



Your Guide to Secondary Education in Leicestershire

2027-2028

For admissions entry September 2027 and mid-term
transfers during 2027-2028 academic year



Director's Message

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Leicestershire's Guide to Secondary Education

This guide for parents and carers provides advice and support on applying for a school place within Leicestershire Secondary Schools for 2027/28. You can find out more about applying to transfer from a Primary or Junior school, as well as how to apply to change schools mid-year.

We understand applying for a school place may, for some families, be an anxious time. This is why it is important that you are aware most families who applied on time last year were offered a place for their child at one of their preferred Secondary schools - 90.1% of families were successful in getting their top choice of school with 98.3% getting one of their preferred schools. We have included our top tips below for securing a place for your child at your preferred school.

The window to apply for school places for children in Year 6 transferring to Secondary school opens on **1st September 2026 and closes on 31st October 2026**. On-time applications will be prioritised so please make sure you get your child's application in before the closing date. We will confirm all places for children transferring from Year 6 to Secondary School on **1st March 2027**.

The simplest way to **apply is online**; by doing so you will also get an email confirming we have your application. Keep your password for the parent portal somewhere safe to view your child's school place confirmation.

Top tips for applying to transfer from Year 6 to Secondary School (September 2027)

- Families with children in Year-6 who will be transferring to secondary school in September 2027 must apply to secure a school place;
- Apply for up to five school preferences to increase the opportunity for securing a preferred school;
- Include your catchment school (where appropriate);
- If your child has additional needs, you must still apply for a mainstream school unless, an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) with a named school is in place. Early discussions with proposed schools are recommended;
- Submit your application by the national closing date: 31st October (late applications will only be processed once all on time applications have been processed);
- Check the order of your preferences before submitting your application;
- Attend school open days/evenings and ask about their oversubscription criteria, to understand how decisions are made where there are more applications than places and on what basis previous children secured a place.

Starting secondary school is a big milestone! To help your child to transition to Secondary school, you can start taking small steps at home, introducing activities that build confidence and independence. Check out the BBC's **Starting Secondary School** website and other online resources for ideas and support such as practicing the journey to and from school with your child.

If you are applying to change schools during an academic year, this guide explains the process and implications to families - please see the Mid-term Transfers section (page 14). Please check school place availability and school admissions policies before applying to avoid disappointment as places are not guaranteed.

While most children will be allocated a place at a preferred school, unfortunately this is not always possible. If your child is refused a school place following an application(s), parents and carers have the right of appeal and this guide also explains how you can appeal the decision.

If you have any additional questions, please contact us through the **admissions contact form**.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish your child every success as they continue their educational journey in Leicestershire.

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Useful Definitions

Academy: To include free schools, studio schools and academy conversions

Academy Status: Academies are publicly funded independent schools

Admitting Authorities: The body responsible for setting and applying schools admission arrangements and determining the policy and criteria for admitting new pupils to a school

CE: Church of England

CFS: Children and Family Services

CME: Children Missing Education

Community/State School: Schools under the control of the Local Authority

Compulsory School Age: Is the age when a child must start school. www.gov.uk/schools-admissions/school-starting-age

DfE: The Department for Education is responsible for education policies and funding, including children's services, schools, higher and further education, apprenticeships, and skills.

EHCP: An Education Health and Care Plan is a legal document following statutory assessment, which sets out the support that is necessary to cater for a child with complex and enduring special educational needs and / or disabilities

EHE: Elective Home Education

EMA: Education Maintenance Allowance

FE: Further Education

Free Schools: State-funded, non-fee-paying schools that are independent from local authorities

LA: Local Authority

LCC: Leicestershire County Council

OAA: Own Admission Authority

OSL: Oversubscription Waiting List

PME: Pupils Missing Education

RC: Roman Catholic

SEND: Special Educational Needs and Disability: Children or young people who have learning difficulties or disabilities that require extra support to learn effectively.

SENCO: Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Statutory School Leaving Age: Is the date when a child is allowed, by law, to leave secondary school. This is the last Friday in June, of the school year in which a child reaches the age of 16



The closing date for secondary applications is
31st October 2026 for entry September 2027.

► General Introduction

The purpose of this booklet is to give parents and carers a detailed explanation about how to apply for a secondary school place in Leicestershire.

Leicestershire County Council makes sure that, in the county as a whole, there are full time school places for all Leicestershire school age children whose parents request places.

The types of secondary transfers covered are:

- Primary/Junior to Secondary school
- Transfer part way through the academic year also known as a 'mid-term' transfer across any secondary age group.



Apply Online

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions
Parent Portal for school applications

If at any stage you need to talk to someone about any aspect of a school application you can either contact your current school or School Admissions Service:

[Admissions Contact Form](#)

0116 305 6684

▶ Who do I apply to for a school place?

All secondary schools in Leicestershire are academy status schools.

For Faith (aided), Academy, and Free schools the LA is not the admitting authority it is instead the school themselves.

Appeals for some academy schools may be conducted through the County Council's Legal Services. Parents who have been refused places at Faith, Academy, Free or Studio schools in the first instance will need to contact the individual establishment for information about their appeals process.

Online resources

You must apply for the school you wish your child to attend, this includes your catchment area school. Use our online search tool to help you find a school near you:



[Find a school](#)



Key Points

- ✓ School application information is sent to your child's home address in September from the school
- ✓ Closing date for return of all secondary transfer applications is 31st October 2026
- ✓ You are strongly encouraged to attend open evenings of school(s) that you are interested in. Please contact individual schools for information about when open evenings are held
- ✓ National offer date for all secondary transfers is 1st March (or next available working day)
- ✓ Leicestershire County Council operates an ONLINE application system that we advise you use www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions
- ✓ All applications are considered in accordance with priority criteria
- ✓ Late applications will have lowest priority



► Secondary Education

During the last year of your child's primary education, preparation for transfer to their next stage of learning takes place.

