

Update from Hampshire County Council – May 2026

Primary school place offers confirmed by Hampshire County Council

Parents in Hampshire who applied on time for a school place for children starting school in September 2026 – either in Reception Year or in Year 3 in a junior school – have been sent the outcome of their application by Hampshire County Council today (16 April 2026)

The County Council has processed more than 20,000 applications for children to start school in reception year (Year R) and to move from infant to their first year of junior education (Year 3).

More than 98 per cent (98.93 per cent) of parents have been offered a reception year place for their child in one of their three preferred schools, with over 93 per cent (93.48 per cent) allocated a place at their first preference school.

Of pupils transferring from infant school to junior school (Year 3), more than 99 per cent (99.63 per cent) received a place at one of their three preferences, and over 98 per cent (98.94 per cent) obtained a place at their first preference school.

Parents who applied online have been notified of their offers by email. They can also view their offer by logging into the secure, online portal using the same log-in details provided when making their online application. Those small numbers of parents who applied in writing without providing an email address should receive letters by post in two to three days.

A set of Frequently Asked Questions to help with parents' queries has been published on the [Admissions webpages](#). This includes information on school transport assistance which may be available in certain circumstances, where the national eligibility criteria are met (application deadline 31 May).

For more information about school transport assistance and the eligibility criteria, please visit the County Council's [Travel to School webpages](#).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260416primaryofferday>

Applications closing soon for school and post-16 transport

Hampshire parents and carers are being advised to apply now for school and post-16 transport for September 2026, as application deadlines are approaching quickly

Applications are currently open for:-

- Eligible primary and secondary-aged children attending mainstream schools without special educational needs (SEND) **DEADLINE 31 MAY**
- Primary and secondary-aged children and eligible post-16 students with SEND. **DEADLINE 30 JUNE.**

Applying on time allows [eligibility](#) to be assessed and arrangements to be put in place before the new school year begins. Parents of post-16 students should check [recent policy changes](#).

Late applications for children with SEND will still be treated as on time if their Education, Health and Care Plan is finalised after the deadline.

Parents can visit Hampshire County Council's website for full details on eligibility and how to apply for [school](#) and [post-16](#) transport.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260501schooltransport>

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