

Directory of Schools in Suffolk

Secondary Schools for the 2025/2026 school year

Application closing dates for the normal year of entry:

Secondary schools
▶ Your application must reach us by Thursday 31 October 2024
Primary (including infant and junior) schools
▶ Your application must reach us by Wednesday 15 January 2025

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Introduction to admissions in Suffolk

This directory provides information about secondary schools in Suffolk in the 2025/2026 school year. It does not cover independent schools.

Suffolk County Council (SCC) Funded School Travel

Please be aware: You **must** consider how your child will travel to and from school **before** you apply for a school place. The following information is very important:

1. We will provide SCC funded school travel to the **Nearest Suitable School** that would have had a place available for your child when they are: a) aged under 8 and live more than two miles from the school; or b) aged 8 or older and live more than three miles from the school. This would be whether or not an application was made for a place at that school. The distance in a) and b) above is called the **statutory walking distance**.
2. **We will only provide SCC funded school travel to your child's catchment area school when it is the nearest suitable school to their home that would have had a place available for them and they meet the distance criteria.**
3. It is important that you check which school is your child's nearest suitable school on our [Nearest School Checker](#) for the **2025/2026 school year**. You can find out which are the three nearest Suffolk schools (based on the statutory walking distance including Public Rights of Way) by putting your child's postcode into the Checker which can be found at nearestschool.suffolk.gov.uk. **We update this each year to include new roads and developments.**
4. Your **School Preferences** and the order in which you put them on your admissions application could affect your child's eligibility for SCC funded school travel. Our **School Travel Scenarios** can help you work out when your child might be eligible for SCC funded school travel to their school when the age and distance criteria are met. These can be found in Step 4 of the relevant 'Apply for a school place' page online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions.
5. **Full details about SCC funded school travel**, including the School Travel Policy, additional arrangements for low income families and those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), can be found at www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel.

School Admissions

You can decide which schools to apply for and you do not have to apply for your child's nearest suitable school. However, this could mean that they would not be eligible for SCC funded school travel to any school, including their catchment area school.

For the normal year of entry, it is important that we receive your application by the relevant closing date. If you do not apply by the closing date your application may not be dealt with until after places have been offered to those who applied on time. You should apply online and **must** submit your application by this date:

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▶ Your application must reach us by Thursday 31 October 2024
Primary (including infant and junior) schools
▶ Your application must reach us by Wednesday 15 January 2025

If for any reason you are unable to apply online, you should complete the paper application (CAF1) and send this to us so that we receive it by the relevant closing date. If you do not apply by the relevant closing date your application may not be dealt with until after places have been offered to those who applied on time. You cannot apply online after the relevant closing date.

All of the information about applying for a school place can be found in this guide and online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions.

Apply online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Important dates

These dates only apply to applications for the normal year of entry. All of the information about applying for a school place for the normal year of entry can be found in the 'Admissions to Schools in Suffolk 2025/2026' guide online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions, or you can request a paper copy by contacting us on 0345 600 0981 (local rate).

	Secondary schools	Primary (including infant and junior) schools
You should apply online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions or fill in a CAF1 paper application form.	From Thursday 12 September 2024	From Thursday 12 September 2024
National closing date for applications (online and paper)	Thursday 31 October 2024	Wednesday 15 January 2025
<p>If you were unable to apply by the relevant closing date, and we agree that there are very exceptional reasons for an application being late, we will consider it as on time if it is received by this date and evidence is provided with your application.</p> <p>This only applies in circumstances outside your control which made it impossible for the application to have been made on time.</p> <p>If you are moving house, this is the latest date for you to provide written evidence to the Admissions Team that you are legally committed to your move so that your new address can be considered in the on time allocation process.</p>	Wednesday 18 December 2024	Wednesday 5 February 2025
<p>National Offer Day</p> <p>If you applied online, we will send you an email to let you know which school has been offered.</p> <p>If you applied on a paper application form, we will send you a letter by second class post to let you know which school has been offered.</p>	Monday 3 March 2025	Wednesday 16 April 2025
We will consider late applications (further information is online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions).	From Monday 3 March 2025 onwards	From Wednesday 16 April 2025 onwards
We will assume that you have accepted the place offered (if you applied on time) unless you let us know in writing by this date. This does not affect your right to appeal for any of the schools where you have been refused a place.	Monday 17 March 2025	Wednesday 30 April 2025
Date by which you should register an appeal if you applied on time.	Monday 31 March 2025	Tuesday 20 May 2025
Appeals for on time applications to be heard by this date.	Wednesday 18 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025

