

Entrance Test FAQs

Please can you send me an application form.

The process for application is via an online form on our website
<https://www.bluecoatschoolliverpool.org.uk/our-school/admissions/>

When is the closing date for applications?

The closing date and time for applications is 4.00 pm on Friday 4th September 2020.

I have applied for the entrance test but have not received an acknowledgement.

The acknowledgements are sent via an automated system on our website. If the acknowledgement is not in your email Inbox please check your Junk/Spam/Deleted folders. If the response is still not there, please email admissions2021@bluecoatschool.org.uk.

What date and time is the entrance test?

The entrance test is scheduled to take place on the morning of Saturday 26th September 2020, however, this could be subject to change following receipt of Government guidance over the coming weeks.

What books can we buy to prepare children for the test?

The entrance test consists of one Maths test and one English test. Exemplar material is sent out with your acknowledgement email to assist you with preparation. The school does not recommend any other materials.

Is there an NVR exam?

No, the exam consists of one English test and one Maths test. These tests are set in-house.

The deadline has passed and I have not received any information?

Preparation for the test takes place over a three week period from the deadline date of application to the entrance test date. You will receive information as soon as it is available via email which is normally in the week that the test takes place.

Will we get the results in time to complete the preference form for the Local Authority?

Results are sent as soon as they are available. We anticipate results will be sent on Friday 23rd October in time for you to complete the preference form by 31st October.

What will happen with the entrance test to account for social distancing?

We have received some guidance from the Local Authority on what social distancing will be in place. We are working at organising the test in the usual way, however, we will update you nearer the time with more detail.

Does my child need to wear their school uniform on the day of the entrance test?

No, your child can wear normal clothing for the test.

I cannot upload a photograph with my online application.

Reducing file size of photos on a IOS device

Method 1: Compress iPhone Photos by Taking Screenshots of Photos

1. Open Photos app on your iPhone
2. Search and open the photo that you want to compress
3. For iPhone 6s Plus/6s/6 Plus/6/5s or earlier generations, please press and hold the "Home + Sleep/Wake" buttons at the same time; For iPhone X/8 Plus/8/7 Plus/7 or later generations, please press and hold the "Power + Volume Up" buttons simultaneously at the same time instead
4. Then the screen will pop up the taken screenshot to remind you that the screenshot has been taken successfully
5. You can then edit the screenshot directly on Photos app

Method 2. Reduce iPhone Photo Size via Email

1. Open Photos app on your iPhone or iPad
2. Open the album that contains the photos you want to compress and select the photo you want to use
3. Tap the Share icon and select "Mail" to share the chosen images
4. Enter your own email address and choose a desired photo size from the pop-up window, including Small, Medium, Large and Actual Size. (**ensure you choose the size that is below 1MB file size limit**)
5. Tap "Send" button to send the compressed photos to your email. You can then download the compressed photos to your Photos app

Reducing file size of photos on Android device

1. Download **Photo Compress 2.0** app from the Play Store
2. Open app on your phone
3. Select Gallery
4. Choose photo
5. Press Quick Compress