



# The Clere School

## Admissions FAQs

### 1. I really like the school – how do I apply?

All the details for making an application to secondary school can be found here:

[Applying for a secondary school place \(Year 7\) | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/education/secondary-schools)

You can easily find the link by going to our website, [www.clere.school](http://www.clere.school), clicking on “Information” and then clicking on “Policies”.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any assistance at all.

### 2. I live out of catchment – will my child get in?

Although there are no guarantees, there is a very good chance that your child would get a place at The Clere. This year, and for the next few years, the numbers in our feeder schools are lower than our intake number. This means that we have several additional places that go to students out of catchment. All out of catchment applications have secured a place at The Clere School over the last few years.

### 3. My local school tells me that if I don't put them as first choice, I am unlikely to get in. Is this true?

In a word, no. The preference system exists to take this gamble away from parents. You should select schools in order of preference and nothing else. If, for any reason, you did not secure a place at your first-choice school, your priority place for your second-choice school will be unchanged. In other words, the preference you indicate for a school has no bearing on the prioritisation for places and is not one of the admissions criteria. Sadly, this is a myth propagated by some schools to pressurise parents into choosing their school over an out of catchment preferred school.

### 4. My local school tells me that they can guarantee places for first choice or for SEND etc. Is this true?

This is another myth. Schools themselves have no control over the students allocated to them. It is done centrally, by the local authority, based on strict admissions criteria, to ensure complete fairness and to promote parental choice.

We aim for 100% transparency in admissions. You can fact check all of the statements here by going to the Hampshire admissions webpage (link above) or by contacting the Hampshire admissions team. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.