Apply online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

A quick guide to applying for a school place

This directory provides information about secondary schools in Suffolk in the 2025/2026 school year. It does not cover independent schools. It explains how places are offered when a school gets too many applications. There is a separate directory which provides information for primary (including infant and junior) schools.

Normal year of entry applications

If you are applying for a school place in the normal year of entry, please read the 'Admissions to Schools in Suffolk 2025/2026' guide for information on how and when to apply for a school place. The normal years of entry for schools from September 2024 are shown below:

School Phase	Normal Year of entry
Primary and Infant	Reception Year
Junior	Year 3
Secondary	Year 7

It is important that we receive your application by the relevant closing date, please see [page 4](#). You should apply online and submit your application by this date. If for any reason you are unable to apply online, you should complete the paper application (CAF1) and send this to us so that we receive it by the relevant closing date.

If you do not apply by the relevant closing date your application may not be dealt with until after places have been offered to those who applied on time. This means that all available places at your preferred school(s) may have been filled and it could be some time before you know the outcome of your application. You cannot apply online after the relevant closing date.

In-year applications

An in-year application is made when a parent or carer applies for their child to go to a new school during the school year, or at the start of the school year but in a different age group from the school's normal year of entry. Information on in-year applications is available online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions or by contacting us on 0345 600 0981 (local rate).

All of the information about applying for a school place can be found online, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions.

Or you can contact the Admissions Team:

By email: admissions@suffolk.gov.uk **By phone:** 0345 600 0981 (local rate)

By post: The Admissions Team, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX

For more information and to keep up to date with school admissions:

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Key information about schools

Suffolk's co-ordinated admissions scheme

There are different types of schools in Suffolk (maintained, academies and free schools) and we co-ordinate admissions to the normal year of entry for them all.

The **co-ordinated admissions scheme** can be found under 'Further information' on the relevant page online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions. You can also request a paper copy by contacting us on 0345 600 0981 (local rate). This document provides the detailed admission arrangements for Suffolk and is in place to make sure all applications are handled fairly, consistently and efficiently. It applies to all schools in Suffolk to ensure that children across the county are offered a single school place on the same day.

However, for in-year applications, you will need to apply to some schools directly. In these cases, the school's governing body or academy trust will process your application. For all other schools in-year applications will be processed by Suffolk County Council. The different types of schools in Suffolk and information about where to send your application are shown below:

School type	Send normal year of entry application to	Send in-year application to
<p>Maintained schools</p> <p>A maintained school is a state school funded by central government through the local authority and does not charge fees. These include community, voluntary controlled, voluntary aided schools.</p>		
<p>Community and Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools</p> <p>We are the admissions authority for these schools, and we are responsible for setting the admissions arrangements and allocating places in accordance with Suffolk County Council's published oversubscription criteria.</p>	Suffolk County Council	Suffolk County Council
<p>Voluntary Aided (VA) schools</p> <p>These schools are run by the school governors, so the school's governing body is the admissions authority. They are responsible for setting the admissions arrangements and allocating places in accordance with their published oversubscription criteria.</p>	Suffolk County Council	School
<p>Academies and free schools</p> <p>Academies and free schools receive their funding directly from central government and are outside of Suffolk County Council's control. These schools are run by the governing body or academy trust. They are the admissions authority responsible for setting the admissions arrangements and allocating places in accordance with the published oversubscription criteria. Some schools will become academies during the school year.</p>	Suffolk County Council	School

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How places are offered

How places are offered if there are more applications than places available

If a school receives more applications than it has places available ('oversubscribed') then the school's published oversubscription criteria are used to decide which applicants will be offered a place. We will offer your child a place at the highest ranked school where possible.