Teachers will organise visits and consultations for those pupils and parents transferring within the school 'family'.

In September you will receive information from the school about how to apply for Secondary school, where you can apply for up to five schools of your preference. It is important to apply for a place at your catchment school where applicable. You will not necessarily be offered a place if you apply late and the school, by then, is full. If we cannot secure any of your preference(s) the system may auto-allocate you the next nearest school to your home address with space.

It is important that you apply on time (no later than 31st October) as applications received after this date will be given the lowest priority.

What age-range do Secondary schools cover in Leicestershire?

Leicestershire has a variety of Secondary schools, which cater for students from Year 7 to Year 11; (i.e. aged 11 to 16 years) or to Year 13; (i.e. aged 11 to 19).

Elective Home Education

The Law states that every child of compulsory school age must receive a full-time education suitable to their age, ability, aptitude, and any special needs he or she may have.

Most parents fulfil this legal responsibility by sending their children to school, but a small number of parents educate their children at home. This is known as Elective Home Education. Whilst it is a legal option, it is not a decision to be taken lightly. Education in this way makes demands on a family's time and patience, as well as their finances: all cost for materials, trips and social contact must be borne by the family. For further information email inclusionsupport@leics.gov.uk or telephone **0116 305 2071**.



► Delayed Entry, Early Transfer Starts, and Remaining on in the Same Year Request

For parents wanting to delay their child's entry, there is a formal process to consider whether such requests. Parents would be expected to provide evidence (supporting documentation from lead professionals where possible) in order to consider the request is in the child's best interests. In addition parents would also be expected to contact the schools that they are requesting to obtain the schools view over the delayed entry request. This will then be taken into consideration by the admissions admitting authority.

Parents will still be required to make an application for their child's admission **to their normal age group at the usual time** and attend open days or taster days; in case the request is refused.

It is important parents understand that if the request is agreed, it doesn't guarantee a place a year later, it only means that parents will be allowed to apply a year later for a place. If unsuccessful, parents' statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school does not apply if they are offered a place at the school, but it is not their preferred age group.

Where parents wish to seek advanced transfers or accelerated starts (i.e. for gifted and talented children) or wish to repeat the year, the decision will be made by the admitting authority on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned.

Areas to consider before a decision is made may be:

- **Medical i.e. significantly premature, or have missed a significant proportion of the school year due to medical illness**
- **Psychological (Social) i.e. a recognised diagnosed disorder**
- **Physical i.e. a diagnosed disorder/disability**

(This is not an exhaustive list or set of criteria)



Apply Online

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions

[Apply for a school place video](#)



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► Applying for your Child's Secondary School Transfer

Once you have decided on your school preferences, you will need to apply. The easiest way to apply is online at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions.

Applying online

You are encouraged to apply online at: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions

IMPORTANT NOTE: For Secondary School Transfers you must apply by 31st October. It is also important that you remember your login details when applying online, as you will need this to access your decision online on National Offer Day (1st March). If you cannot remember your details, you will not be able to view the decision online. For help registering your details on our portal please see our [online guide](#).

We always encourage parents to include their catchment area school where applicable as one of their preferences.

An application for a place in a Secondary school must be made to the LA where you live, e.g. if you live within Leicester City, you must complete their application form for Secondary school places. This is the case even if you wish to apply for a school in Leicestershire. If you are resident in Leicestershire, you will need to complete the Leicestershire application form.

You can do this online at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions. The form will invite you to express up to five preferences but does not include private or independent schools. Parents of children in private or independent schools, or whose children are not educated in a school, do not automatically receive notification about transfer to Secondary school.

Even though all preferences are treated equally, we always aim to meet your highest preference, and therefore request that preferences are made in priority order.

If you have a query about the catchment school for your particular area, please contact School Admissions Service on 0116 305 6684.

Voluntary Aided, Trust, Academies and Free Schools

Church of England, Roman Catholic aided, Trust, Academies and Free Schools work a little differently. Enquiries concerning these schools should be made direct to the Headteacher. Admissions to these schools are the responsibility of the Governors, but an application for a place must also be made to the LA at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions.



31st October is the closing date for return of application forms to Leicestershire County Council.
1st March (or the next working day if it falls on Bank Holiday/Weekend) is the national offer date where parents are notified of offers.

► Things to Consider before Applying

Each school caters as far as possible for the needs of the families in its neighbourhood, but it's also important to think about the following:

- Think about how your child will get to and from school. Find out from the **School Transport Service** whether you may have to pay for transport
- Visit schools when the pupils are there if you can and read the schools' brochure or prospectus
- Consider your child's wishes
- Do not rely purely on someone else's opinion or experience

Please be aware that transfer from Primary to Secondary school is not an automatic process. A place in a Primary school does not guarantee a place in its linked Secondary school.

If you fail to name your catchment area school where applicable as one of your preferences, a place will not automatically be offered at that school if all your other preferences are unsuccessful. This is because by then your catchment school may have been filled.

Information about admissions policies for Community, Trust, Faith, Academy, Free School and Studio Schools is available direct from the school and can also be found later in this guide.

Further Information?

If you need advice on what schools can offer your child, the Headteacher of your child's current school will be happy to discuss this with you.



You can attend school open evenings, or you can get advice from the School Admissions Service at County Hall on 0116 305 6684. Information about admissions policies for Aided and Trust schools is available direct from the school.

Your child may be able to get free transport to school if they live further from their school than the walking distance allowed by law or if you're on a low income. Find out more about school transport at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/school-transport or by contacting the Transport Department via the **transport contact form**.

Key Dates

31st October is the closing date for return of application forms to Leicestershire County Council. 1st March (or the next working day) is the national offer date; parents are notified of offers from this date.

