

# Victoria Park Junior School

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24<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5,

It is hard to believe that in September 2025, your child will be starting secondary school. I am aware that for some parents/carers, you will be very familiar with the application process; however, for others this will be your first time and the process may seem a little daunting. Below you will find some information regarding the process.

## **The Application Process for ALL Secondary schools and ALL children**

- During August 2024, letters are posted to the child's home address, explaining how to apply online. Please ensure that the school office has your correct home address.
- Application forms must be submitted by the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.
- You will receive your child's offer on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (or the next working day).
- Once an offer has been made, it will be made clear in the offer how to appeal.
- It is very important that applicants list the schools in the order of preference. It is also important to include comprehensive schools and not just grammar schools.
- Children will only receive an offer of a place at ONE school.

## **Choosing a School**

You are lucky in Trafford as there are many good local secondary schools. Some children also choose to go to secondary schools in different local authorities. The best way to decide on a school is to go and visit. By all means listen to other people's opinions, but remember all children are different and different schools will suit different children. Some schools will also do individual tours. Details about visits & open days will be on the school's website.

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## The Selection Process for Grammar schools - if your child is going to sit the entrance exam

There is more detailed information attached on the 'Admission Timetable for Entry in September 2025'.

The grammar schools have their own tests to select pupils. Stretford Grammar, Urmston Grammar, Sale Grammar, Altrincham Grammar School for Boys and Altrincham Grammar School for Girls are all part of the Trafford Consortium. The other grammar schools use a different test.

### Information about Trafford Consortium

- From **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (from 12:00 noon)** the application form will be available for parents/carers to complete online. All correctly completed Application Forms will be acknowledged by e-mail within 3 days by the Resource Centre NOT the school.
- **The closing date for all applications is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 (12:00 noon).**
- The date for the Trafford Consortium test is **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**
- You will receive information on whether your child has reached the pass mark no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. A successful result/passing the test is not the same as being offered a place at the school and does not guarantee a place. (This decision will be made dependant on the child's results & other admissions criteria. Please refer to each of the Consortium School's Admissions Policy for further details).



**Trafford CEM Consortium - Open Evenings**

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	5:00pm - 7:00pm
Urmston Grammar School	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	4:00pm - 8:00pm
Altrincham Grammar School for Girls	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	4:00pm - 8:00pm
Stretford Grammar School	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	5:00pm - 8:00pm
Sale Grammar School	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	5:00pm - 8:30pm

If you need any help/support or something is not clear, please telephone the school (912-5005) and I will be more than happy to talk/support you.

Mr. J. Wilkinson