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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6 children

As I am sure you are aware, the deadline for applying for your son/daughter's secondary school is **31st October 2021**.

We are contacting you to advise that both Outwood Academy Valley and Outwood Academy Portland are oversubscribed, meaning there are not enough places for every Year 6 child who currently attends a Worksop primary school. Because of this, it is essential that you apply for your place before the deadline (**31st October**). If you apply after this date, or if you do not apply at all, your child will automatically be put to the bottom of the Local Authority admissions list and it is unlikely that they will receive a place at a Worksop School.

This academic year, either due to late applications, no application or no second/third choice listed by parents, a significant number of children did not receive a place in a Worksop secondary school, instead they were allocated a school in Retford or Mansfield even though they live in Worksop and attended a Worksop primary school.

Please remember that no child is automatically offered a place at Portland or Valley, regardless of where they live or what primary school they attend or if they have a brother or sister already attending - an application **must** be completed by the deadline of 31st October.



We have created a website to help you with your choice and application - this explains everything you need to know. The website link is as follows:

<https://sites.google.com/outwood.com/applyingtooutwoodworksop/home>

If you are struggling to complete the application process, please speak to someone in your primary school or feel free to contact Mrs Gregory at Outwood Academy Portland (enquiries@portland.outwood.com) or Mrs Hind at Outwood Academy Valley (enquiries@valley.outwood.com).

You may be aware that we are in consultation with the Local Authority to extend Portland to provide a further 60 places per year, but this will not be in time for our September 2022 Year 7 intake. Unfortunately we are unable to extend Valley due to the location of the building.

Yours faithfully

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