



**Marriott
Primary**

Achieving Together

YEAR 6 AND

BEYOND



APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

The city council website has lots of information about how to apply and the schools that are available. Before submitting your application, it is important to find out as much information you can about the secondary schools in your area as well as any secondary schools you are thinking of applying for, to ensure you make the right choice for your child.



Further information and guidance can be found here:

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/before-you-apply/>

What are the dates I need to be aware of?

Transfer process	Dates
Online applications open	Monday 5 September 2022
Closing date for on-time applications	Monday 31 October 2022
National offer day	Wednesday 1 March 2023
Appeals (deadline)	Thursday 30 March 2023

Can I apply for a school outside of Leicester City?

You can apply for any mainstream school including schools outside your local area (schools in Leicestershire for example) as the council will co-ordinate with the council responsible for that school when processing your application.

If you are planning to apply for school in Leicestershire it is recommended that you use all four preferences and include your Leicester City catchment school as one of your four preferences. This is due to some Leicestershire schools being very oversubscribed.

What religious schools are in the local area?

The following schools give priority on religious grounds and require a supplementary information form (SIF) to be completed.

- English Martyrs Catholic School
- Madani Boys' School
- Madani Girls' School
- Saint Paul's Catholic School



What if my child has Special Educational Needs?

All schools make provision to support children who have special educational needs. Some children have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and these children may attend either a mainstream school or a special school.

If your child has special educational needs but does not currently have an EHCP you should apply in the normal way.

What are the secondary schools in the local area?

The closest ones to Marriott Primary School are:

Fullhurst Community College - <https://www.fullhurst.leicester.sch.uk>

Sir Jonathan North Academy - <https://www.sirjonathannorth.org.uk>

The Lancaster Academy - <https://www.lancaster.leicester.sch.uk>

Tudor Grange Samworth Academy -
<https://www.samworth.tgacademy.org.uk>

There are lots of others across the city including:

Castle Mead - <https://www.castle-tmet.uk>

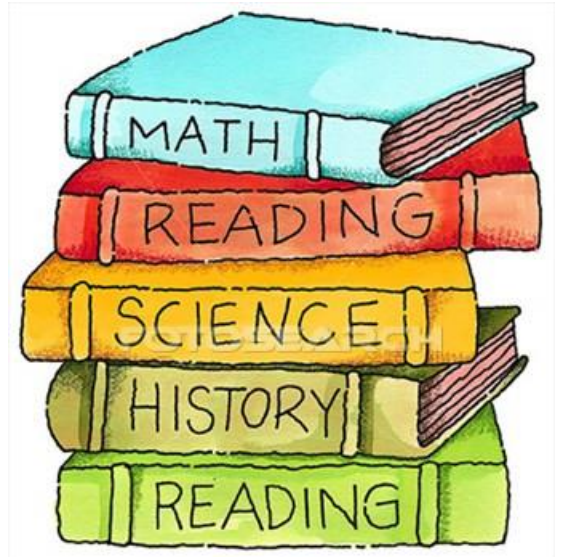
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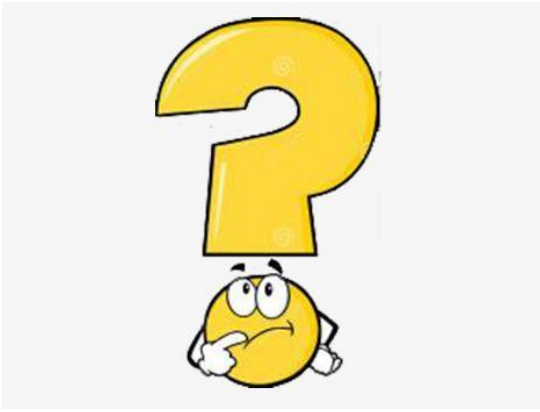
Crown Hills Community College - <https://www.crownhills.com>

Thomas Estley Community College - <https://thomasesley.org.uk>

Wigston Academy - <https://wigstonacademy.org>

The council website will show you all the schools and their locations.





