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SECONDARY APPLICATIONS AND OFFERS – NATIONAL OFFER DAY 3 MARCH 2008

INTRODUCTION

The Information as to Provision of Education (England) Regulations 2008, which came in to force on 14 February 2008, committed the Government for the first time to publishing local authority level data on how many families received an offer of a place at one of their preferred schools. On Monday 3 March, which was National Offer Day, nearly 570,000 families were sent the decision of where their children will start secondary school this September.

This publication updates and replaces figures published in March 2008; the figures within this publication have now been verified by the local authorities.

This is **not** a National Statistics publication. These statistics have been collected and compiled by policy officials.

KEY POINTS

Secondary Applications and Offers (Table 1)

The headline figures for England, based on the verified figures published today for all 149 local authorities, are as follows:

- 82 per cent of families received an offer of a place at their highest preference school.
- 94 per cent of families received an offer of a place at one of their top three preference schools.
- 95.6 per cent of families received an offer of a place at one of their preferred schools (NB different local authorities offer different numbers of preferences).

Compared to data release on 11 March, the verified figures indicate that:

- The percentage of applicants receiving an offer for a preferred school has increased by 0.1 percent to 95.6 percent.
- The percentage of applicants receiving an offer to a school in their local authority has increased to 93.1 compared to 92.8 percent in the 11 March release.

Guidance on interpretation of the local authority figures

A few points should be borne in mind when looking at the figures for each local authority:

- From admissions for 2008 entry, the School Admissions Code prohibited the use of the 'first preference first' criterion – where admission authorities gave priority to those families who put their school down as a first preference on the application form. In areas where a 'first preference first' scheme operated, the number of first preferences met would always be high, because at popular schools only those parents who put the school first would have any chance of gaining a place; while for all other parents who did not get a place at their first preference school, the chances of gaining a place at another preferred school was much lower, because places at those schools would have been allocated to those who put them down first. In these areas, the number of parents being offered a place at an alternative school they had not applied for at all was much higher. The criterion prevented parents from stating their genuine preferences and the prohibition, which had wide support, has resulted in a more equitable system. All applications received are now assessed equally by admission authorities, strictly against the school's published oversubscription criteria and regardless of the order in which preferred schools are listed on the common application form. Where a child can be offered a place at more than one of their preferred schools, the local authority makes an offer at the school their parents ranked highest, and parents will always get their first preference school if there is a place available. This is often known as an 'equal preference system'. The effect of this is that local authorities may report lower than normal first preferences met but it enables families to express their true order of preferences without being disadvantaged, and it is likely that the number of families receiving an offer at one of their preferred schools will increase.
- The percentage for 'Home applicants with offers to a school in the area of the local authority' may be greater than that for 'Applications received' as offers have been made by local authorities to parents that didn't complete an application form.
- When the figure for 'Home applicants with an alternative offer' is lower than that for 'Home applicants without an offer corresponding to any preference', this is generally because local authorities have started another preference exercise (based on surplus places) or when offers have been declined and the child did not require another place/offer.
- The vast majority of returns are based on data for pupils moving to year 7, but a small number of local authorities have reported on another year group which is the normal point of entry in their area.

As part of the data collection process, local authorities had the option to provide contextual information setting out factors which might impact on the figures for their area. From the information provided, several common issues emerged. These are:

- The effect of having one or more very popular, heavily oversubscribed schools in the area, which a large number of parents (many more than there are places available) will put as their first preference. Some parents will do this knowing that they have little chance of getting a place at that school, and may still be content to be offered a place at their second or third preference school.
- The effect of having grammar or partially selective schools in the area or neighbouring areas, in part because these are often popular and heavily oversubscribed (see above) but also because some parents will put one of these schools as their first preference then subsequently find out that their child has not passed the entry test, meaning that preference cannot be met.
- The effect of having popular single sex or faith schools in the area, where there is a much higher demand for single sex or particular faith places than can be met by the available supply.