Depending on the type of school, these decisions are either made by Suffolk County Council, the school's governing body or by the academy trust. You can find the oversubscription criteria for all schools online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions or by clicking on the link in the [list of schools](#) in this Directory. Further information is on [page 12 'Admission policies'](#).

Suffolk County Council's admissions oversubscription criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools

Where there are more applications than places available we will rank your application using Suffolk County Council's admissions oversubscription criteria below.

Children who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan which names the school must by law be offered a place at that school.

The following admissions oversubscription criteria show the order of priority for places at community and voluntary controlled schools and at those voluntary aided schools and academies where they have agreed to operate the same policy as Suffolk County Council. Further information is on [page 12 'Admission policies'](#).

These criteria may also be used to allocate places at schools that were community or voluntary controlled schools when their admissions arrangements were determined for the 2025/2026 school year but have since converted to academy status.

For applications to the normal year of entry at a school, these criteria will be applied according to the evidence provided to show the circumstances existing before midnight at the end of the relevant closing date. For in-year applications, these criteria will be applied according to the evidence provided to show the circumstances existing at the time of application.

1)	Children in care (looked after children) and children who were previously in care (children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, immediately following having been in care, including those who appear [to the admission authority] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted).
2)	<p>Sibling: where the child has a sibling in the school or a sibling has already been offered a place at the school, and where the sibling will still be attending the school at the time of admission but not in a specialist unit or a specialist resource base for Hearing Impaired provision, a nursery or in the sixth form. Priority will be given, where necessary, to applications where there is the smallest age gap.</p> <p>The term 'sibling' includes: natural, half, step, and adopted brothers and sisters; a child of the partner of the parent; and children who are fostered into the family. In all these cases, the child and their sibling will both be living at the same address (that is where the child is ordinarily resident) in a single family unit. This means that children from different family units, where those separate families are living together at the same address, are not considered siblings under this criterion.</p>

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3)	<p>Children who are ordinarily resident in the catchment area who live nearest to the school.</p> <p>We will measure the distance by a straight line ('as the crow flies'). All straight line distances are calculated electronically by Suffolk County Council using data provided jointly by the Post Office and Ordnance Survey. The data plots the co-ordinates of each property and provides the address-point between which the straight line distance is measured and reported to three decimal places. Where there is more than one home within a single building (for example apartments) we will measure to a single point within that building irrespective of where those homes are located.</p>
4)	<p>Children who live outside the school's catchment area who live nearest to the school.</p> <p>We will measure the distance by a straight line ('as the crow flies') as set out in criterion 3) above.</p>

Notes to Suffolk County Council's admissions oversubscription criteria

Parent

For the purposes of education law, section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as:

- all natural (biological) parents, whether they are married or not
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person (this could be a step-parent, guardian or other relative)
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

A person has care of a child or young person if they are the person with whom the child lives and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child.

Children in care (looked after children)

A 'child in care' or a 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

Children previously in care (previously looked after children)

Children previously in care (previously looked after children) includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (section 46 adoption orders). Child arrangements orders are defined in section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order.

Children adopted from state care outside of England

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

Distance tie-breaker

It is possible that the PAN of the school will be reached in any one of the categories. For this reason, all applications will be prioritised according to the criteria described. Decisions will be made about the offer of places in accordance with those priorities. If it is necessary to use a tie-breaker to distinguish between two or more applications, a distance criterion will be used. We will give priority to the applicants who live nearest to the school as measured by a straight line.

In the unlikely event that two applicants competing for a single place at a school live the same distance from the school, the place will be offered to one applicant on the basis of lots drawn by an officer of Suffolk County Council not involved with admissions.

