

PART D - GLOSSARY

SECTION 18.0: EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Local Authority (LA)

The local government body responsible for the organisation and maintenance of the education service in its area. In Worcestershire this responsibility is undertaken by the County Council.

Comprehensive School

A school catering for pupils of all aptitudes and abilities.

Maintained School

A school funded and maintained by the Local Authority.

Maintained Special School

A school often referred to as a **Special School**. Special Schools are provided by the Local Authority for those pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN), whose needs cannot be met by mainstream schools. The Local Authority maintains and controls such schools.

Foundation School

An ex-Grant Maintained School now maintained by the LA but retaining Foundation or Partnership Governors.

Community School

A maintained school in which Religious Education is provided in accordance with the LA's agreed syllabus.

Voluntary Controlled School (VC)

A maintained school in which Religious Education is provided in accordance with the Local Authority's agreed syllabus, together with some opportunity for denominational instruction.

Voluntary Aided School (VA)

A maintained school in which, amongst other things, the provision of Religious Education is in the control of the governors.

Independent School

A school not funded and maintained by the Local Authority.

Catchment Area School

It is the school allocated by the LA to take children for the geographical area within which your address falls. It is likely to be the school nearest to your home address but this will not always be the case.

Published Admission Number (PAN)

The number of pupils to be admitted to the first year group of a school.

The Curriculum

The curriculum consists of all of the learning opportunities provided by the school, many of which take place in the classroom under the direct control of the teacher, supplemented by a range of activities outside the classroom including educational visits and field studies.

Oversubscribed

When parental requests for places in a year group in a school exceed the number of places available.

Sibling

The sibling link, as well as brother or sister, also includes half-siblings (that is children who share one birth parent) and legally adopted children. They must also be living at the same home address.

Feeder Schools

Within each area a pyramid of schools exists. Feeder schools are schools which share the catchment area to the next phase of school within the same pyramid.

Details of each pyramid showing all the appropriate feeder schools are displayed on the relevant pages in [Section 15](#) of this booklet.