- Falling rolls, leading to a surplus of school places in the area.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. This is the first year that secondary preference data has been collected and published. Provisional data was published in March 2008. These final figures differ in that revisions have been made for 11 local authorities following final verification. No further changes are expected.
2. Local authorities are required to provide the data to the Secretary of State on National Offer Day each year (1 March or the next working day) as prescribed in The Information as to Provision of Education (England) Regulations 2008.
3. The Information as to Provision of Education (England) Regulations 2008 are available to view at http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/pdf/uksi_20080004_en.pdf
4. The data includes returns from 149 local authorities. The Council of the Isles of Scilly has been excluded as it has one school where the normal point of entry is at aged 3 and pupils continue until aged 16.
5. For some local authorities the year of entry varies from Year 7 and is indicated where appropriate.
6. The data only includes information relating to applications that were made on time.
7. The following provides definitions to the headings used in Table 1:
 - Local authority – the name of the local authority
 - National Curriculum Year of Admission – the normal curriculum year of entry to schools within the local authority i.e. Year 7 is aged 11
 - Applications received from parents of children living in the area of the authority – the number of applications received
 - Online applications – of those that made an application, the percentage of applications made online
 - The sum of admission numbers of all secondary schools – the number of places available in schools within the local authority
 - Number of preferences offered by the local authority – the number of schools parents can apply for in their application
 - Percentage of offers communicated
 - a. Highest preference – percentage of offers made to the highest preferred school
 - b. Second preference – percentage of offers made to the second preferred school

- c. Third preference – percentage of offers made to the third preferred school
 - d. A preferred school – percentage of offers made to a preferred school (this may be up to a sixth preference school)
- Home applicants without an offer corresponding to any preference – percentage of applicants without an offer based on a preference expressed
 - Home applicants with an alternative offer – of those without an offer to a preferred school, the percentage of applicants with an offer to an alternative school
 - Home applicants with offers to a school in the area of the local authority – percentage of applicants with an offer to a school within the local authority they live in
 - Home applicants with offers to a school in another local authority – percentage of applicants with an offer to a school outside of the local authority in which they live

Table 1: Secondary applications and offers (Final)
National Offer Day 3 March 2008
Coverage: England

