

**SECONDARY
SCHOOL ADMISSION
ARRANGEMENTS
FOR SEPTEMBER
2014**



TIMETABLE

31st MAY

Deadline for 11+ assessment requests

JUNE

Familiarisation packs delivered

SEPTEMBER

Preference forms and booklets delivered –
on-line application system goes live

10 SEPTEMBER

1st practice Verbal Reasoning (VR) Test

13 SEPTEMBER

2nd practice VR Test

16 SEPTEMBER

Upton Hall test

17 SEPTEMBER

First Real VR Test

20 SEPTEMBER

Second Real VR Test

25 SEPTEMBER

St Anselms test

OCTOBER

Independent Assessment Board

21 OCTOBER

Results to parents by this date

31 OCTOBER

Deadline for preference forms

1 MARCH

ALLOCATION DAY

11+ tests 2014

- Parents must have the outcome of their child's grammar selection tests before 31st October
- Tests take place in September
- School preference application submitted after test results received
- Parents of children who miss a test must still apply by 31st October – if do not reach the standard then highest non-grammar preference becomes the highest preference

CO-ORDINATION

If you live in Wirral but want a school place in another local authority (LA), you must apply on the Wirral preference form.

Parents who don't live in Wirral, but want to apply for a Wirral school, must apply on the preference form issued by their home authority.

There will be a single offer of a secondary school place.

Parents will be informed of their outcome of their applications by their home LA, not by the LA where the school is located.

Will secondary schools know what rank I have put them down?

Secondary schools are not sent the actual preference forms.

They are sent:

Name, address, date of birth, current school, siblings and baptism information (if relevant)

Schools are not told in what order their school has been put down as a preference by the parent.

Applying on-line

- New improved on-line admission application website

- Go to www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Why apply on-line?

- It is quick and easy

- You can apply from home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (from 1st September)

- No risk your application will be lost in the post

- You will receive an email confirming receipt that your application has been submitted and received by the authority

- The system is secure and has a series of security features that will prevent others from seeing your information

