



Primary school places (reception) September 2019

Outcomes

- **Place offered** - your child has been offered a place for September 2019.
- **Not offered** - there were more applications than places available and other children had higher priority within the admission oversubscription criteria. This may also mean that the school will reach the legal limit of 30 children in an infant class.
- **Note: if your child has been offered a place at a school that you put higher on your application, any lower preferences have been withdrawn through the coordinated scheme.**
- **Alternative offer (prefixed by **)** - where it was not possible to offer any of your preferences, the County Council has made an alternative offer. This may be your catchment school or next closest Nottinghamshire school where places are available.
- **Declined by parent** – indicates that a parent has contacted the admission authority to confirm that the offer of a place is no longer required and an alternative school place has been accepted.

What you can do next

Accepting a place

It is important that the place offered is accepted within 14 days of the date on the decision letter, otherwise it may be withdrawn and offered to another child. **Acceptance of a place does not affect your right to appeal against any other preference that has been refused.**

Rejections of school places will not be processed, unless you can confirm that a place has been secured at an alternative school.

If you currently have other applications pending for the school that has been offered, please contact the admission authority to confirm whether there is now a sibling link which could give higher priority within the admission oversubscription criteria.

Right of appeal

If you have been refused a place at your preferred school you have the right to appeal against the decision. If you do wish to appeal you will need to set out the grounds in writing. Admission authorities publish appeals timelines on their websites, but any appeals submitted after the deadline must still be heard.

Academies, foundation schools, free schools and voluntary aided schools are responsible for arranging their own appeals, you should contact the school directly to find out how to appeal.

You can complete an online appeal form at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions or contact us on 0300 500 80 80 for further details on the appeals procedure, who to contact and the timelines for lodging an appeal.

Ahead of the appeal hearing, you will be sent full details of how the admission arrangements and coordinated scheme applied to your application. This will include reasons for the decision to refuse the application and an explanation of how the admission of an additional child would cause prejudice to the provision of efficient education or efficient use of resources.

Infant class size appeals

Infant classes **must not** contain more than 30 pupils with a single school teacher. When an infant class has already reached the legal limit of 30, appeal panels can only offer a place in **very limited circumstances**.

Waiting lists

The County Council will maintain a waiting list in partnership with own admission authorities until 31 December 2019. Waiting lists for community and voluntary controlled schools will be held until the end of the summer term 2020.

Your child's name will only be placed on a waiting list if they have been refused a place at a school which you put higher on your application than the school where the place has been offered.

Waiting lists are held in admission oversubscription criteria order and priority is not given to the date an application was received.

To enquire about your child's position on a waiting list for a Nottinghamshire community or voluntary controlled school, you can contact us on 0300 500 80 80 during office hours.

For all other schools, you should contact the individual admission authorities directly for this information.

Remember that being on a waiting list does not mean that a place will eventually become available. Your child's place on the waiting list may change.

If late applications have a higher priority within the admission oversubscription criteria, they will be placed higher than those that have been on the list for some time. If your child can be offered a place at a higher preferred school, their name will be removed from the waiting lists for any lower preferences.

Starting school

All children can start school full time in reception in the September following their fourth birthday. If you do not wish your child to start school in September you can request to defer taking up the place until later in the school year. You should contact the school allocated to discuss this.

Home address/moving house

If you are on a waiting list, it is your responsibility to let us know, in writing, if you move house. This is very important as it may affect how your application is considered against the school's admission oversubscription criteria.

You will be required to provide evidence of your new address to verify that your child is resident at the new property. It is important that we receive this information as soon as possible after you have moved to ensure that your application can be processed correctly.

We will investigate any applications where there are doubts about the information provided and we undertake random checks to verify that information provided by parents is genuine. If we receive an application where the address is proven to be fraudulent, any offer based on that address may be withdrawn.

Late applications and changes of preference

Any changes of preference (whether you are adding a new preference or changing the order of your preferences) will be considered late.

Changes to an application can only be made by the original applicant. If you wish to make any late changes to preferences you should contact the school admissions team for further advice. Please telephone 0300 500 80 80 during office hours.

Universal school meals

All pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools are now entitled to school meals but **it is important that all parents receiving a qualifying benefit register for free school meals. This will enable your child's school to claim pupil premium allocation. You can register from August 2019.**

Information about qualifying benefits and how to apply is available at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk

If your child has been offered a place at a school outside of Nottinghamshire and you or your child qualify for free school meals, you should contact the relevant local authority where the school is based before September 2019 to apply for free school meals.

Transport to school

If your child is attending full time statutory education at the catchment or nearest available school and you live over the statutory walking distance, your child may be eligible for free home to school transport or travel assistance.

Remember that you are responsible for getting your child to school and applying for transport if you think you are eligible. Information on transport is available at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools

You can apply for school transport or travel assistance from 1 July 2019.

General contact information

Phone: 0300 500 80 80

Monday to Friday: 8am to 6pm

(Calls cost no more than calls to standard geographic numbers (01 or 02) and will also be included in inclusive minutes and discount schemes.)

Email: enquiries@nottscc.gov.uk

Website: nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions

Minicom: 01623 434993

Phone 0300 500 80 80 if you need the information in a different language or format.

Internet access is available at public libraries.