Twins, triplets and other multiple births

If the final place available at a school is offered to a twin, triplet or other multiple birth and the remaining sibling(s) would ordinarily be refused, we will offer places to the remaining sibling(s) at the same school. Where a sibling of a twin, triplet or other multiple birth has a school named on their EHC plan, we will from the date of issue of the EHC plan treat their twin, triplets or other multiple births under the sibling oversubscription criterion for the named school. This does not apply to siblings of children in a specialist unit or a specialist resource base for Hearing Impaired provision or a nursery, because they do not meet the sibling definition in the oversubscription criteria.

Waiting lists

If we are unable to offer your child a place at your preferred school(s) in the normal year of entry, we will automatically add their name to the waiting list for that school(s). Names are placed on the waiting list in the priority order set out in the school's admissions oversubscription criteria.

The order of the waiting list can change each time a child's name is added or the circumstances of a child already on the list changes. As a result, a child's place on the list can go up or down (for example due to withdrawals or late applications).

If you change your address while your child is on a waiting list, you must let us know. Please be aware that this may change your child's position on the waiting list. Written evidence of this will be required.

Having your child's name on a waiting list will not affect your right to appeal for any of the schools your child has been refused a place at.

Late applicants will be added to any waiting lists in oversubscription priority order if their parental preferences cannot be met. If a place becomes available at a school, it will be offered to the child who is ranked highest on the waiting list. Places are not offered based on the date on which names were placed on the list.

The waiting lists for community and voluntary controlled schools will close on 31 December 2025. The waiting lists for those voluntary aided schools and academies who have agreed to operate the same policy as Suffolk County Council will also close on 31 December 2025.

Information on when the waiting lists close for voluntary aided, free schools and academies who do not follow the same policy as Suffolk County Council is available from the schools directly.

Suffolk County Council does not hold waiting lists for in-year applicants.

Apply online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Making another application for a place at the same school

You can apply for a school place for your child through the in-year process and we will consider this. However, if your application has been refused, we will not process another application for the same school in the same school year, unless there has been a significant change in circumstances of the parent/carer, child or school. This might be a house move or a place becoming available at a school.

If there is no significant change in circumstances, you can make another application for the following school year. However, this will not normally be considered more than one term ahead of the date when you want your child to start at the school.

Ordinarily resident

By ordinarily resident we mean the place where your child usually lives. We consider this to be where they sleep overnight. We may need proof of this address. If you use another address to give the impression that your child lives at a different address to where they are ordinarily resident, such as a second home or a grandparent's address, so that you have a higher priority for a place at that school; we consider this to be a fraudulent application. Where a child lives at two or more addresses, each for part of the week, the address at which the child is ordinarily resident will be considered to be the address that the child lives at for most of the week (excluding weekends and school holidays). Separate evidence in writing from each parent must be provided to confirm the child's living arrangements at the time of application.

In cases where the child spends an equal proportion of the school week at two or more different addresses, evidence of which is to be considered the main contact address will be required to support the application. Agreement in writing by the parents will be required to state which address is to be used as the ordinarily resident address. This address will then be used when processing all school preferences expressed. It is not acceptable to use one address for one school preference and another address for another school preference.

If we are aware of a parental dispute affecting the application, we may not be able to deal with the application and you may need to seek independent legal advice in order to resolve the matter.

Please note: we will not consider a child to be ordinarily resident at an address that they sometimes sleep at due to childcare arrangements. For example, if a child sleeps at their grandparent's address some nights during the school week whilst one of their parents works shift patterns, we will not accept the grandparent's address for the purposes of allocating a school place.

School details

Suffolk County Council makes decisions for community and voluntary controlled schools. The governing bodies or academy trusts of voluntary aided, free schools and academies determine the order in which applications should be ranked according to their oversubscription criteria. These are known as own admission authority schools.

The following pages provide alphabetical lists of Suffolk secondary schools, sixth form colleges, university technical colleges, special schools, specialist units, resource bases and pupil referral units. We have not included information on independent schools.