Local authority	National Curriculum Year of Admission	Numbers		Percentages		Percentage of offers communicated					Percentages		Percentages	
		Applications received from parents of children living in the area of the authority	Online applications	The sum of the admission numbers of all secondary schools	Number of preferences offered by the local authority	Highest preference	Second preference	Third preference	One of the three preferences	A preferred school	Home applicants without an offer corresponding to any preference	Home applicants with an alternative offer	Home applicants with offers to a school in the area of the local authority	Home applicants with offers to a school in another local authority
ENGLAND		568,843	25.0	605,213		82.0	8.7	3.3	94.0	95.6	4.4	3.8	93.1	6.9
NORTH EAST		28,252	14.1	31,795	-	92.0	4.7	1.1	97.8	97.9	1.9	1.9	96.9	3.1
Darlington	7	1,112	12.9	1,227	3	84.2	5.5	2.6	92.3	92.3	7.7	7.7	98.0	2.0
Durham	7	5,724	3.7	6,311	3	94.5	2.6	0.5	97.6	97.6	1.7	1.7	96.9	3.1
Gateshead	7	2,156	27.2	2,411	3	91.9	4.6	0.9	97.4	97.4	2.6	2.6	97.4	2.6
Hartlepool	7	1,157	18.8	1,180	5	91.4	5.5	1.0	97.9	98.2	1.8	1.8	99.7	0.3
Middlesbrough	7	1,693	21.2	1,863	4	79.7	14.8	2.6	97.0	97.0	3.1	3.1	85.3	14.7
Newcastle upon Tyne	7	2,403	5.3	2,952	6	88.7	4.8	2.2	95.7	95.7	3.3	3.3	93.7	6.3
North Tyneside	7	1,727	1.2	1,904	3	95.9	2.4	0.5	98.8	98.8	1.2	0.9	96.9	3.1
Northumberland	9	3,478	27.0	3,945	3	94.4	3.3	0.7	98.3	98.3	1.7	1.7	99.9	0.1
Redcar and Cleveland	7	1,614	14.7	2,099	3	98.4	1.2	0.0	99.6	99.6	0.4	0.4	97.9	2.1
South Tyneside	7	1,725	17.6	1,924	4	86.8	9.6	2.9	99.3	100.0	0.0	0.0	99.4	0.6
Stockton-on-Tees	7	2,241	29.9	2,584	3	93.0	4.4	0.6	98.0	98.0	2.0	2.0	97.8	2.2
Sunderland	7	3,222	5.5	3,395	3	93.6	4.8	1.2	99.7	99.7	0.3	0.3	98.1	1.9
NORTH WEST		82,193	20.0	89,739	-	85.1	8.5	2.4	96.0	96.3	3.6	3.0	94.0	6.0
Blackburn with Darwen	7	2,016	5.6	1,963	3	72.5	12.1	5.2	89.7	89.7	10.3	10.3	92.0	8.0
Blackpool	7	1,724	38.1	1,754	3	85.8	7.9	2.0	95.8	95.8	4.2	4.2	93.1	6.9
Bolton	7	3,552	57.1	3,600	3	83.3	8.0	2.7	93.9	93.9	6.1	6.1	97.7	2.3
Bury	7	2,189	16.1	2,417	3	87.7	7.2	1.7	96.6	96.6	3.4	3.4	92.9	7.1
Cheshire	7	7,979	31.8	8,492	3	90.0	4.5	1.4	95.9	95.9	4.1	4.1	97.8	2.2
Cumbria	7	5,600	3.4	6,690	4	90.4	6.8	1.1	98.4	98.4	1.6	1.6	99.9	0.1
Halton	7	1,510	7.0	1,654	3	87.0	9.9	1.7	98.5	98.5	1.5	1.5	94.2	5.8
Knowsley	7	2,043	15.8	2,049	3	90.1	6.1	1.7	97.9	97.9	2.1	2.1	57.8	42.2
Lancashire	7	13,444	15.9	14,637	3	87.0	8.4	2.3	97.6	97.6	2.4	2.4	96.8	3.2
Liverpool	7	5,091	2.6	5,757	3	84.3	9.2	2.7	96.2	96.2	3.8	3.8	93.5	6.5
Manchester	7	5,078	13.4	5,055	6	75.3	10.7	4.3	90.3	90.6	9.4	0.0	83.2	16.8
Oldham	7	3,037	24.3	3,331	6	81.8	8.4	3.1	93.2	94.4	5.6	5.6	93.7	6.3
Rochdale	7	2,665	8.3	2,648	4	90.1	7.1	1.6	98.8	99.3	0.7	0.7	91.8	8.2
Salford	7	2,492	19.6	2,567	6	87.7	6.3	1.4	95.3	96.5	3.5	3.5	90.1	9.9
Sefton	7	3,184	14.1	3,859	3	89.3	6.1	1.1	96.5	96.5	1.4	1.4	98.5	1.5
St Helens	7	2,066	37.3	2,106	3	91.9	4.3	1.0	97.2	97.2	2.8	2.8	88.0	12.0
Stockport	6	3,340	26.6	3,130	3	88.9	7.2	1.6	97.7	97.7	2.3	2.3	95.1	4.9
Tameside	7	2,679	21.5	3,802	3	80.9	11.1	4.4	96.3	96.3	3.7	3.7	94.7	5.3
Trafford	7	2,601	36.8	3,092	6	57.7	21.5	8.7	87.9	94.2	5.8	5.8	100.0	0.0
Warrington	7	2,417	22.8	2,532	3	90.8	4.7	1.4	96.9	96.9	3.1	3.1	96.8	3.2
Wigan	7	3,757	39.2	4,149	3	91.5	4.8	1.2	97.5	97.5	2.5	2.5	94.7	5.3
Wirral	7	3,756	2.2	4,455	3	76.2	18.6	2.8	97.6	98.2	1.8	1.8	95.8	4.2

