



## Transfer to secondary school (year 7) September 2020

### Outcomes

- **Place offered** - your child has been offered a place for September 2020. The allocated school will contact you with further information about your child's transition from primary to secondary school.
- **Not offered** - there were more applications than places available and other children had higher priority within the admission oversubscription criteria.
- **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child has been offered a place at a school that you put higher on your application, any lower preferences have been withdrawn through the coordinated scheme.**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 is no longer required, and an alternative school place has been accepted

### What you can do next

#### Accepting a place

Some admission authorities may withdraw the offered place if a parent fails to inform the County Council of their acceptance of the offer within 14 days.

We therefore recommend that you always accept the offer of a school place within 14 days of the date on the decision letter, **this will not affect your right of appeal for a place at any school where you have been refused.**

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

### 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.

### Waiting lists

Waiting lists are held for all schools in Nottinghamshire where the number of applications received is greater than the number of available places in the intake year group. Nottinghamshire County Council will maintain a waiting list in partnership with own admission authorities until 31 December 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. **Your child's position 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.

To enquire about your child's position on a waiting list, you should contact the individual admission authorities directly for this information. If you have other applications pending for this school, please contact them directly to confirm whether there is a sibling link which could give higher priority within the admission oversubscription criteria.

**Remember that being on a waiting list does not mean a place will eventually become available.**

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.

## Late applications and changes of preferences

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 preference you should contact the school admissions business support 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 may 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.

## 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](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools)

**You must apply for travel assistance before 31 July 2020.**

## Free school meals

**If your child has been allocated a place at a school that uses Nottinghamshire County Council's eligibility assessment service, and is already authorised for free school meals by Nottinghamshire County Council, free meals will continue until the end of transitional protection.**

If your child has been offered a place at a school outside of Nottinghamshire and you, or your child, qualifies for free school meals, you will need to contact the relevant local authority to apply for free school meals at the new school.

If your child has been allocated a place at a Nottinghamshire secondary school and has previously attended an out of county school, you can apply for free school meals from August 2020. Information about qualifying benefits and how to apply is available at

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk)

## Grammar schools outside of Nottinghamshire

If your child has taken the 11+ test and did not qualify, it will not be possible to offer a place. If you are appealing because a grammar school has refused a place on the grounds that your child did not achieve the qualifying standard in the selection tests it is important that you send in evidence to the relevant local authority. This should show why your child should be considered to be of grammar school ability despite the test result.

Your child can only be on the reserve list for a grammar school if they met the required standard in the 11+ tests and you named the school as a higher preference than the school offered. For enquiries about grammar schools you should contact the relevant local authority.

### 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](mailto:enquiries@nottscc.gov.uk)

**Website:** [nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://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.