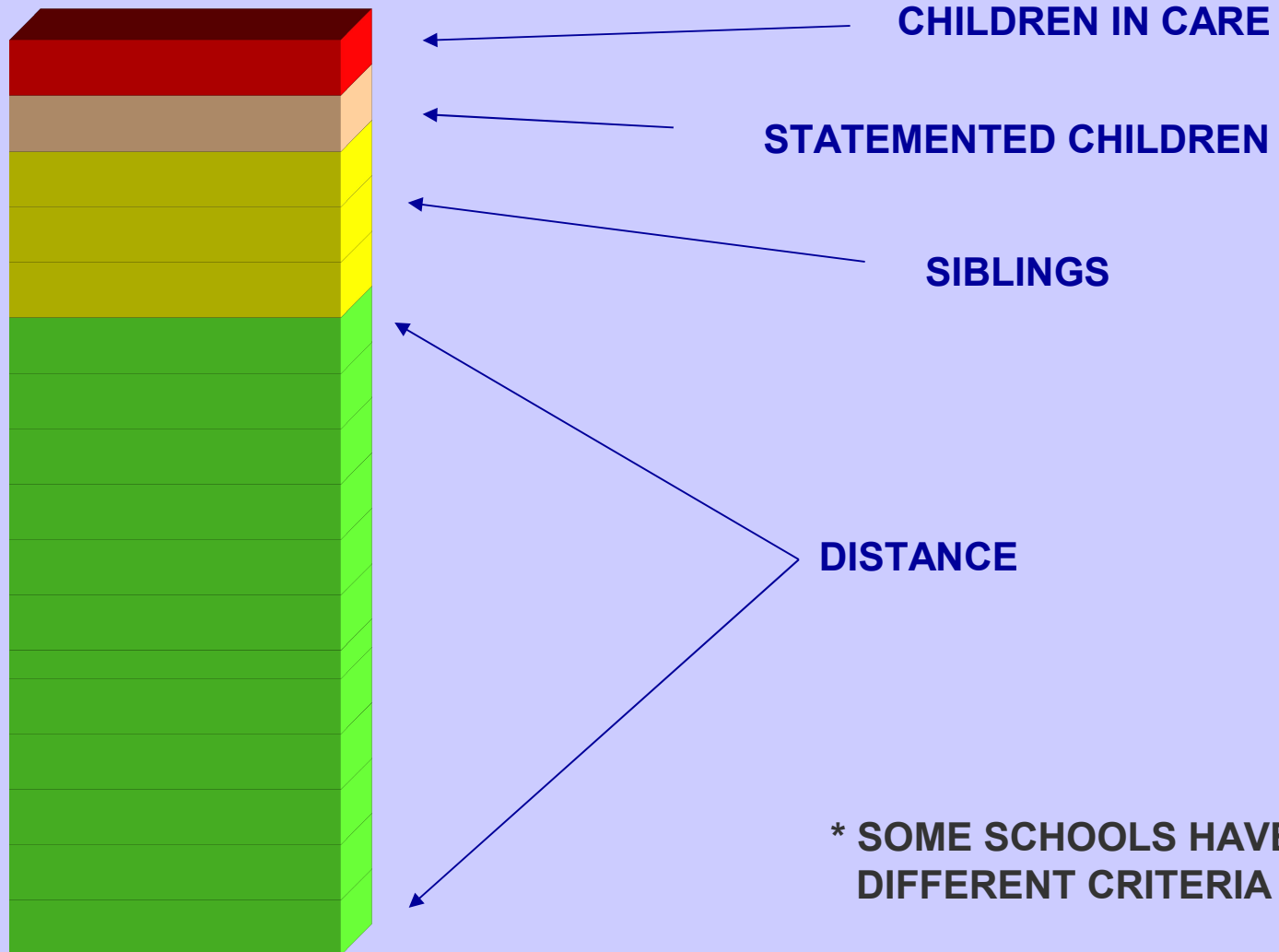
- You will receive your offer by e-mail on offer day