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YORKS & THE HUMBER		58,982	22.6	63,793	-	87.3	6.9	2.3	96.6	96.6	3.3	3.2	95.5	4.5
Barnsley	7	2,761	18.2	2,912	3	93.6	3.7	1.2	98.4	98.4	1.6	1.6	92.8	7.2
Bradford	7	6,597	5.0	6,275	3	76.0	12.7	4.5	93.2	93.2	6.8	6.8	91.1	8.9
Calderdale	7	2,480	8.3	2,704	3	79.6	9.4	6.3	95.3	95.3	4.7	4.7	97.9	2.1
Doncaster	7	3,449	10.5	4,066	3	94.2	3.5	0.8	98.4	98.4	1.6	1.6	98.0	2.0
East Riding of Yorkshire	6	3,663	66.6	4,142	3	96.5	2.2	0.2	98.9	98.9	1.1	1.1	96.4	3.6
Kingston Upon Hull, City of	7	2,943	14.8	3,194	3	82.1	9.0	5.5	96.5	96.5	3.5	3.5	91.7	8.3
Kirklees	7	4,390	7.1	4,499	3	80.2	11.2	2.9	94.2	94.2	5.8	4.4	91.2	8.8
Leeds	7	7,836	41.6	8,229	3	84.3	8.6	3.1	96.0	96.0	4.0	4.0	97.1	2.9
North East Lincolnshire	7	2,025	6.5	2,217	3	84.6	9.4	2.0	96.0	96.0	4.0	4.0	94.2	5.8
North Lincolnshire	7	1,929	14.9	2,297	3	95.7	2.5	0.9	99.2	99.2	0.6	0.6	96.6	3.4
North Yorkshire	7	6,324	20.6	7,534	5	88.3	6.0	1.4	95.8	96.5	3.5	3.5	96.4	3.6
Rotherham	7	3,196	16.0	3,733	3	95.2	2.8	0.8	98.8	98.8	1.2	1.2	99.2	0.8
Sheffield	7	5,774	29.8	5,804	3	89.8	5.5	1.6	96.9	96.9	3.1	3.1	96.8	3.2
Wakefield	7	3,752	33.7	4,314	3	93.5	4.8	0.8	99.1	99.1	0.9	0.8	99.4	0.6
York	7	1,863	14.7	1,873	5	92.7	4.8	0.3	97.8	98.1	1.9	1.9	92.7	7.3
EAST MIDLANDS		55,010	22.9	62,252	-	90.0	5.7	1.5	97.2	97.3	2.4	2.1	94.8	5.2
Derby	7	2,759	28.8	3,147	4	81.9	9.1	3.7	94.7	95.6	4.4	4.4	95.5	4.5
Derbyshire	7	8,604	31.2	9,210	3	92.8	4.3	1.1	98.1	98.1	1.9	1.9	94.6	5.4
Leicester	7	3,610	14.4	3,595	3	84.8	9.6	2.4	96.8	96.8	3.2	3.2	88.1	11.9
Leicestershire	7*	12,540	14.6	15,581	3	97.9	1.1	0.2	99.2	99.2	0.8	0.0	98.0	2.0
Lincolnshire	7	7,817	31.9	8,852	3	89.3	7.4	1.2	97.9	97.9	2.1	2.1	96.9	3.1
Northamptonshire	7	7,738	29.6	7,940	3	81.6	11.2	3.4	96.2	96.2	3.8	3.8	96.2	3.8
Nottingham	7	2,974	8.6	3,400	4	81.2	9.0	3.3	93.6	94.9	5.1	5.1	82.9	17.1
Nottinghamshire	7	8,622	18.9	9,988	6	91.8	3.3	0.6	95.7	95.8	2.5	1.6	93.5	6.5
Rutland	7	346	22.8	539	3	90.5	6.9	0.3	97.7	97.7	2.3	2.3	96.6	3.4
WEST MIDLANDS		62,498	15.2	64,345	-	79.6	9.3	3.6	92.5	95.5	4.5	4.3	92.3	7.7
Birmingham	7	14,376	7.3	12,979	6	65.2	12.5	6.5	84.3	93.2	6.8	6.8	91.3	8.7
Coventry	7	3,598	14.5	3,943	6	87.3	7.3	1.8	96.3	96.4	3.6	0.0	97.0	3.0
Dudley	7	3,742	37.1	4,013	6	88.0	6.2	1.3	95.5	96.5	3.5	3.5	93.6	6.4
Herefordshire	7	1,862	9.7	2,051	3	89.8	5.4	1.7	96.8	96.8	3.1	3.0	96.3	3.7
Sandwell	7	3,880	3.4	3,955	6	72.9	13.0	4.6	90.5	94.4	5.6	5.6	86.3	13.7
Shropshire	7	3,243	13.0	3,500	3	91.8	5.4	1.3	98.5	98.5	1.5	1.5	95.5	4.5
Solihull	7	2,622	9.8	3,209	6	79.0	11.9	4.0	95.0	99.2	0.8	0.8	91.8	8.2
Staffordshire	7	8,106	33.4	8,942	6	91.9	4.4	1.0	97.2	97.3	2.7	2.7	93.9	6.1
Stoke-on-Trent	7	2,933	8.5	2,627	3	83.9	8.9	2.8	95.6	95.6	4.4	4.4	86.3	13.7
Telford and Wrekin	7	2,147	12.4	2,209	4	87.9	7.7	1.9	97.5	97.7	2.3	2.3	94.3	5.7
Walsall	7	3,385	7.8	3,764	5	73.9	13.6	4.7	92.2	94.8	5.2	5.2	89.9	10.1
Warwickshire	7	5,976	21.2	6,452	6	76.0	11.7	5.0	92.7	94.1	5.9	5.9	97.3	2.7
Wolverhampton	7	2,985	7.7	3,017	5	78.2	10.9	4.1	93.2	95.8	4.3	4.2	85.9	14.1
Worcestershire	7	3,643	14.5	3,684	3	88.8	4.4	1.3	94.5	94.5	5.5	4.3	92.2	7.8