We have provided some key information about each school to help you when you are applying for a school place, including the:

- School's address and phone number.
- School's website.
- Age range and type of school.
- Headteacher's name.
- Published Admission Number (PAN) for the 2025/2026 school year, further information below. Where the PAN for 2025/2026 is lower than the PAN, or the number that the school agreed to work to, for 2024/2025, you should be aware that places will be more limited, and the pattern of admissions may change.
- The sixth form PAN for 2025/2026. This is the number of students who can be admitted from outside the school to Year 12 (that is to say, not including those students who transfer from Year 11 itself).
- Link to the list of schools' admissions policies, which include the oversubscription criteria. Suffolk County Council's oversubscription criteria, which starts on [page 7](#) of this directory, applies to community and voluntary controlled schools and those voluntary aided schools and academies where they have agreed to operate the same policy.
- Link to the Supplementary Information Form (SIF), if the school has one. You may need to complete and submit a SIF at the same time as making your application. Further information will be in the school's admissions policy.

Published Admission Number

A set number of places are offered in any one year. This number is known as the Published Admission Number (PAN), which is based on a national formula for deciding how many children can go to a school, without causing overcrowding.

Although the PAN applies to the normal year of entry, this number would normally be applied across all year groups in the school. However, there may be times for other year groups where this is not possible.

If the number of applicants is less than the PAN all applicants will normally be admitted. If a school receives more applications than it has places available (oversubscribed) then the school's published oversubscription criteria are used to decide which applicants will be offered places.

Admissions policies

If the school has their own admissions policy, which sets out how places will be prioritised, this can be found online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions or by clicking on the link in the [list of schools starting on page 13](#). If you require a paper copy, please contact us on 0345 600 0981.

Information from the 2024/2025 school year

We have also included information relating to the on time applications we received for the normal year of entry to the school in September 2024 (2024/2025 school year). This is to help you judge whether or not your application for a school place might be successful when you are completing your application. It includes the:

- Published Admission Number (PAN) for 2024/2025.
- Number of pupils on roll at the school in January 2024.
- Number of applications received by the relevant closing date. This is the number of applications for which no higher preference school was offered. It may include second and third preferences as well as first preferences. The figure is intended to give you an idea of the demand for places at the school. **Please note that if you only apply for schools that have previously had more applications than places, there is a possibility that you will not be offered a place at any of them.**
- Number of places that were actually allocated at the school to on time applicants.
- Number of on time applications that were refused.
- Criterion under which the last child was admitted to oversubscribed schools. Where schools were not oversubscribed all applicants were admitted. Where schools were oversubscribed, the oversubscription criteria that was applied and the cut-off point is indicated.

Criterion under which last child admitted: Priority Group 7: Children who live outside the school's catchment area, distance 1.129 miles – see 2024/2025 policy.

County High School, Beetons Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 6RF

11-16 academy

Visit the school's website at www.countyhigh.uk

Telephone Number: 01284 754857

Headteacher: Ms S Kennedy

Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 855

2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 180

Please refer to [the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form \(SIF\), where relevant](#), or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy

2024/2025 School Year PAN: 220

Number of applications received by the closing date: 74

Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 74

Number of on time applications refused: 0

Debenham High School, Gracechurch Street, Debenham, Stowmarket, IP14 6BL

11-16 academy

Visit the school's website at www.debenhamhighschool.suffolk.sch.uk

Telephone Number: 01728 860213

Headteacher: Mr S Martin

Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 687

2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 125. The PAN for 2025/2026 is lower than the number of places the school agreed to offer in 2024/2025, which means the pattern of admissions may change.

Please refer to [the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form \(SIF\), where relevant](#), or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy

2024/2025 School Year PAN: 125. After the PAN was published, it was agreed the school would offer 135 places for this year group.

Number of applications received by the closing date: 137

Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 135

Number of on time applications refused: 2

Criterion under which last child admitted: Priority Group E: All other children, distance 11.488 miles – see 2024/2025 policy.

