

Wiltshire's Relevant Area for Admissions 2024/25 – 2025/26

The School Standards and Framework Act 1998, requires each local authority to establish a Relevant Area(s) for admission policy consultations. The Relevant Area is the area in which admission authorities must consult with schools regarding their proposed admission arrangements before finalising them.

There is a legal requirement for the local authority to consult on and review its Relevant Area every 2 years.

As a Local Authority, Wiltshire Council is required to determine the area that admission authorities in Wiltshire should use when consulting on school admission arrangements. For Wiltshire Local Authority, the 'relevant area' has been determined as the whole of Wiltshire and for own admission authority schools and academies the relevant area is described below:

The local authority will consult on the admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools with:

- All schools within Wiltshire.
- All 9 neighbouring local authorities.

I. Having first consulted with their Diocese, primary schools designated as having a religious character will consult with:

- Wiltshire Council.
- All other primary schools within a 4.8 kilometre radius (3 miles).
- Other faith primary schools within their own deanery, according to guidance issued by their Diocese.

II. Primary academies and foundation schools will consult with:

- Wiltshire Council.
- All other primary schools within a 4.8 kilometre radius (3 miles).
- Other local authorities within a 4.8 kilometre radius (3 miles).

III. Having first consulted with their Diocese, secondary schools designated as having a religious character will consult with:

- Wiltshire Council.
- All other primary schools within an 8 kilometre radius (5 miles).
- Other local authorities within an 8 kilometre radius (5 miles).
- Other primary and secondary faith schools within their own deanery, according to guidance issued by their Diocese.

IV. Secondary academies and foundation schools will consult with:

- Wiltshire Council.
- All other primary and secondary schools within an 8 Kilometre radius (5 miles).
- Other local authorities within an 8 kilometre radius (5 miles).