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		Numbers	Percentages			Highest preference	Second preference	Third preference	One of the three preferences	A preferred school	Home applicants with an alternative offer	Percentages	Percentages		
EAST OF ENGLAND		60,042	44.2	63,559	-	84.9	7.5	2.9	95.2	95.9	3.9	3.8	96.7	3.3	
Bedfordshire	9	4,406	27.8	5,093	4	97.1	2.2	0.3	99.6	99.6	0.4	0.4	100.0	0.0	
Cambridgeshire	6	6,111	53.3	6,256	3	92.9	4.4	0.6	98.0	98.6	2.0	2.0	96.7	3.3	
Essex	7	16,080	52.1	16,685	4	80.8	10.0	3.6	94.3	96.0	4.0	4.0	94.8	5.2	
Hertfordshire	7	12,266	79.0	13,245	3	78.3	10.0	4.9	93.2	93.2	6.8	6.8	98.0	2.0	
Luton	7	2,475	5.4	2,563	3	85.4	7.1	3.5	96.0	96.0	4.0	4.0	97.8	2.2	
Norfolk	7	8,813	16.8	9,553	3	93.6	3.7	0.9	98.2	98.2	1.9	1.8	99.7	0.3	
Peterborough	7	2,193	12.4	2,301	3	79.0	9.0	3.8	91.8	91.8	7.5	7.5	97.1	2.9	
Southend-on-Sea	7	2,032	50.2	2,214	5	66.9	14.6	9.0	90.6	95.5	4.7	3.9	90.0	10.0	
Suffolk	7	3,699	27.5	3,822	3	88.3	3.6	1.1	93.1	93.1	3.9	3.0	96.4	3.6	
Thurrock	7	1,967	4.5	1,827	6	85.7	7.8	2.2	95.7	97.2	2.7	2.7	90.3	9.7	
LONDON		79,381	20.4	79,824	-	64.5	14.3	7.2	85.9	92.5	7.5	5.3	82.5	17.5	
Inner London															
Camden	7	1,397	16.6	1,559	6	70.9	13.5	5.4	89.7	92.5	7.4	4.7	75.9	24.1	
City of London	7	20	30.0	0	6	65.0	10.0	20.0	95.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
Hackney	7	2,291	85.3	1,680	6	59.2	12.6	6.5	78.4	85.6	14.4	2.7	72.3	27.7	
Hammersmith and Fulham	7	1,187	11.2	1,253	6	60.2	16.4	9.1	85.8	91.1	8.9	8.9	59.4	40.6	
Haringey	7	2,576	13.6	2,336	6	68.1	13.5	5.6	87.2	92.4	7.6	7.6	78.4	21.6	
Islington	7	1,630	22.3	1,665	6	69.6	14.9	5.0	89.5	93.6	6.4	0.0	69.8	30.2	
Kensington and Chelsea	7	642	5.8	600	6	59.5	17.0	6.4	82.9	85.8	14.2	0.0	54.1	45.9	
Lambeth	7	2,449	25.1	2,036	6	54.3	15.6	10.6	80.5	89.5	10.5	6.9	67.5	32.5	
Lewisham	7	2,925	9.8	2,464	6	55.2	16.3	10.4	81.9	91.7	8.3	8.3	74.4	25.6	
