Apply for a school place

It is your responsibility as a parent / carer to make an application for a school place.

School admissions in Cambridgeshire are managed by the County Council’s School Admissions Team. They deal with applications for places in all school year groups, with the exception of sixth forms and colleges. Please select an option below for more information.

- Nursery school or class
- Reception class
- Junior school (Year 3)
- Middle school (Year 5)
- Secondary school (Year 7)
- Upper school (Year 9)
- Sixth form & college
- In-year applications
- Admission appeals

School admissions in Cambridgeshire

- All admissions to maintained schools, including Academies, must be made in accordance with the [School Admissions Code](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code--2), which ensures that school places are allocated in an open and fair way.
- If you live in Cambridgeshire, all school admissions are managed by the School Admissions Team.
- All children must legally start education in the term following their 5th birthday. In Cambridgeshire places are offered in Reception from the September following your child’s 4th birthday.
- Help is available with choosing a school from the [Parents School Preference Adviser](https://www5.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/site/custom_scripts/+d/+d_results.aspx?type=Further%2BEducation%252fSixth%2BForm&p=&t=4&age=&view=List).
- If you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may be entitled to [free school meals](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/free-school-meals), saving you up to £400 a year on paying for school meals or [other financial help](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-help) associated with learning.
Moving into Cambridgeshire

If you are moving into Cambridgeshire from abroad or another county and your child requires a school place, you will need to make an in-year application. You can use the school search (https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/site/custom_scripts/fid/fid_results.aspx?p=&t=4&age=) to find a list of schools in Cambridgeshire. You can also see which catchment area your house is in.

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Further links

Ofsted is changing how it inspects schools (https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-is-changing-how-it-inspects-schools)
Ofsted inspection reports (https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/)
Ofsted parent view (https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results)