(Please note that if the 1st march is a non-working day, then the next working day applies).

7,812 Applications

Received for September 2026

90.10%
Secured their
**First
Choice**

98.3%
secured one
of their top 5
preferences



► How will I Receive my Offer of a School Place?

Decisions are made available on 1st March (or the next working day). If you applied online you will get an email confirming that your offer of a school place is ready to be viewed the same day. You can also log into the online portal with your username and password for an instant result. If your preference has not been met we will notify you of the next steps.

If you have applied via a paper application form, your offer of a school place will be posted out to you from 1st March. You should allow five working days for receipt of your letter.

Applied online? - Login to your online account to view the decision.

Applied by post? - Your offer will be sent out by post on offer day. Please allow five days for this to arrive.

You will receive an offer of one place only. This will be the school highest on your order of priority where there are places available.



Note: If the national offer date falls at a weekend or bank holiday, you will be notified the next working day.

If you want to find out more about what happens on offer date visit our website on:

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions

We will aim to offer you your highest ranked school in order of priority. The LA will also work in co-ordination with other admission authorities where you may have applied for a school place, e.g. schools within other local authorities, to finalise which place will be offered. If we cannot secure you any of your preference(s) the system will auto-allocate you the next nearest school to your home address with space.



Apply Online

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions



► Late Application and Oversubscription Waiting List (OSL)

What Happens if my Application was Late and Received after 31st October?

If you apply after the closing date, which includes having applied on time but having had a change in circumstances, e.g. house move. Any changes after the 16th November will be too late to take into account as the allocation process will have already started. You may not receive a decision on 1st March or the next working day. This is because the application may need to be reassessed.

What happens if I am refused my school choices?

- You will automatically be added to an Oversubscription Waiting List (OSL).
- You will have the right to appeal the decision - please see page 17 for more information.
- You may also contact us to find out about alternative schools in the local area that have spaces by contacting our Customer Service Centre on 0116 305 6684.

Oversubscription Waiting List (OSL)

The OSL ranks children in order of the schools admission criteria. If a place becomes available, the child at the top of the list will be offered the place. The LA will maintain the OSL for some academies for the **Autumn Term** only for the following year groups:

• Year 7 (11+ schools)

Some Academies maintain their own OSLs, so you will need to contact these schools directly to enquire where your child is on their OSL.

For on-time applications if the LA is unable to offer a place at one of your preferences then you will be automatically agreed a place at the next nearest school with space to your home address.

How is the OSL operated for Schools?

If you have been refused a place at a school as part of the transfer process, your application will be placed on the OSL automatically.

The OSL is a dynamic list in that names may move up or down if a new application received has a higher priority than yours.

If you wish to know where your child is on the OSL please follow the link on your refusal letter.



Admissions Criteria

Important!



Academies are free to set their own admissions policies.

Please check the school's own website for their admissions criteria.

All schools must have a set of Oversubscription Admissions Criteria which are used to determine school places where there are more applications than places available.

To view the oversubscription criteria for a particular secondary school you are advised to go to the school's website and to locate the school's admissions policy. The oversubscription criteria will be a list of rules that are used to rank applications until the school is filled. All oversubscription criteria must have Looked After Children (LAC) and Previously Looked After Children (PLAC) as the highest criterion. More often than not, the final criterion will often be distance, where distance measurement is a straight-line from the home address to the school's designated front gate. You are however advised to check each school's exact definition of how distance is measured.

Leicestershire County Council as required by the School Admissions Code operates an equal preferencing processing system. This means to maximize your opportunity to secure a school of your preference, you should apply for up to five schools ranked in order of preference. Where we have more applications than places the school's criteria is applied. We will always try to secure you your highest ranking. If we cannot secure you any of your preference(s) the system will auto-allocate you the next nearest school to your home address with space, you will also retain the right of an appeal if you wish.

It is also important to note, children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) sit outside the admissions process, and you should read in the school's admissions policy how EHCP children are considered.



► Mid-term Transfers (applying for a school place at other times)

For the majority of Leicestershire schools, parents and carers should apply online at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions or by completing a paper version available from the School Admissions Service who can be contacted on 0116 305 6684. Some Leicestershire secondary schools however, have their own process and you will need to apply directly to the individual school. To find out more you are advised to view the school's website.

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If you are wishing to apply for a OAA school (schools that process their own admissions) please visit the individual school's website and submit this directly to the school you wish to apply for (a paper version is available from the school).

While a mid-term application is being processed you must ensure your child continues attending their current school unless this is physically impossible (e.g. move from Cornwall).

For more information regarding mid-term transfers, please see www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions.

If you have a query about the catchment school for your particular area, please contact our Customer Service Centre on 0116 305 6684.

When moving areas

Requests for in catchment movement will only be agreed if there are spaces available, or the conditions of the school's admissions policy are met.

The LA will aim to process your application as quickly as possible (within 15 school days) and will contact you to inform you of the outcome of your application.

► Admissions for OAA Schools

How the admissions process works for schools that manage their own applications and appeals

What is an OAA academy?

OAA stands for Own Admitting Authority. These are academies that manage their own admissions and appeals instead of the local authority doing it for them.

In Leicestershire, some academies manage their own admissions for mid-term transfers (when a child changes schools during the academic year). This means parents and carers need to apply directly to the academy using its own application process.

To find out which academies manage their own admissions, please check Appendix 2 of Leicestershire's **Co-Ordinated Admission Arrangements for Mid-Term Transfers**.

What academies that manage their own admissions must show on their website

Each school must clearly publish its admissions information, including:

- Its admissions policy.
- Oversubscription criteria (usually included in the policy).
- A catchment area map (if this is part of the oversubscription criteria).
- Details on how to apply and, if needed, how to appeal.