Newham	7	3,708	0.5	3,720	6	77.1	9.9	4.4	91.5	94.9	5.1	5.1	96.1	3.9	
Southwark	7	2,759	10.7	2,062	6	52.4	17.0	10.2	79.7	89.9	10.1	10.1	79.9	20.1	
Tower Hamlets	7	2,659	7.6	2,760	6	70.9	12.5	4.6	88.0	90.7	9.3	0.0	95.4	4.6	
Wandsworth	7	1,927	15.3	2,087	6	50.8	18.8	10.3	79.9	91.3	8.7	8.7	76.1	23.9	
Westminster	7	1,194	6.6	1,420	6	65.6	15.0	7.3	87.9	90.9	9.1	5.8	74.7	25.3	
Outer London															
Barking and Dagenham	7	2,384	32.2	2,350	6	68.8	13.7	6.0	88.5	93.7	6.3	6.3	87.5	12.5	
Barnet	7	3,547	27.0	3,657	6	62.4	13.2	7.0	82.6	89.5	10.5	10.1	83.4	16.6	
Bexley	7	2,821	20.0	3,394	6	56.2	17.3	12.8	86.2	96.0	4.0	4.0	89.2	10.8	
Brent	7	2,886	22.2	2,891	6	67.5	12.3	6.6	86.4	91.7	8.3	6.3	80.9	19.1	
Bromley	7	3,350	9.2	3,995	6	64.6	16.8	8.2	89.6	94.1	5.9	5.9	86.5	13.5	
Croydon	7	4,052	57.1	3,881	6	55.3	15.3	9.1	79.7	87.4	12.6	0.0	76.9	23.1	
Ealing	7	3,274	8.6	2,880	6	69.7	12.8	5.6	88.0	93.6	6.4	5.4	80.5	19.5	
Enfield	7	3,813	7.6	3,895	6	62.2	16.0	8.5	86.7	93.8	6.2	6.2	89.4	10.6	
Greenwich	7	2,643	13.4	2,378	6	64.7	15.7	6.9	87.4	93.9	6.1	6.1	70.8	29.2	
Harrow	8	1,654	3.9	1,890	6	90.1	5.5	2.7	98.4	99.2	0.8	0.8	100.0	0.0	
Havering	7	2,870	14.4	3,184	6	75.5	12.6	4.1	92.3	94.9	5.1	5.1	93.4	6.6	
Hillingdon	7	3,075	14.3	3,456	6	70.1	12.9	5.7	88.7	100.0	0.0	0.0	88.7	11.3	
Hounslow	7	2,513	16.9	2,752	6	68.0	12.3	6.2	86.4	93.4	6.6	6.6	76.9	23.1	
Kingston upon Thames	7	1,481	17.9	1,615	6	60.0	16.5	9.3	85.8	93.9	6.1	6.1	81.2	18.8	
Merton	7	1,782	40.2	1,712	6	55.3	15.1	8.1	78.5	90.1	9.9	9.9	69.8	30.2	
Redbridge	7	3,447	18.6	3,308	6	56.7	19.1	7.6	83.3	91.7	8.3	2.2	90.8	9.2	
Richmond upon Thames	7	1,441	40.7	1,560	6	64.4	15.7	4.5	84.6	87.5	12.5	12.5	79.3	20.7	
Sutton	7	2,202	46.0	2,649	6	62.2	12.3	7.8	82.3	91.2	8.8	4.3	87.3	12.7	
Waltham Forest	7	2,782	9.2	2,735	6	76.5	11.4	4.6	92.5	95.8	4.2	4.2	90.8	9.2	

