

Common Myths : Don't be caught out

I apply at the end of Year 6 for a secondary school place	NOT TRUE	You apply at the beginning Year 6. Local Authority preference form must be submitted by 31 October 2011.
My child will automatically go to the local secondary school	NOT TRUE	There is no automatic transfer from primary to secondary – you MUST fill in and return the preference form to the Local Authority
Because I've let the school know I want my child to go there, I don't have to fill in any forms	NOT TRUE	You still need to complete your home authority's form. Some schools do have a supplementary information form, if they do, you will need to complete this AND your home authority's form
I have a child in the centre/school I want, so my child will automatically get a place	NOT QUITE TRUE	Some schools do give priority to those with older brothers/sisters in the school, but there is NO GUARANTEE . You need to check the school's criteria and still need to complete the appropriate form/forms.
Parents have to be given a place at the school nearest to home.	NOT TRUE	If you don't apply, other people may have taken the places. Also it depends on the school's admissions policy.
I want to put down a school in another authority, so I complete their authority form.	NOT TRUE	NO – you put all your preferences on the one form, no matter which school(s) you want. If naming schools outside of Liverpool, (e.g. Knowsley, Sefton, Halton) we strongly recommend that you obtain the information booklet from the relevant authority.
If I name the school three times on the preference, I will have more chance of getting the school.	NOT TRUE	Don't repeat the same school, this will not increase your chances of a place and you may lose out.
We find out my child has a place at the school a couple of days after apply.	NOT TRUE	All initial offer letters will be sent out by the local authority on 1 st March 2012, as far as it is practicable.