Your Rights as a Parent or Carer

- You have the right to apply for a school place even if you are told the school is full. Schools must not discourage you from applying or make it difficult to access the application form or process.
- The **School Admissions Code** states that applications should be processed within 15 school days.
- If your application is refused, you can appeal the decision.
- The refusal letter must explain how you can lodge an appeal.

If an academy that manages its own admissions refuses to allow you to apply

You can make a complaint by:

- Using the academy's own complaints procedure, or
- **Complain** directly to the Department for Education.

If you believe your admission appeal was procedurally flawed

- **Complain** directly to the Secretary of State via Department for Education.

Key Points to Remember:

- **OAA academies manage their own admission and appeal processes;**
- **They must publish key information, including their admissions policy;**
- **You have the right to apply, even if the academy informs you it is full;**
- **If refused, you retain the right to appeal;**
- **If discouraged from applying, or you believe your appeal was procedurally flawed - you can complain.**



► Things to Consider when Changing Schools During Term-time

If you are considering changing schools, it is important that you discuss the move with your child's current school before completing an application form.

In certain instances, it may not be in the best interests of your child to change school especially during Key Stage 4.

If your child has difficulties with staff or other pupils, or if your relationship with the school or another parent has broken-down, the solution may not be to change your child's school. It is advised that you talk about the issues with the current school before you decide to change your child's school.

Important!



If you are moving to a new house, it is vitally important that you check school place availability near your new house, by calling Customer Service (tel: 0116 305 6684).

Important considerations



How will your child get to the new school



Will the new school be able to offer your child the same options that they have embarked on



The negative impact in preparing for key examination years



The current school may have built in extra support and good working relationships with your child that could be lost if you move your child



The general disruption and lack of continuity of learning may result in your child finding it difficult to catch up



The loss of friendship groups, which can especially affect younger children



Always check the school's admissions policy on their websites



► If you Have been Refused a School Place you Have the Right to Appeal

Most schools in Leicestershire engage the LA's School Appeals Service to run their appeals.

For some academies and faith schools you must check their website to see who you need to lodge your appeal with.

If you decide to appeal:

- You must have applied and been refused a school place before you can appeal;
- The best way to appeal is using our online appeal form;
- These must be returned by the closing date to the County Solicitor. The County Solicitor will let you know when the appeal will be heard;
- You may attend the appeal hearing yourself, or with a friend if you wish. You may ask a representative to speak for you, or you can send a written statement;
- Your case will be considered by the Independent Appeals Panel which is independent of the Children and Family Services.

Appeals Webpage

[Click here](#)



For some own admitting authority schools, you will have to lodge your appeal directly with the school, see school website for more details.

If your appeal is part of the secondary transfer admissions round it will be heard within 40 school days from the date lodged. All mid-term appeals will be heard within 30 school days of being lodged.

The appeal will be heard in front of at least three Independent Appeal Panel Members, one of which will have had an education background. All panel members are volunteers, are trained and will have no connection with the school, the parent or the LA. Their decisions are binding on all parties, and a full explanation of their considerations will be provided to parents in most instances 5 days following the last appeal heard on the day.

Note:

Parents and carers cannot reapply to the same school in the same academic year if you have already been refused once. If however, you can evidence a significant change in circumstances e.g. a house move, you may then be allowed to reapply and if refused, have the opportunity for a second appeal.

Where an appeal is being considered under infant class size rules i.e. classes that already have 30 children to one qualified teacher, the independent appeal panel can only allow such appeals under very limited conditions.



Examination Fees

In the final year of compulsory education your child may be entered for GCSE examinations or other accredited courses leading to accreditation approved by NCVQ (National Council for Vocational Qualifications).

If your child remains at school after 16 it is likely that they may be entered for a further range of public examinations, including A-levels and/or GNVQs (General National Vocational Qualifications).

Assistance towards the cost of field studies may be provided when this is a compulsory part of a GCSE or A-level course. To find out more please speak with your school directly.

If your child is registered having elected home education, the parent/carers is responsible for the arrangement and cost of the examination.



Apply Online

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions

Important considerations

The school will normally pay all entry fees for public examinations, except when:



The subject is not part of the school curriculum



The pupil is entered for the same subject at two levels, in which case the school will only pay for one entry fee



A student wishes to resit an examination without retaking the course



The examination is entered against the advice of the school



► What you can do to Support your Child in School

There are many ways to help support your child in school:

- ✓ Support your child's school by signing the home/school agreement;
- ✓ Read the school's prospectus, annual Governors' report and newsletters to be kept fully informed about what is happening in school;
- ✓ Attend parents' evening and curriculum workshops wherever possible to support your child's learning;
- ✓ Support school activities such as class assemblies, sports day and concerts;
- ✓ If available, support the Parents' Association or consider standing as Governor and become more involved in the management of the school;
- ✓ Try to make time to help your child with a variety of activities, such as cookery, educational visits, physical or sporting activities;
- ✓ Make every effort to get to know the Headteacher and class teacher so that you feel comfortable in airing your views or concerns;
- ✓ Try to work harmoniously with the school as your child will benefit from close collaboration between home and school;
- ✓ Support your child's learning at home and, as they get older, provide a quiet space for home work.



► What Happens When your Child Reaches 16?

From the Summer of 2013, all young people were required to remain in some form of learning until the age of 17. This was then raised to 18 in 2015. This is called the Raising of the Participation Age (RPA).

Important considerations

Ways in which young people can continue their learning after 16:

- ✓ Stay at the same school if a suitable, appropriate course is provided
- ✓ Transfer to the sixth form of a different school, to a sixth form college or to a College of Further Education
- ✓ Join a work-based apprenticeship programme that involves training with an employer and time away from work to attend a college or training centre to gain an NVQ qualification
- ✓ Join a Foundation Learning programme to develop basic skills and life skills and get experience of work before moving on to further education, training or employment.