QUESTIONS YOU COULD ASK WHEN VISITING SECONDARY SCHOOLS' BEFORE APPLYING

- Who will know my child well?
 - Who will be my first port of call if I need to speak/contact someone?
 - In how many groups will my child be taught in?
 - What is your schools greatest area of development? How are you working on it?
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- What subjects are on the curriculum?
 - How many subjects for GCSE and what choice students have (actual choice rather than subject blocks etc)?
 - Whether/when students are put in sets/streamed and when; whether it is possible to move between sets once placed?
 - What are facilities like - eg science labs, drama facilities, sports pitches/gym, music room, language labs, IT etc?
 - What are the homework expectations?
 - What extra-curricular activities are available?
 - What sports are available?
 - Anything specific to your child's interest/abilities/needs

For parents with SEND children:

- Do you offer additional transition visits for SEND pupils?
- What support do you get from outside agencies?
- What provision do you have in place to cater with children who have a diagnosis of ___ ?

TOP TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR SECONDARY DURING THEIR YEAR 6 YEAR



The thought that your child is in their last year of primary school maybe terrifying but there are lots of things you can do to support them in getting ready for the transition.

HOMEWORK

They will be set regular homework at secondary school often from more than one subjects and will be expected to complete it by the deadline set.

Top tips to help during Year 6:

- encourage them to complete homework, reading and spellings each week
- make sure they have a quiet, calm place to work - preferable at a table or desk

GETTING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

You may feel that your child is not ready to 'go it alone'. However, they will not want to be walked to school by a parent in Year 7. Start to prepare them during this year.

Top tips to help during Year 6:

- let them set off a little before you and then agree a check in point in the school grounds/just outside
- let them walk home alone/with friends
- if you have younger children, let them walk round to meet you at their door rather than collecting them from the classroom
- support them in arranging to meet friends to walk to school with
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RESOURCES

There will be a requirement that they take the correct resources on the correct day based on their timetable.

Top tips to help during Year 6:

- help them pack their bag the night before - reading logs, water bottles, snack etc
- create a checklist for their bag with them
- make them check do jo for when they have PE in order to wear their kit on the correct day
- encourage them to bring a bag every day

UNIFORM AND JEWELLERY

Secondary schools are not lenient when it comes to not having the correct uniform or wearing jewellery. We hear from past pupils about the wrong shoes, detention for wearing rings etc.

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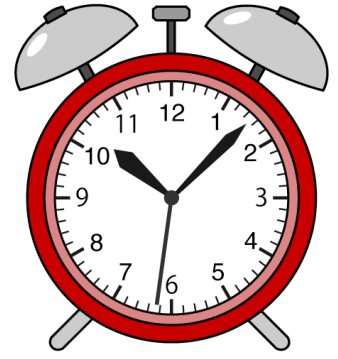
- make sure they have the correct uniform
- make sure they only wear stud earring and watches - no rings, bracelets, necklaces etc

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

As with uniform secondary schools will penalise children who are persistently late. Get your child into good habits now.

Top tips to help during Year 6:

- get them an alarm clock
- encourage them to plan when they need to get up to leave the house on time



SLEEPING

Research shows that children need to have a good night's sleep to function productively at school.

Top tips to help during Year 6:

- ensure they do not have screen time directly before bed
- encourage them to go to bed at a reasonable time (8-9 hours is the recommended sleep for a child)



MOBILE PHONES

We recognise that if children are walking to and from school alone you may want them to have a phone with them. A lot of secondary schools (not all) will allow mobile phones as long as they are not seen/heard during the school day.

Top tips to help during Year 6:

- ensure they understand the value of mobile phones
- ensure they hand them in at the office if they bring them to school

FEELINGS

Talk to your child about how they are feeling. The transition from primary to secondary school is a major life event for them. Allow them the opportunity to share how they feel.

