

Applying to Primary School for September 2026 Admissions Information

If your child is born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 then it is time to apply for a school place.

Admissions open from the 17th November 2025 and you should apply by 15th January 2026, but applications may be accepted until 12th February. If you do not apply at this time, you may find that the closest schools to you or your preferred schools are full.

If you live in Lincolnshire, you will make your application to Lincolnshire County Council, even if the schools you list on your application are in another area. Those living outside of Lincolnshire should apply to their home Local Authority but can list schools in Lincolnshire on the application.

You must apply for a primary school place even if your child already attends nursery or preschool. You do not need to apply if your child has an Education Health and Care Plan but speak with your SEND caseworker instead.

To make an application online you need to make an account on the parent portal or log in if you already have an account. Before making an application, you should first read the information on Apply for a school place – Before you apply - Lincolnshire County Council and then continue to the page titled 'Applying to primary or junior schools' where you will find a large orange button labelled 'Make or amend a school application'.

If you are struggling to make an application online, you can make a telephone application by calling 01522 782030.

You can get assistance if you need by:

- Calling the Education Team on 01522 782030.
- Emailing the school admissions team
schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk
- Asking at your local school for support.

Which schools to list on your application

Schools often hold open evenings to show what their school has to offer (typically during the autumn term), you should contact the school(s) you are interested in if you wish to attend these. Information may also be on the school's website. More information about schools can be found at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Schooladmissions. All schools meet the needs of pupils with special educational needs and where English is not their first language.

Most people are offered a place at their first preference school but if a school has more applicants than places available, the school will use their oversubscription criteria to decide which children to offer. Distance from home to school is usually the deciding factor.

You might want to consider listing your closest schools. You can see the ten closest schools to your address online at [Find your nearest school](#) – Lincolnshire County Council.

If none of the schools you list on your application can offer, a place will be offered at the closest school to you with spaces.

Please make sure we have your correct address when making your application. You must apply using the address where you and your child are living at the time of the application; using any other address could lead to an offered place being withdrawn. If your family circumstances are such that you are unsure which address to use, then please discuss this with the admissions team or your child's nursery. If you move house at any time after you have made your application, you must let us know and provide proof that you are resident in your new address.

You will receive your child's offer of a school place on 16 April 2026.

Kind Regards
The School Admissions Team