East Bergholt High School, Heath Road, East Bergholt, CO7 6RJ

11-16 academy

Visit the school's website at www.ebhigh.org.uk

Telephone Number: 01206 298200

Headteacher: Mr D Woodcock

Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 893

2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 186

Please refer to [the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form \(SIF\), where relevant](#), or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy

2024/2025 School Year PAN: 186

Number of applications received by the closing date: 178

Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 178

Number of on time applications refused: 0

East Point Academy , Kirkley Run, Lowestoft, NR33 0UQ
11-16 academy
Visit the school's website at www.eastpointacademy.org
Telephone Number: 01502 525300
Principal: Ms L Austin
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 865
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 200
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 200
Number of applications received by the closing date: 155
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 155
Number of on time applications refused: 0

Farlingaye High School , Ransom Road, Woodbridge, IP12 4JX
11-18 academy
Visit the school's website at www.farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk
Telephone Number: 01394 385720
Headteacher: Mr P Smith
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 1912
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 308
2025/2026 School Year Sixth Form PAN: 75
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 308
Number of applications received by the closing date: 322
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 308
Number of on time applications refused: 14
Criterion under which last child admitted: Priority Group 6: Children who do not live in the school's catchment area, distance 9.141 miles – see 2024/2025 policy.

Felixstowe School , High Street, Felixstowe, IP11 9QR
11-18 academy
Visit the school's website at www.fxa.org.uk
Telephone Number: 01394 288228
Headteacher: Mrs E Wilson-Downes
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 1245
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 280
2025/2026 School Year Sixth Form PAN: 100
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 280
Number of applications received by the closing date: 233
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 233
Number of on time applications refused: 0

Ipswich Academy , 9 Brazier's Wood Road, Ipswich, IP3 0SP
11-16 academy
Visit the school's website at ipswichacademy.paradigmtrust.org
Telephone Number: 01473 550040
Principals: Ms A Thorrington and Mr S Fox
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 1044
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 210
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 210
Number of applications received by the closing date: 188
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 188
Number of on time applications refused: 0

Ixworth High School , Walsham Road, Ixworth, Bury St Edmunds, IP31 2HS
11-16 free school
Visit the school's website at www.ixworthschool.org.uk
Telephone Number: 01359 234050
Headteacher: Mr A Gibb
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 528
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 120. The PAN for 2025/2026 is lower than the number of places the school agreed to offer in 2024/2025, which means the pattern of admissions may change.
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 120. After the PAN was published, it was agreed the school would offer 135 places for this year group.
Number of applications received by the closing date: 138
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 135
Number of on time applications refused: 3
Criterion under which last child admitted: Priority Group 6.1.4: All other children, distance 9.516 miles – see 2024/2025 policy.

Kesgrave High School , Kesgrave, Ipswich, IP5 2PB
11-18 academy
Visit the school's website at www.kesgrave.suffolk.sch.uk
Telephone Number: 01473 624855
Headteacher: Miss J Upton
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 1841
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 308
2025/2026 School Year Sixth Form PAN: 44
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2024/2025 School Year PAN: 308
Number of applications received by the closing date: 331
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 308
Number of on time applications refused: 23
Criterion under which last child admitted: Priority Group 5b): Children who do not reside within the catchment area, distance 3.11 miles – see 2024/2025 policy.

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King Edward VI CEVC School , Grove Road, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3BH
11-16 voluntary controlled school
Visit the school's website at www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk
Telephone Number: 01284 761393
Headteacher: Mr D O'Regan
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 1197
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 240
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 240
Number of applications received by the closing date: 320
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 240
Number of on time applications refused: 80
Criterion under which last child admitted: Catchment distance 5.235 miles – see 2024/2025 policy.
Mildenhall College Academy , The Hub, Sheldrick Way, Mildenhall, Bury St Edmunds, IP28 7JX
11-18 academy
Visit the school's website at www.mildenhall.atrust.org.uk
Telephone Number: 01638 714645
Principal: Miss N Hood
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 1343
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 210. The PAN for 2025/2026 is lower than the number of places the school agreed to offer in 2024/2025, which means the pattern of admissions may change.
2025/2026 School Year Sixth Form PAN: 10
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 270
Number of applications received by the closing date: 239
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 239
Number of on time applications refused: 0
Newmarket Academy , Exning Road, Newmarket, CB8 0EB
11-16 academy
Visit the school's website at newmarketacademy.co.uk
Telephone Number: 01638 664412
Headteacher: Mr M Witter
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 831
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 180
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 180
Number of applications received by the closing date: 124
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 124
Number of on time applications refused: 0