What help and advice is available?

From September 2012 schools have been responsible for providing their students with careers guidance. For **targeted young people** with learning difficulties or disabilities, and for those who may find it difficult to make the progression at 16. Ask at your child's school about what help is available.

Young people at school can also access the National Careers Service website and helpline: <http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk> telephone 0800 100 900



What if my child needs help or advice after leaving school?

If your child is in education or training they should seek advice from their provider. If your child is unemployed, contact the Local Authority for details of services available. Your child can also use the National Careers Service helpline (0800 100 900).

► Key Services and Contacts

Key Services

Special Educational Needs

Assessment Service (SENA)

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/special-educational-needs-assessment

School Transport

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/school-transport

Choose How You Move

www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/schools

Beyond Bullying

www.beyondbullying.com

Information and Support Directory

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/information-and-support-directory

Key Contacts

• Adult Learning

Tel: 0800 9880308

Email: adultlearning@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/golearn

• Beaumanor Hall & Park (Outdoor Education and Conference Service)

Tel: 01509 890 119

Email: beaumanor.hall@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.beaumanorhall.co.uk

• Child Employment (13-16 year olds)

Tel: 0116 305 4331

Email: childemployment@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/child-employment

• Court Team

Tel: 0116 305 6743

Email: pupilservicescourteam@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/school-attendance

• Diocese of Leicester - Church of England

Tel: 0116 261 5350

Email: Carolyn.Lewis@LeicesterDBE.org

Web: www.leicester.anglican.org

• Diocese of Nottingham – Catholic

Tel: 01332 293833 Ext 220

Email: neil.weightman@nottingham-des.org.uk

• Early Years Inclusion and Childcare Service

Tel: 0116 305 6545

Email: family@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare

• Education Quality

Tel: 0116 305 6445

Email: childrensservices@leics.gov.uk

• Elective Home Education

Tel: 0116 305 2071

Email: homeeducation@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/home-education

• First Response Children's Duty Team

Tel: 0116 305 0005

Email: childrensduty@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/child-protection-and-safeguarding

• Free School Meals

Tel: 0116 305 5417

Email: freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/free-school-meals

• Governor Development Service

Tel: 0116 305 6503

Email: governors@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.leicestershiretradedservices.org.uk/Services/3133

• Learning Support

Tel: 0116 305 9400

Email: STS@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disability/education-and-childcare/educational-specialist-services/specialist-teaching-service/learning-support

• Leicester-Shire Schools Music Service

Tel: 0116 305 0400

Email: music@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.leicestershiremusicclub.org

• Multi Agency Traveller Unit (MATU)

Tel: 0116 305 8156

Email: Multi.AgencyTravellersUnit@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/gypsy-and-traveller-services

• Ofsted Reports

Tel: 0300 123 4234

Email: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk

Web: www.ofsted.gov.uk

• Pupil Exclusions

Tel: 0116 305 2071 / 0116 305 6597

Email: exclusions@leics.gov.uk

• Psychology Service

Tel: 0116 305 5100

Email: psychology@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/educational-psychology-service

• Youth Service

Tel: 0116 305 7960

Email: earlyhelp@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.turning-point.co.uk

Customer Service Centre

Parents and carers requiring advice and information can contact the Customer Service Centre:

Tel: 0116 305 6684

Monday to Thursday: 8.30am - 5.00pm, Friday: 8.30am - 4.30pm

Our trained customer service agents will be pleased to assist with all queries relating to admissions and transfers.

► Key Dates

Secondary School Transfer key dates entry 2027:

1st September 2026:

Letters sent out to parents from schools inviting them to apply to Secondary school(s) for entry Autumn 2027.

31st October 2026:

Closing date for submission of applications for transfer to secondary schools.

1st March 2027:

National offer day for Secondary schools. If you have applied on line you will be able to see your outcome on the parent portal.

Transfer Year 7 Oversubscription Waiting Lists operate where schools are full until 31st December 2027 after which most are dissolved.

Closing date for submissions of appeals, see LA website for exact date.

31st December 2027:

Oversubscription lists for secondary transfer Year 7 for 2027/28 school year close.

Term times for Academic Year 2027-2028 schools only

(Please see individual academy website for their term time dates.)

Term dates 2027/28

Autumn Term	
Schools open:	
August Bank Holiday:	
Half term break:	
Schools close:	
Spring Term	
Schools open:	
Half term break:	
Schools close:	
Summer Term	
Schools open:	
May Day Bank Holiday:	
Half term break:	
Schools close:	

Note: Future term time patterns from autumn 2027 will be available during the 2026 autumn term.

Inset/Teacher training days 2027/2028

Staff will have an additional five Inset/Training days that the school must determine.

Other Useful Information

Inclusion Service

The Inclusion Service is the single channel for parents, schools and other agencies to contact when they have concerns around learners presenting with:

- Children Missing Education
- Pupils Missing Out on Education
- Children with Medical Needs
- Elective Home Education
- Children with Medical Needs
- Learners at risk of exclusion
- Learners who have immerging SEND needs

For Further Information

**Inclusion Service, Room 600 County Hall,
Glenfield, Leicester. LE3 8RF**

Telephone: 0116 305 2071

Email: inclusionpupilsupport@leics.gov.uk

Pupil Services Court Team

The Pupil Services Court Team have statutory powers to take legal action and, where appropriate, to prosecute parents and carers if they fail to ensure that their child receives a suitable education. For further information

Telephone: 0116 305 6743

Email: pupilservicescourteam@leics.gov.uk

What is Fair Access?

The Fair Access Protocol is to ensure that outside the normal admission round, unplaced children, especially the most vulnerable, are offered a place at a suitable school that can best support the child's needs as quickly as possible.

Leicestershire's Fair Access Protocol is administered by Oakfield Short Stay School and the School Admissions and Pupil Services.

