

Supporting Families of Children with EAL with KS3 Transition

Navigating admissions procedures can be challenging for many families. Needing an email address, an account with a login and password and the ability to navigate websites and forms, are just some of the skills needed.

All families must follow this system, to access Stockport secondary schools.

Many children, including those with EAL, miss out on their local school as parents do not always apply for the one in their catchment area. This leads to disappointment as often the schools outside the catchment are over subscribed, which is resulting in children being placed in schools much further from home. This is being seen in much larger numbers, with some children being allocated a secondary school nine miles and two buses away from their home.

How can you help?

- Consider how best to communicate with your families. Email? Letter? Dojo/Seesaw etc? Information meeting during school/after school/in the evening?
- Consider how informed your families are. Have they been to visit (if possible)? Have they looked at websites and other information? Sign post to this information. Are they aware of the catchment school and the challenges of applying to oversubscribed schools outside catchment?
- Do they have the technology at home? If not, can they be supported at school?
- Can families access the website to complete the application?
- Do the family understand the application form? If not, can someone help them? Some schools have drop in sessions (after school drop off or just before pick up, for parents to work with a learning mentor, family worker or other member of staff to ask questions or submit the form. Others do this at the early Parents Evening (Sept/early Oct) and have booked interpreters for the appointment. The interpreter helps after the appointment to fill in the application.
- Help families to apply on time. Applications must be submitted by **Sunday 31st October 2021**.



Use the attached EDS flyer re. Google Translate App (great for forms; hover over the page and the App will translate)

The Big Word - telephone interpreting Service

Stockport Interpreting Unit - face to face interpreting.

Contact your EDS teacher or eds.admin@stockport.gov.uk for more information.

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[Admission criteria](#)

[Application form](#)

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