



Junior/primary school places (year 3) 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. For primary schools in the Nottingham City area it is too early to make a decision on the application and you will need to reapply for an in-year place.
- **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child has been offered a place at a school that you put higher on your application, any lower preferences have been withdrawn through the coordinated scheme.**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 and your child currently attends an infant school, 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 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is important that the place offered is accepted within 14 days of the date on the decision letter, otherwise it may be withdrawn and offered to another child.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.

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.

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

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.

Primary schools outside Nottinghamshire

Primary schools in the Nottingham City area do not accept applications until later in the school year and therefore no decision has been made on your application. There is no right to appeal at this stage. For information about when other authorities process these applications you will need to contact the local authority directly.

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.

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.

Free school meals

Children transferring between schools that use Nottinghamshire County Council's eligibility assessment service do not need to reapply.

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 before September 2019 to apply for free school meals at the new school. These will not automatically continue.

If your child has been allocated a place at a Nottinghamshire school and has previously attended an out of county school you can apply online for free school meals 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

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 to 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