Table 1: Secondary applications and offers (Final)
National Offer Day 3 March 2008
Coverage: England

Local authority	National Curriculum Year of Admission	Numbers		Percentages		Numbers	Numbers	Percentage of offers communicated					Percentages		Percentages	
		Applications received from parents of children living in the area of the authority	Online applications	The sum of the admission numbers of all secondary schools	Number of preferences offered by the local authority			Highest preference	Second preference	Third preference	One of the three preferences	A preferred school	Home applicants without an offer corresponding to any preference	Home applicants with an alternative offer	Home applicants with offers to a school in the area of the local authority	Home applicants with offers to a school in another local authority
SOUTH EAST		89,792	20.7	92,988	-	79.6	10.2	4.1	93.9	94.7	5.2	4.8	95.0	5.0		
Bracknell Forest	7	1,182	4.2	1,213	3	83.5	10.1	3.1	96.7	96.7	3.3	3.3	82.8	17.2		
Brighton and Hove	7	2,289	9.4	2,390	3	77.3	13.7	4.5	95.4	95.4	3.6	3.6	99.0	1.0		
Buckinghamshire	7	5,769	39.4	5,804	6	55.5	18.7	13.6	87.7	94.4	5.6	3.2	92.3	7.7		
East Sussex	7	5,393	27.0	5,497	3	85.3	5.7	1.1	92.1	92.1	7.9	7.9	96.3	3.7		
Hampshire	7	14,367	9.8	15,122	3	91.1	5.7	1.1	97.9	97.9	2.1	2.1	95.6	4.4		
Isle of Wight	7	1,472	20.7	1,838	3	97.0	2.0	0.3	99.3	99.3	0.7	0.7	100.0	0.0		
Kent	7	16,334	21.9	17,096	3	70.5	16.8	7.0	94.3	94.3	5.7	5.1	97.5	2.5		
Medway	7	3,197	1.1	3,516	6	85.2	8.0	2.3	95.5	96.3	4.4	4.0	96.9	3.1		
Milton Keynes	7	2,861	35.8	2,839	3	84.0	6.3	3.6	93.9	94.0	6.0	6.0	96.2	3.8		
Oxfordshire	7	6,157	52.0	6,939	3	89.7	5.7	1.4	96.8	96.8	3.2	3.1	98.0	2.0		
Portsmouth	7	1,910	11.2	2,072	3	87.1	8.5	1.9	97.5	97.5	2.5	2.5	94.6	5.4		
Reading	7	1,549	21.0	1,159	3	63.7	19.2	6.9	89.9	89.9	10.1	9.3	62.2	37.8		
Slough	7	1,602	36.3	1,604	6	43.6	15.5	13.2	72.4	91.2	8.8	6.9	81.3	18.7		
Southampton	7	2,372	10.9	2,340	3	82.5	10.4	2.5	95.4	95.4	4.6	4.6	91.4	8.6		