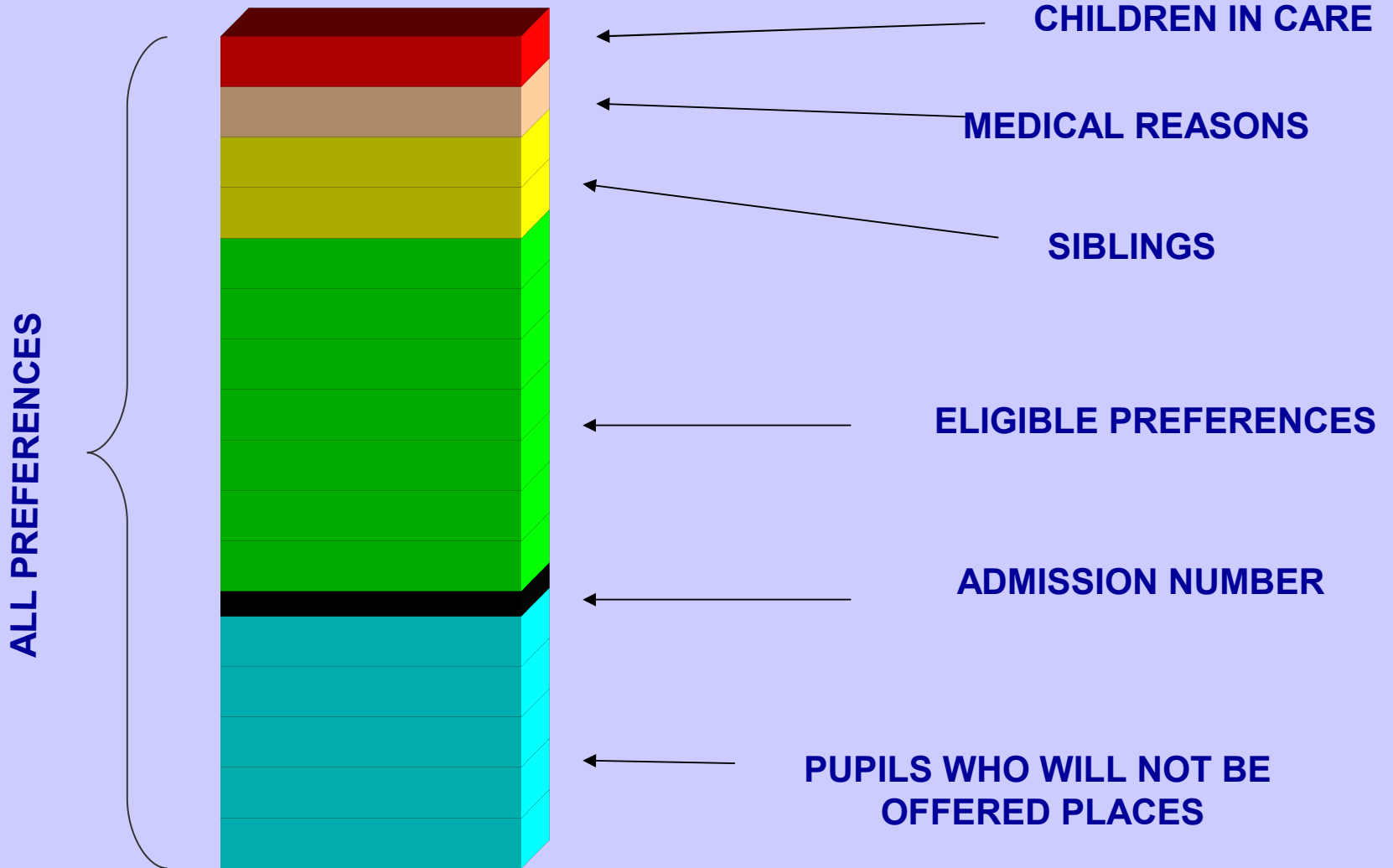
WHAT HAPPENS TO MY PREFERENCES?

THE LA, OR THE SCHOOLS*, DRAW UP A “STACK” OF APPLICANTS PUTTING THEM IN ORDER USING THE OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOOL

