.
- It looks like Hercule will go to Lowood, his 6th choice but let's see what happens when everyone's lower choices are taken away.
- Charlotte doesn't have a school place.

And again Bucks adjust the data behind the scenes to allocate all children to their highest choice available to them:

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8	Mariella	Kamelion	Precious	Peter	George	Mary	Currer
9	Ying	Peri	Norman	Harold	Parvati	Will	Florian
10	Lavendar	Jack	Zammo	Sidney	Seamus	Salmakia	Charles
11	Nyssa	Amy	Roly	Herbert	Cedric	Ruta	Albert
12	Berwyn	Graham	Randir	Horace	Luna	Gomez	Emily
13	Roly	Yaz	Glenroy	Jamset	Padma	Pavel	Sarah
14	Morag	Ryan	Woody	Ram	Ernie	Marisa	John
15	Manii	Ace	Banksie	Cedric	Daphne	Iorek	Eliza
16	Blanche	Joe	Ziggy	Doris	Blaise	Serafina	Georgiana
17	Hercule	Rassilon	Tegs	Hurree	Theodore	Lee	Martha
18		Nardole	Akik	Johnny	Justin	Iofur	Adele
19		River	Robyn	Hercule	Hannah	Roger	Grace
20		Polly	Jodie	Rassilon	Kevin	Carlo	Blanche
21		Astrid	Poppy		Gregory	Coram	Hercule
22		Katarina	Cracker		Millicent	Susan	Robert
23		Barbara	Anika		Anthony	Nyssa	Bertha
24		Leela	Ozzie		Pansy	Rios	Diana
25		Sarah Jane	Baz		Megan	Mariella	Rosamund
26		Clara	Mooley		Roger	Ying	
27		Rose	Bryn		Hercule	Hercule	
28		Donna	Hercule		Isobel	Charlotte	
29		Bill	Tigger		Stephen		
30		Nyssa			Tracey		

- George is offered Hogwarts.
- Now Nyssa can have her 3rd choice of Cadmore End. She comes off her lower choice schools.
- Now Rosallon still has his second choice of Coal Hill.
- It looks like Hercule will go to Lowood, his 6th choice but he is much closer to his higher choices. Let's see what happens when everyone's lower choices are taken away again.
- Charlotte doesn't have a school place.

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16		Joe	Tegs	Doris	Blaise	Serafina	Georgiana
17		Rassilon	Akik	Hurree	Theodore	Lee	Martha
18		Nardole	Robyn	Johnny	Justin	Iofur	Adele
19		River	Jodie	Hercule	Hannah	Roger	Grace
20		Polly	Poppy	Rassilon	Kevin	Carlo	Blanche
21		Astrid	Cracker		Gregory	Coram	Hercule
22		Katarina	Anika		Millicent	Susan	Robert
23		Barbara	Ozzie		Anthony	Nyssa	Bertha
24		Leela	Baz		Pansy	Rios	Diana
25		Sarah Jane	Mooney		Megan	Mariella	Rosamund
26		Clara	Bryn		Roger	Ying	
27		Rose	Hercule		Hercule	Hercule	
28		Donna	Tigger		Isobel	Charlotte	
29		Bill			Stephen		
30		Nyssa			Tracey		

- George is offered Hogwarts.
- Nyssa still has her third choice of Cadmore End.
- Now Rassilon still has his second choice of Coal Hill.
- Hercule has his first choice of Cadmore End.
- Charlotte doesn't have a school place.

Everyone has their highest ranked schools they can be offered:

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23		Barbara	Ozzie		Anthony	Nyssa	Diana
24		Leela	Baz		Pansy	Rios	Rosamund
25		Sarah Jane	Mooey		Megan	Mariella	
26		Clara	Bryn		Roger	Ying	
27		Rose	Tigger		Isobel	Charlotte	
28		Donna			Stephen		
29		Bill			Tracey		
30		Nyssa					

- George goes to Hogwarts.
- Nyssa is offered her third choice of Cadmore End and put on the waiting list for her higher choice schools.
- Rassilon is offered his second choice of Coal Hill.
- Hercule is offered his first choice of Cadmore End.
- Charlotte doesn't have a school place. She will be put on the waiting list for Jordan College but in the meantime will be offered the closest school that has places.

And some specific points about Cadmore End Church of England School:

- We are a very small school with limited siblings.
- Our catchment area is mainly fields – we rarely have any children from within catchment.
- That means that distance from school is the main criteria for admission and we have had children from as far away as Downley.
- The only families that come here choose us.
- With 6 schools that you can list, putting Cadmore End is not a wasted option.