School Clothing

The school governors decide what to recommend as school dress. This is stated in each school's brochure or prospectus.

There is no clothing allowance scheme.

► Contact Details of other Local Authorities Surrounding the Leicestershire Borders:

Leicester City: 0116 454 1009

www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions

Email: admissions.online@leicester.gov.uk

Rutland: 01572 722 577

www.rutland.gov.uk/my-services/schools-education-and-learning/school-admissions

Email: admissions@rutland.gov.uk

Coventry City: 0247 7697 5445

www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Email: secondaryadmissions@coventry.gov.uk

Email: primaryadmissions@coventry.gov.uk

Nottingham City: 0115 841 5568

www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Email: schooladmissions@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Nottinghamshire: 0115 982 3823

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions

Derby City: 01332 642727

www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/

Email: admissions@derby.gov.uk

Derbyshire: 01629 537 479

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions

Email: admissions.transport@derbyshire.gov.uk

Staffordshire: 0300 111 8007

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Education.aspx

Email: admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk

Lincolnshire: 01522 782 030

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions

Email: schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Warwickshire: 01926 410 410

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

Email: admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk

North Northamptonshire: 0300 126 3000

West Northamptonshire: 0300 126 7000

School Areas in Leicestershire



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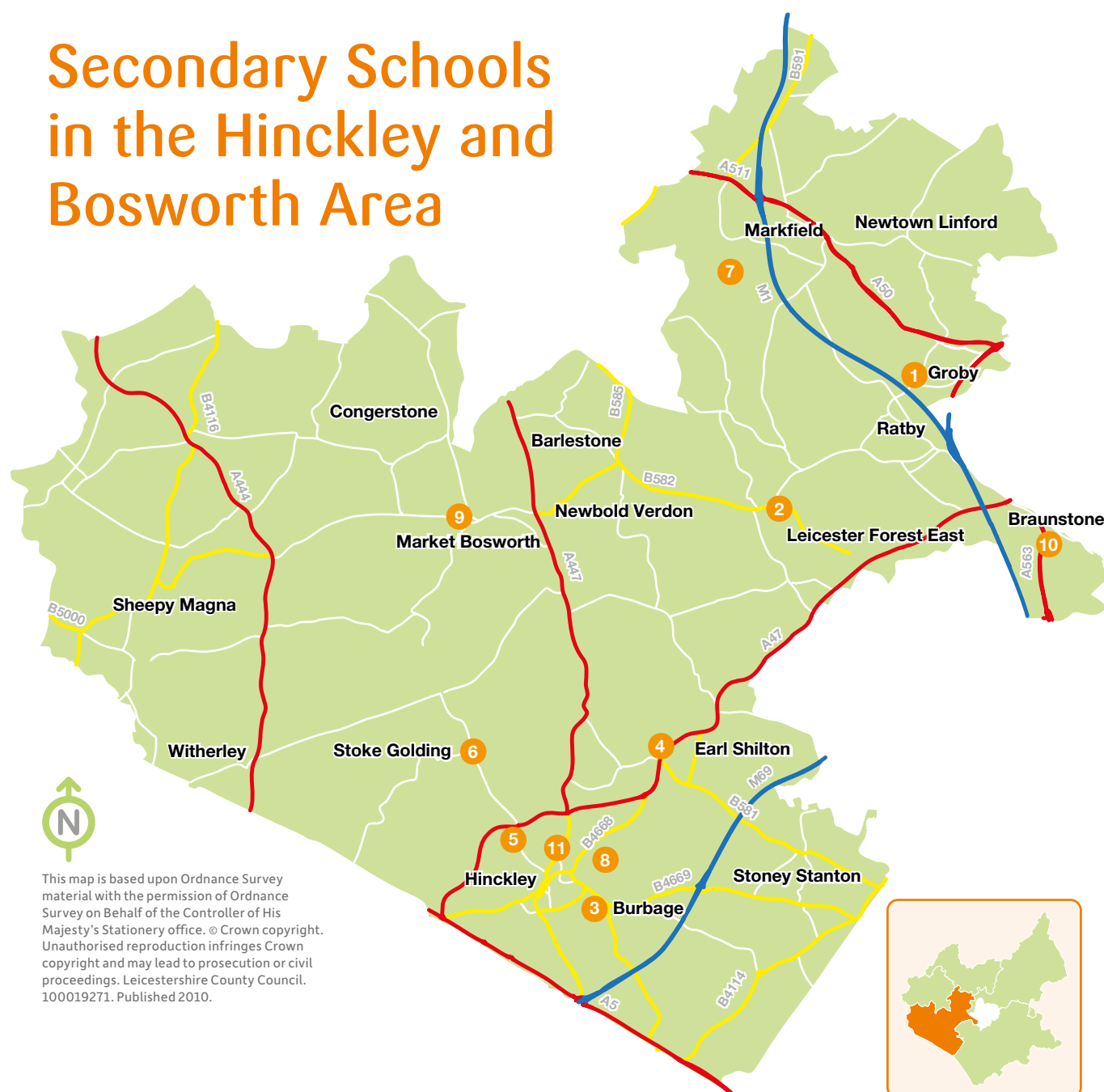
Coalville and Ashby Area

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Secondary Schools in the Hinckley and Bosworth Area



- 1 Brookvale Groby Learning Campus (11-19)
- 2 Bosworth Academy (11-19)
- 3 Hastings High School (11-16)
- 4 Heath Lane Academy (11-16)
- 5 Redmoor Academy (11-16)

- 6 Saint Martin's Catholic Voluntary Academy (11-16)
- 7 South Charnwood High School (11-16)
- 8 The Hinckley School (11-19)
- 9 The Market Bosworth School (11-16)
- 10 The Winstanley School (11-16)