Surrey	7	11,323	11.7	11,145	3	78.4	10.0	4.3	92.6	93.0	7.0	6.7	96.1	3.9		
West Berkshire	7	1,724	26.7	2,106	3	85.6	9.7	1.6	96.9	96.9	3.1	2.8	97.0	3.0		
West Sussex	7	7,429	11.9	7,338	3	85.9	5.3	1.0	92.2	92.2	7.8	7.8	98.1	1.9		
Windsor and Maidenhead	7	1,125	21.9	1,253	3	73.9	10.8	4.3	89.0	89.0	11.0	6.8	84.2	15.8		
Wokingham	7	1,737	43.4	1,717	3	78.1	14.0	3.3	95.4	95.4	4.6	4.6	84.9	15.1		
SOUTH WEST		52,693	47.9	56,918	-	88.0	6.3	1.4	95.7	95.8	4.2	3.5	94.1	5.9		
Bath and North East Somerset	7	1,728	67.2	2,340	3	90.9	4.4	0.6	95.8	95.8	4.2	4.2	98.2	1.8		
Bournemouth	7	1,508	29.9	1,858	3	73.7	19.0	3.6	96.3	96.3	3.7	2.9	95.5	4.5		
Bristol, City of	7	3,769	61.4	3,576	3	83.1	8.7	2.3	94.0	94.0	6.0	6.0	78.3	21.7		
Cornwall	7	5,696	50.0	6,274	3	95.8	2.4	0.1	98.3	98.3	1.7	1.7	98.6	1.4		
Devon	7	8,011	68.1	8,209	3	90.5	5.6	1.3	97.4	97.4	2.6	2.6	95.0	5.0		
Dorset	7	2,618	14.1	2,978	3	89.0	4.6	1.8	95.4	95.4	4.6	2.2	93.4	6.6		
Gloucestershire	7	6,762	63.5	7,211	4	81.2	7.6	2.2	91.1	91.9	8.1	8.1	95.9	4.1		
North Somerset	7	2,159	70.4	2,410	3	93.1	2.2	0.4	95.7	95.7	3.1	1.3	96.5	3.5		
Plymouth	7	2,742	47.2	3,127	3	89.8	6.7	1.6	98.1	98.1	1.9	1.9	98.0	2.0		
Poole	8	1,173	10.0	1,370	3	77.7	14.0	2.9	94.6	94.6	5.4	3.2	99.8	0.2		
Somerset	7	4,406	33.9	4,631	3	91.8	4.4	0.9	97.1	97.1	2.9	2.1	95.9	4.1		
South Gloucestershire	7	3,107	30.3	3,256	3	86.6	9.2	0.7	96.5	96.5	3.5	1.2	89.2	10.8		
Swindon	7	2,328	31.2	2,409	3	97.9	1.6	0.3	99.8	99.8	0.2	0.2	92.3	7.7		
Torbay	7	1,434	42.6	1,585	3	76.2	14.2	2.7	93.1	93.1	6.9	6.9	90.6	9.4		
Wiltshire	7	5,252	31.2	5,684	3	85.8	6.0	1.4	93.2	93.2	6.8	4.2	94.7	5.3		

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. Data collected from local authorities on National Offer Day - 3 March 2008
2. Verified data published for 149 local authorities
3. Excludes Isles of Scilly which has one school where the normal point of entry is at aged 3, pupils continue until aged 16
4. See Statistical Report for definitions of the headings

* Includes National Curriculum Years 6, 7 and 10