

All North Yorkshire Primary and Junior Schools

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Dear Headteacher

**Year 6 Pupils transferring to Secondary School in September 2026 and important information on home to school travel**

The attached letter for Year 6 pupils will be available on the CYPsinfo website [Welcome to CYPsinfo | CYPsinfo \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/cypsinfo). **It is vital that this letter is distributed by the school to your Year 6 parents.**

It advises parents that they can apply for a secondary school place for September 2026 from **12 September 2025 onward and the deadline to apply is 31 October 2025.**

All the information parents need to know about the admissions process and home to school travel can be found on the North Yorkshire website and applications can be made online at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning>

**Pupils living outside North Yorkshire** - parents must apply to their home authority and obtain information from them regarding their application process. If parents want their child to attend a NYC school, they still need to make the application to their home authority and information will be shared between other LAs, as part of the LA's co-ordinated admissions scheme.

**Out of chronological year group** - If you have any children in Year 6 who are working outside their normal year group, parents will not be able to apply online and they will need to request a paper copy of the application form from us.

**Pupils who start Year 6 after the start of term** – Please ensure any new year 6 pupil who joins the school is made aware that they need to apply for a secondary school place and are given a copy of the Year 6 letter.

**Home to School Travel – important changes**

Please be aware that the home to school eligibility criteria changed from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. One of the main changes is that transport is now provided to the nearest school to a home address, subject to the statutory walking distance. This will impact some children where the catchment school for admissions purposes is not the nearest school. To help parents identify the nearest school to their home address ahead of them making an application there is an online distance calculator 'Find your nearest school 2025-2026' which is available on our website.

(For information the mapping layers used to determine the distances to schools for admissions and transport purposes are updated on an annual basis, this update took place on 11 September 2025 ahead of applications being made from 12 September 2025)

The Home to School Travel Policy and a link to the distance calculator can be found on the North Yorkshire website [School transport for reception to year 11 children | North Yorkshire Council](#)

**Reminder to apply for a secondary school place**

Every year we get some parents who apply late or don't apply at all, so it is essential if you could send out reminders, via your usual communication methods, prompting Year 6 parents to apply by the deadline of 31 October 2025.

We will contact you during the Autumn Term regarding any applications that are outstanding.

Your help with this as always is appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact us if necessary.

Yours sincerely

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