



Transfer to secondary school (year 7) September 2026

Outcomes

- **Place offered** - your child has been offered a place for September 2026. The offered 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child has been offered a place at a school that you put higher on your application, any lower preferences have been withdrawn through the coordinated scheme.**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** - where it has not been possible to offer any of your preferences, the County Council may make an alternative offer. This will be at the next closest Nottinghamshire school where places are available.
- **Refused by parent** – indicates that a parent has contacted the admission authority to confirm that the offer is no longer required, and a place has been secured at an alternative school.

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. You will need to provide details of the school your child will attend.

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. **General information about appeals is available on [our website](#)**

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 2026.

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 us for further advice.

Home address/moving house

If you are on a waiting list, it is your responsibility to let us know 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 [here](#) **You should apply for travel assistance as soon as possible.**

Free school meals

From the start of the 2026-2027 school year, the Department for Education will introduce new eligibility criteria meaning that all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free meal. You can find information about [free school meals and how to apply here](#)

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 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 2026. Information about qualifying benefits and how to apply is available [here](#)

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 Thursday: 8:30am to 5pm

Friday: 8:30am to 4:30pm

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

Website: [nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions)

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