Northgate High School , Sidegate Lane, Ipswich, IP4 3DL
11-18 community school
Visit the school's website at www.northgate.suffolk.sch.uk
Telephone Number: 01473 210123
Headteacher: Miss R Mackie
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 1708
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 252
2025/2026 School Year Sixth Form PAN: 150
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 252
Number of applications received by the closing date: 336
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 252
Number of on time applications refused: 84
Criterion under which last child admitted: Out-catchment distance 0.878 miles – see 2024/2025 policy.
Ormiston Denes Academy , Yarmouth Road, Lowestoft, NR32 4AH
11-16 academy
Visit the school's website at ormistonden.es.co.uk
Telephone Number: 01502 574474
Principal: Mrs K Williams
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 767
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 200
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 200
Number of applications received by the closing date: 120
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 120
Number of on time applications refused: 0
Ormiston Endeavour Academy , Defoe Road, Ipswich, IP1 6SG
11-16 academy
Visit the school's website at ormistonendeavouracademy.co.uk
Telephone Number: 01473 464545
Principal: Mr J Daniels
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 679
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 180
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 180
Number of applications received by the closing date: 149
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 149
Number of on time applications refused: 0
Ormiston Sudbury Academy , Tudor Road, Sudbury, CO10 1NW
11-16 academy
Visit the school's website at ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk
Telephone Number: 01787 375131
Principal: Mrs S Morris

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2024/2025 School Year PAN: 240. After the PAN was published, it was agreed the school would offer 270 places for this year group.
Number of applications received by the closing date: 275
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 270
Number of on time applications refused: 5
Criterion under which last child admitted: Priority Group 8: Other children, distance 7.722 miles – see 2024/2025 policy.

St Alban's Catholic High School , Digby Road, Ipswich, IP4 3NJ
11-18 academy
Visit the school's website at www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk
Telephone Number: 01473 726178
Headteacher: Mr M Baker
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 1016
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 174
2025/2026 School Year Sixth Form PAN: 5
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 174
Number of applications received by the closing date: 209
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 174
Number of on time applications refused: 35
Criterion under which last child admitted: Priority Group 18: Other children who attend a feeder school, distance 3.494 miles – see 2024/2025 policy.

St Benedict's Catholic School , Beetons Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 6RH
11-18 academy
Visit the school's website at www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk
Telephone Number: 01284 753512
Headteacher: Mrs I Senior
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 976
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 165. The PAN for 2025/2026 is lower than the number of places the school agreed to offer in 2024/2025, which means the pattern of admissions may change.
2025/2026 School Year Sixth Form PAN: 10
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 165. After the PAN was published, it was agreed the school would offer 175 places for this year group.
Number of applications received by the closing date: 238
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 175
Number of on time applications refused: 63
Criterion under which last child admitted: Priority Group 10(ii): Any other children, distance 1.123 miles – see 2024/2025 policy.

