

Wiltshire's Relevant Area for Admissions 2026/27 – 2027/28

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.

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' being consulted on is 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 local authorities within an 4.8 kilometre radius (3 miles).

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 and secondary schools within an 8 kilometre radius (5 miles).
- Other local authorities within an 8 kilometre radius (5 miles).

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).