



1. Are school places in Wigan Borough being allocated for future young asylum seekers or those who receive right to remain.

Places at schools are not reserved, each school's admission authority sets an admission number for the year group as part of their admission arrangements and is expected to admit to that number.
2. if so, what is the breakdown per school in the Borough of how many places are set aside for these young people.

N/A
3. Does wigan Council have a policy on young asylum seekers/refugees or those with right to remain and is this public.

Wigan has good practice guidance about supporting young asylum seekers. it is not public
4. At what stage in their application can a young asylum seeker apply for schooling within Wigan Borough?

Asylum seekers and refugees, whether they have leave to remain or not are entitled to a school place. The expectation would be that the family make an application and it would be processed in line with our published procedures –

[In-year applications – In Year Admissions Booklet](#)

[Admission to reception class – primary booklet 2025-2026](#)

[Admission to year 7 – Secondary Booklet 2025-26](#)

Should we not be able to allocate a preferred school, we will offer a place at the nearest school with a vacancy or consider the family under the Fair Access Protocol if appropriate.

In accordance with the School Admission Code 2021, our Fair Access Protocol may only be used to place prescribed groups of vulnerable and/or hard to place children, where they are having difficulty in securing a school place in-year, and it can be demonstrated that reasonable measures have been taken to secure a place through the usual in-year admission procedures. This includes children of, or who are, refugees, and asylum seekers. The Fair Access Protocol can be viewed here –

[Fair Access Protocol 2023-2024](#)

Separated children, where they are not seeking asylum as part of a family group, become looked after children and will be given priority within school admission arrangements along with other looked after and formerly looked after children.

Where there is an age assessment in progress and school-age is being disputed, we would commission tutoring so as not to place a potential post 16 young person or adult into a school.

Further information about the application process and copies of application forms, can be found by visiting the following webpages –

In-year admissions –
[Moving schools](#)

Admission to reception class –
[Primary school admissions](#)

Admission to Year 7 –
[Secondary schools](#)