- CHILDREN IN CARE, STATEMENTED CHILDREN, SIBLINGS AND DISTANCE

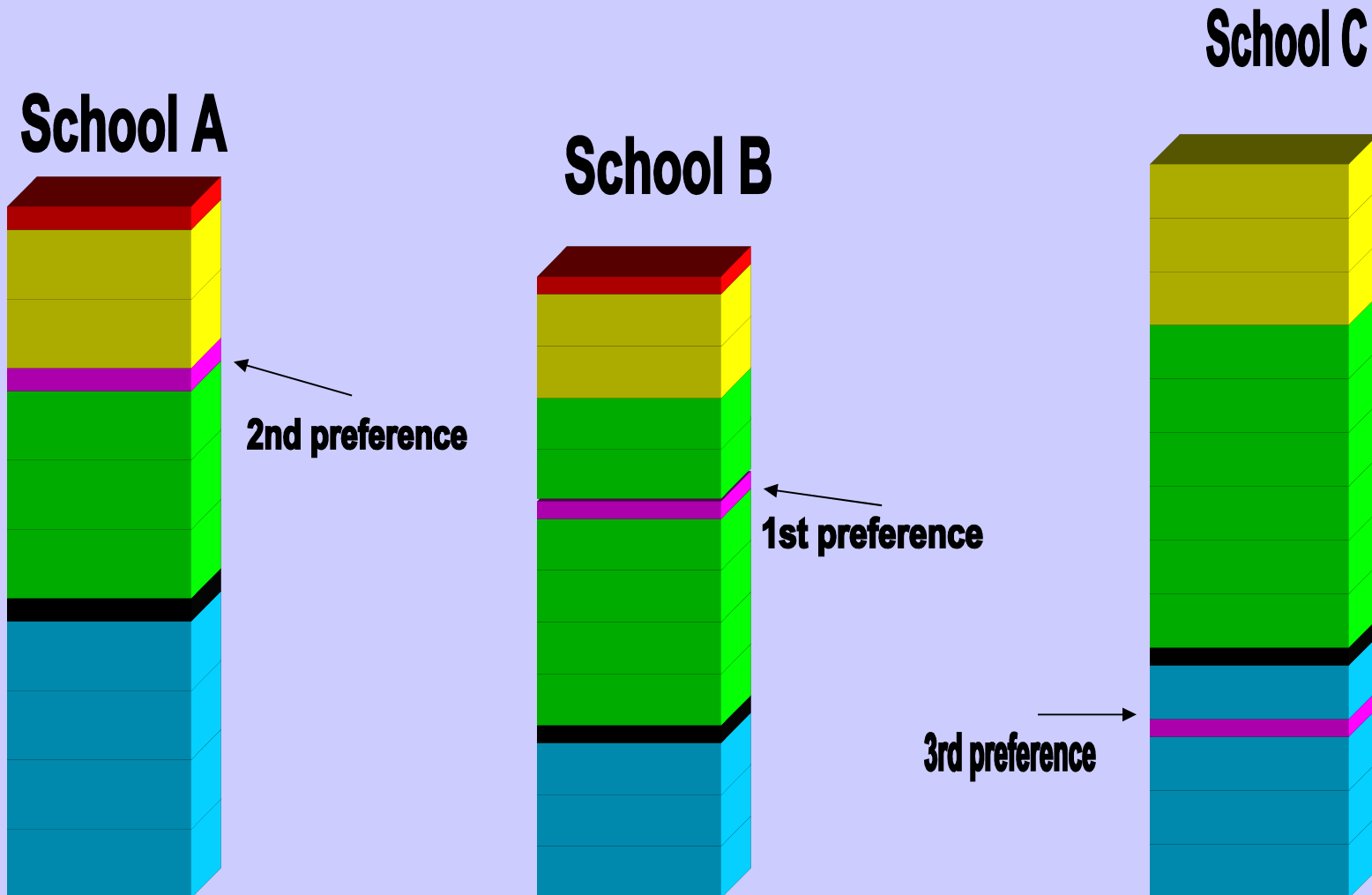


THE ADMISSION NUMBER IS APPLIED TO DETERMINE WHO IS OFFERED A PLACE



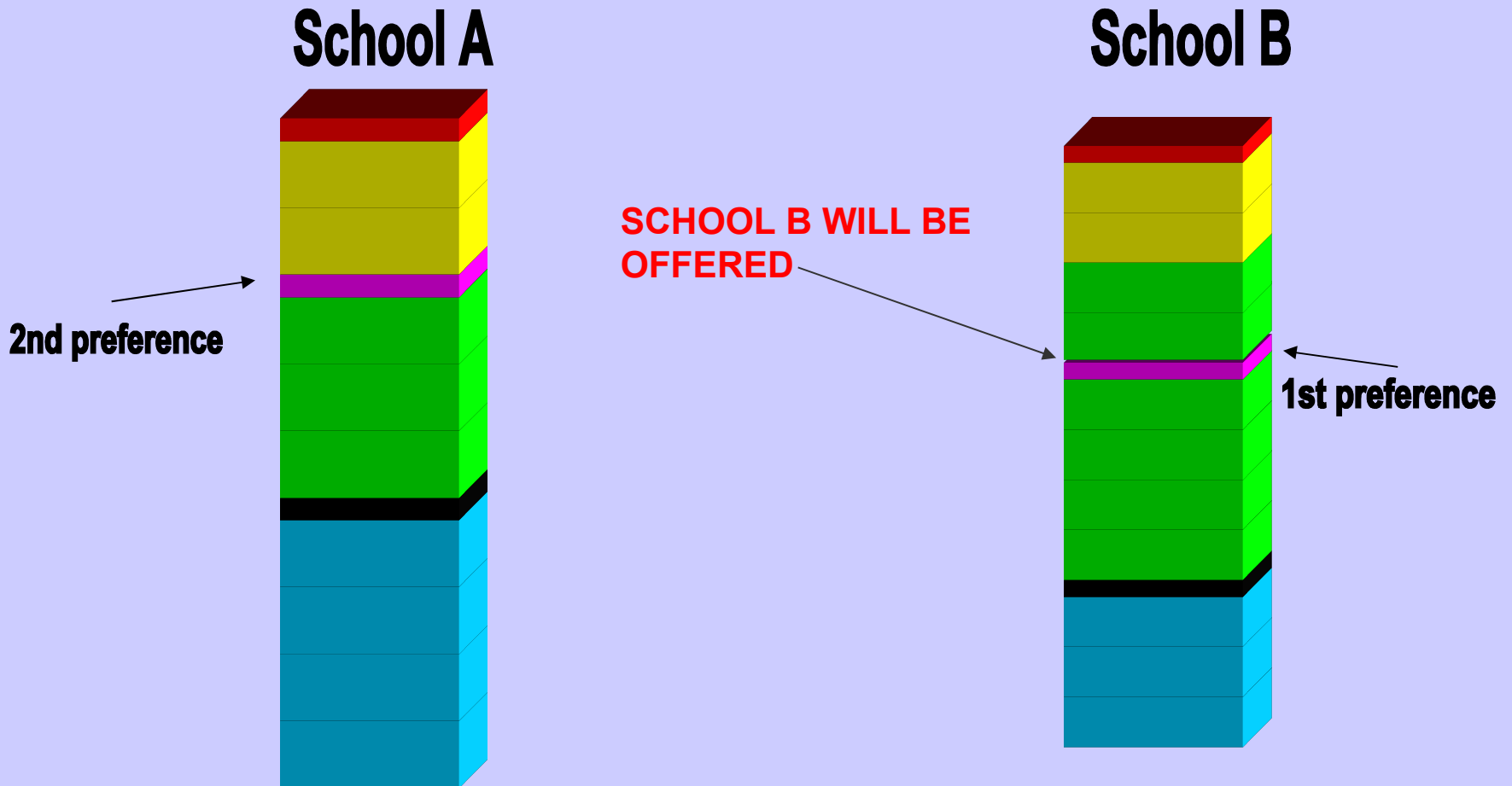
WHAT DOES EQUAL PREFERENCES MEAN?

THIS MEANS THAT WE GIVE EQUAL VALUE TO ALL PREFERENCES WHEN DRAWING UP THE STACKS AND ONLY LATER ON WILL THE ORDER OF YOUR PREFERENCES BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.



IS THE ORDER OF MY PREFERENCES IMPORTANT?

YES IT IS, BECAUSE IF WE CAN OFFER YOUR CHILD A PLACE AT MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL, THEN WE WILL ALLOCATE A PLACE AT THE SCHOOL YOU NAME AS THE HIGHEST PREFERENCE.



National Allocation Day is 1st March 2014

- **On-line applicants will be sent an e-mail from the LA on this day**
- **Paper applicants will be posted an offer letter from the LA on this day (2nd class post)**
- **The offer will be the highest preference that can be allocated**
- **Each LA sends an offer to their own residents on behalf of the LA or admission authority that can offer a place**
- **Each child will only get one offer of a place**
- **Parents can appeal against the allocation**

For more information

- Go online to

www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions

- Take advantage of the Open Days and Evenings