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- 11 Dorothy Goodman School Hinckley

Secondary Schools in the Loughborough Area



- 1 Castle Donington College (11-16)
- 2 Charnwood College (11-18)
- 3 De Lisle College (11-18)
- 4 Humphrey Perkins School (11-16)

- 5 Iveshead School (11-19)
- 6 Limehurst Academy (11-16)
- 7 Rawlins Academy (11-18)
- 8 Woodbrook Vale School (11-16)

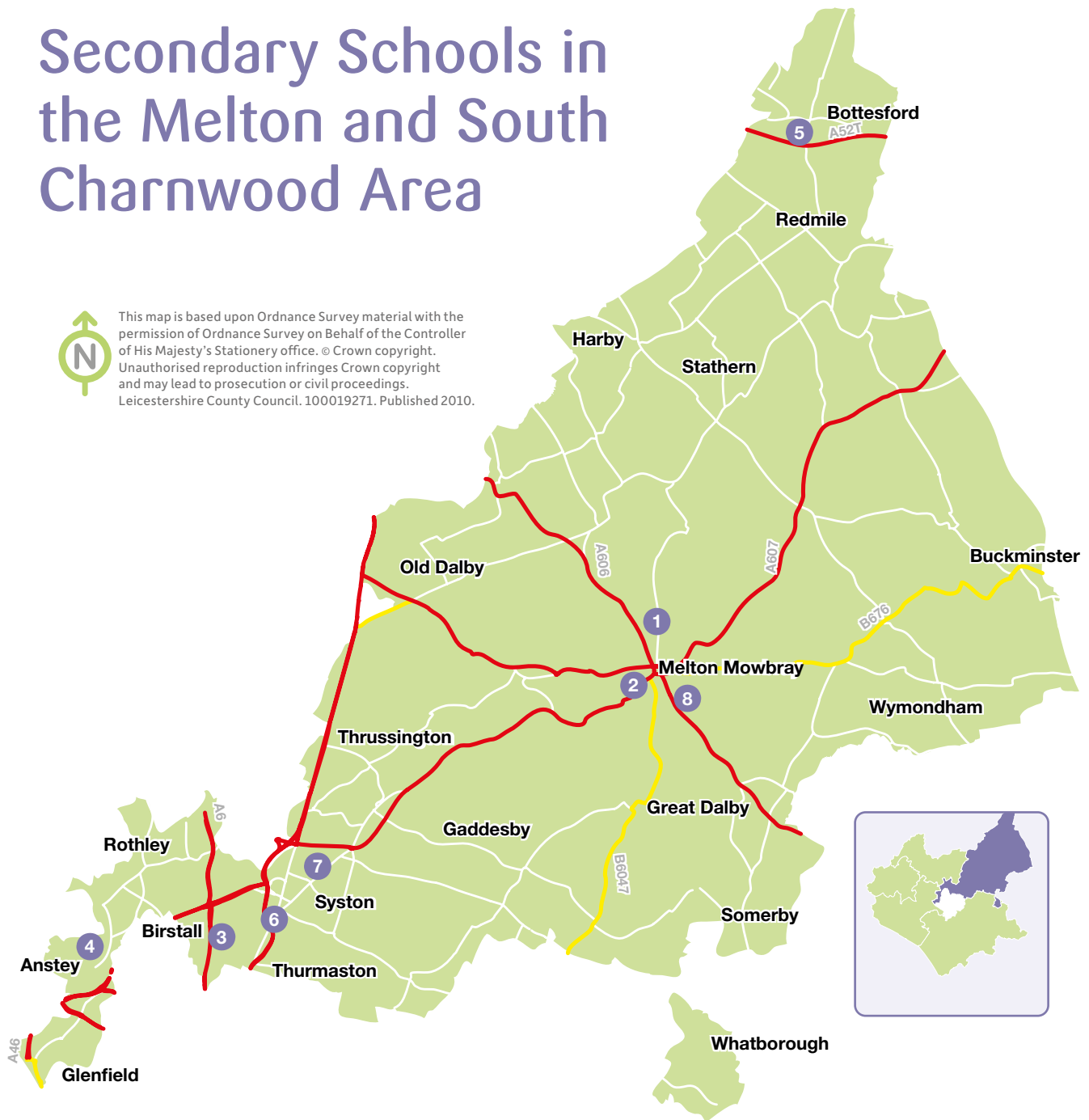
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- 9 Ashmount School
- 10 Maplewell Hall School

Secondary Schools in the Melton and South Charnwood Area



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- 1 John Ferneley College (11-16)
- 2 Long Field Spencer Academy (11-19)
- 3 The Cedars Academy (11-18)
- 4 The Martin High School Anstey (11-16)