Stoke High School – Ormiston Academy , Maidenhall Approach, Ipswich, IP2 8PL
11-16 academy
Visit the school's website at stokehighoa.co.uk
Telephone Number: 01473 601252
Principal: Ms K Baldwin
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 783

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2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 172
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 172
Number of applications received by the closing date: 121
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 121
Number of on time applications refused: 0
Stour Valley Community School , Cavendish Road, Clare, Sudbury, CO10 8PJ
11-16 free school
Visit the school's website at www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org
Telephone Number: 01787 279342
Headteacher: Mrs R Kelly
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 579
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 115
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 115
Number of applications received by the closing date: 118
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 115
Number of on time applications refused: 3
Criterion under which last child admitted: Priority Group E: Children who live nearest the school, distance 6.924 miles – see 2024/2025 policy.
Stowmarket High School , Onehouse Road, Stowmarket, IP14 1QR
11-18 academy
Visit the school's website at www.stowhigh.com
Telephone Number: 01449 613541
Headteacher: Ms L Hernandez
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 901
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 180. The PAN for 2025/2026 is lower than the number of places the school agreed to offer in 2024/2025, which means the pattern of admissions may change.
2025/2026 School Year Sixth Form PAN: 15
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 180. After the PAN was published, it was agreed the school would offer 190 places for this year group.
Number of applications received by the closing date: 189
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 189
Number of on time applications refused: 0
Stowupland High School , Church Road, Stowupland, Stowmarket, IP14 4BQ
11-18 academy
Visit the school's website at www.stowuplandhighschool.co.uk
Telephone Number: 01449 674827
Headteacher: Mr L Walker
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 1008
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 210
2025/2026 School Year Sixth Form PAN: 20

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Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 280
Number of on time applications refused: 29
Criterion under which last child admitted: Priority Group 4.2: Children who do not attend a named partner school on proximity, distance 3.032 miles – see 2024/2025 policy.

Thomas Mills High School , Saxtead Road, Framlingham, Woodbridge, IP13 9HE
11-18 academy
Visit the school's website at thomasmills.suffolk.sch.uk
Telephone Number: 01728 723493
Headteacher: Mr P Hurst
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 1030
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 168
2025/2026 School Year Sixth Form PAN: 95
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 168
Number of applications received by the closing date: 136
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 136
Number of on time applications refused: 0

Thurston Community College , Norton Road, Thurston, Bury St Edmunds, IP31 3PB
11-18 community school
Visit the school's website at www.thurstoncollege.org
Telephone Number: 01359 230885
Principal: Ms M Taylor
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 1499
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 330
2025/2026 School Year Sixth Form PAN: 50
Please refer to the school's 2025/2026 admission policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF), where relevant , or contact 0345 600 0981 for a copy
2024/2025 School Year PAN: 300
Number of applications received by the closing date: 260
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 260
Number of on time applications refused: 0

Westbourne Academy , Marlow Road, Ipswich, IP1 5JN
11-16 academy
Visit the school's website at www.westbourne.attrust.org.uk
Telephone Number: 01473 742315
Principal: Mr M Higgon
Number on Roll (Jan 2024): 1068
2025/2026 School Year Published Admission Number (PAN): 224
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2024/2025 School Year PAN: 224
Number of applications received by the closing date: 180
Number of places allocated to on time applicants: 180
Number of on time applications refused: 0

Sixth form colleges

Abbeygate Sixth Form College , Beetons Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3TT
16-19 sixth form college
Visit the school's website at www.abbeygatesfc.ac.uk
Telephone Number: 01284 636501
Principal: Dr N Savvas
Lowestoft Sixth Form College , Rotterdam Road, Lowestoft, NR32 2PJ
16-19 sixth form college
Visit the school's website at www.lowestoftsfc.ac.uk
Telephone Number: 01502 537000
Principal: Ms K Payne
One Sixth Form College , Scrivener Drive, Ipswich, IP8 3SU
16-19 sixth form academy
Visit the school's website at www.suffolkone.ac.uk
Telephone Number: 01473 556600
Principal: Mr J Robson

University Technical Colleges

Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology , Robinson Way, Cambridge, CB2 0SZ
13-19 university technical college
Visit the school's website at www.cambridgeast.org.uk
Telephone Number: 01223 724300
Principal: Mrs D Pacey
University Technical College Norfolk , Old Hall Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR4 6FF
14-19 university technical college
Visit the school's website at utcn.org.uk
Telephone Number: 01603 580280
Headteacher: Mr F Bray

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