

PUPIL TRANSFERS, SEPTEMBER 2004 – FURTHER INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

1. Schools with spare places at 1st March 2004

Following the allocation of places announced in the letter of 1st March, the following 5 schools still have spare places as shown –

School	Places remaining
Aylestone, Hereford	13
Haywood, Hereford	7
Lady Hawkins, Kington	25
Queen Elizabeth, Bromyard	23
The Minster, Leominster	9

2. Waiting lists for other schools

All the places have been allocated at the other 9 Herefordshire high schools. The parents who were unsuccessful with their applications for these schools have been placed on the waiting lists, with the results shown below –

School	Number on Waiting List
Bishop of Hereford Bluecoat	51
St Mary's Roman Catholic	70
Whitecross	11
Kingstone	8
Fairfield	21
John Kyrle	7
John Masefield	10
Weobley	23
Wigmore	26

3. What should parents do now?

Now that you know the place allocated for your child, you have several alternatives –

- you may **accept** the place offered – we shall assume you have accepted the place unless we hear from you, and the headteacher will write to you later;
- if you know that you will **not** need the place offered (as, for example, if you are moving out of the County), please let us know immediately;
- you may **apply for another school**. If you prefer one of the 5 schools listed in 1 above, please let us know by 12th March. We will then consider all requests, and will write to you on 17th March. Our ability to meet your request would depend on the level of demand and your position on the priorities in Section 6.1 of the booklet;
- you may also **appeal** by 5 p.m. on 22nd March for a place at the school of your 1st, 2nd or 3rd preference if you were unsuccessful with your original application.

4. Free Transport

If you live within 3 miles of your catchment school, or have a denominational place at a church school, please complete the application form which is enclosed for all parents who appear to meet the requirements. If no form is enclosed, please contact the Transport Office (01432 383168 or 260925) who will send you a copy.

5. Transport for Vacant Seats

If you do not qualify for free transport, you may apply to pay for a seat under the Vacant Seats Payment Scheme. If you do wish to apply, please ask for a form from the Transport Office (01432 383168 or 260925) or from your child's primary school. There is no guarantee that it will be possible to grant your request, as vacant places on school buses are very limited. We may not be able to give you a final decision until after the start of term in September.