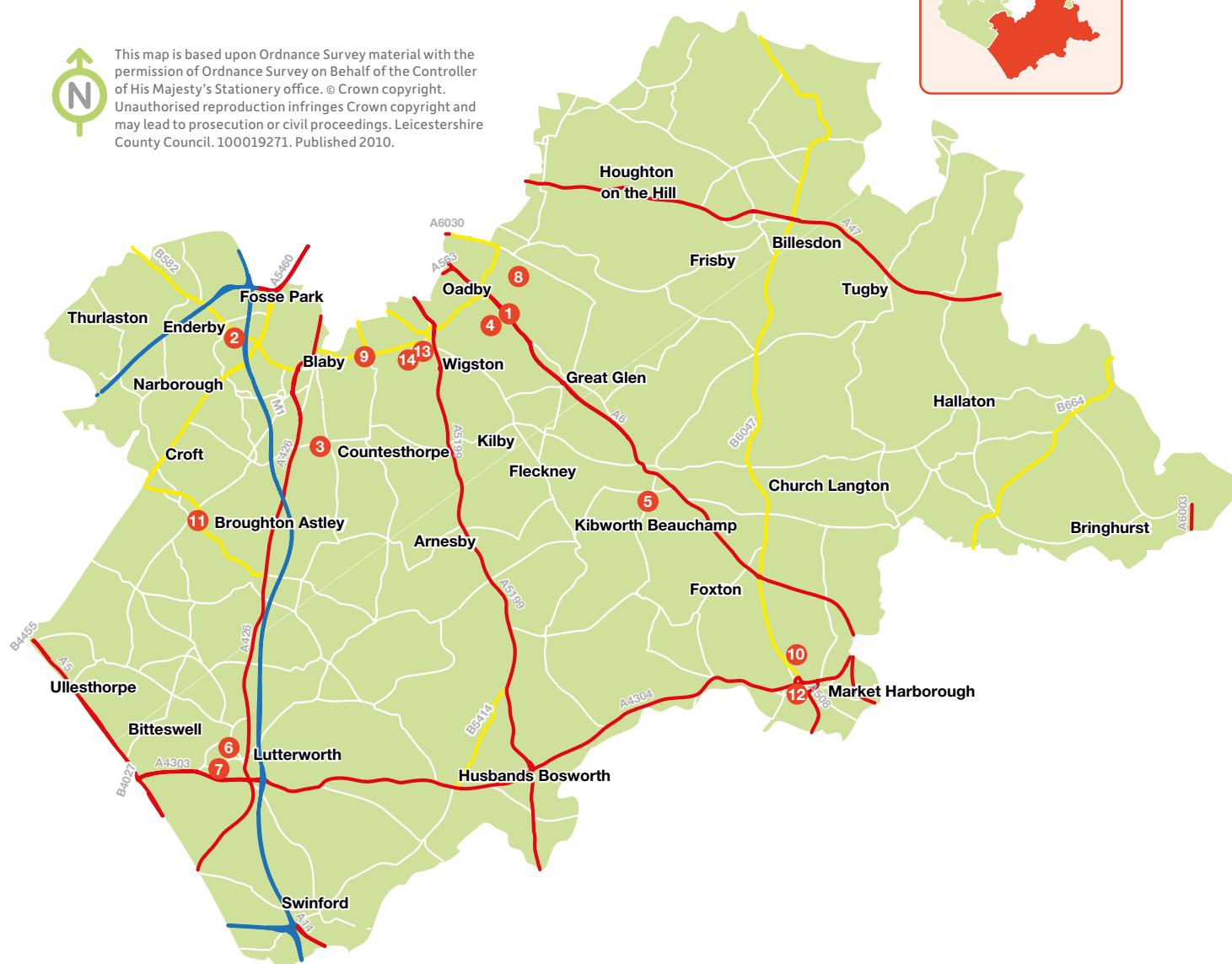
- 5 The Priory Belvoir Academy (11-16)
- 6 The Roundhill Academy (11-16)
- 7 Wreake Valley Academy (11-18)

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- 8 Birch Wood (Melton Area Special School)



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DFE Number	School Name	School Type	Telephone
4508	Ashby School	Academy	01530 413748
4045	Beauchamp College	Academy	0116 272 9100
4048	Bosworth Academy	Academy	01455 822841
4506	Brockington College	Academy	0116 286 3722
4051	Brookvale Groby Learning Campus	Academy	0116 287 9921
4031	Castle Donington College	Academy	01332 810528
4021	Charnwood College	Academy	01509 554400
4054	Countesthorpe Academy	Academy	0116 277 1555
4601	De Lisle College	Academy	01509 268739
4041	Gartree High School	Academy	0116 271 7421
4026	Hastings High School	Academy	01455 239414
4011	Heath Lane Academy	Academy	01455 845061
4000	Humphrey Perkins School	Academy	01509 412385
4012	Ibstock School	Academy	01530 260705
4028	Ivanhoe School	Academy	01530 412756
4056	Iveshead School	Academy	01509 602156
4044	John Ferneley College	Academy	01664 565901
4055	Kibworth Mead Academy	Academy	0116 279 2238
4014	Limehurst Academy	Academy	01509 263444
5400	Long Field Spencer Academy	Academy	01664 561234
4003	Lutterworth College	Academy	01455 554101
4015	Lutterworth High School	Academy	01455 552710
4043	Manor High School	Academy	0116 271 4941
4505	Rawlins Academy	Academy	01509 622800
4053	Redmoor Academy	Academy	01455 230731
4602	Saint Martin's Catholic Voluntary Academy	Academy	01455 212386

DFE Number	School Name	School Type	Telephone
4018	South Charnwood High School	Academy	01530 242351
5402	South Wigston High School	Academy	0116 278 2388
4035	The Castle Rock School	Academy	01530 834368
4029	The Cedars Academy	Academy	0116 267 7107
4013	The Hinckley School	Academy	01455 632183
4016	The Market Bosworth School	Academy	01455 290251
4032	The Martin High School Anstey	Academy	0116 236 3291
4007	The Newbridge School	Academy	01530 831561
4036	The Priory Belvoir Academy	Academy	01949 844920
4003	The Robert Smyth Academy	Academy	01858 440770
4022	The Roundhill Academy	Academy	0116 269 3896
4023	The Winstanley School	Academy	0116 289 8688
4057	Thomas Estley Community College	Academy	01455 283263
4017	Welland Park Academy	Academy	01858 464795
5403	Wigston Academy	Academy	0116 288 1228
4268	Woodbrook Vale School	Academy	01509 557560
4049	Wreake Valley Academy	Academy	0116 264 1080

If you require this information in an alternative version such as large print, Braille, tape or help in understanding it in your language, please contact **0116 305 6684**, minicom: **0116 305 6048**



Children and Family Services, County Hall,
Glenfield, Leicestershire LE3 8RF

Further details available on our website:

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children