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## Admission to primary school

2021-2022

Advice to parents

Pupils born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017

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**BARNSLEY**

Metropolitan Borough Council

This guide is to inform you of the key points of the admission arrangements and co-ordinated scheme for primary schools in Barnsley.

Further detailed information can be found in the Admission to School Booklet 2021-2022. Reference copies are available on the Council website at

[www.barnsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions).

The Booklet includes a full list of all primary schools with additional information on size, type, age range of pupils etc, and the procedure for independent appeals.

How to apply

If you are a Barnsley resident you must:

- (a) **Apply online** at [www.barnsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions)
- (b) if you are unable to apply online please contact school admissions who will be able to provide support and guidance, if applying online is not possible then we can supply a paper form to be completed

If you are applying for a voluntary aided church school as any of your preferences you must also complete a **Supplementary Information Form** and submit this with your online application or directly to the school. Each voluntary aided school you apply for will need a completed Supplementary Information Form.

Supplementary Information Forms are available from voluntary aided primary schools and from school admissions you can download from

[www.barnsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and upload these to your online application.

Which schools must I apply for?

You can **apply for up to three schools** on your form. These can be any primary schools in Barnsley and/or any other Local Authority.

You must list your preferred schools in **ranked preference order**.

A full list of Barnsley schools can be found in the Admissions Booklet or on the website. You may wish to visit a school(s) and if so, you should contact the Headteacher directly to arrange this.

Application Closing Dates and Offer Dates

- the closing date for receipt of paper and online applications is **15 January 2021**
- National offer day is **16 April 2021** when you will receive your notification by email or letter, depending on your route of application.

**You must ensure your application is submitted by the closing date.**

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Oversubscription Criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in Barnsley

If there are more applications than places available in a school, the following criteria will determine which children are eligible for admission.

Children who have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) are required to be admitted.

- 1st - Looked after children and previously looked after children.
- 2nd - children with brothers and/or sisters attending the school on the proposed date of admission.
- 3rd - children living nearest the school, the distance to be measured by a straight line from the centre point of the child's ordinary place of residence to the main entrance of the school building.

The priority of admission criteria for voluntary aided schools, trust schools, academies and schools in other Local Authorities will be different. The information for all Barnsley schools and academies can be found in the Admission to School Booklet and you can obtain details of schools and academies in other Local Authorities directly from that Local Authority.

The Offer of a School Place

You will receive a single offer of a place at the highest ranked school for which your child is eligible for admission.

If we cannot offer you any of your preferences we will allocate a place at the nearest school to your home address which has places available.

When do Children Start School?

You will be offered a **full-time place from September** although you will be able to access this entitlement **ONLY** through one of the following options;

**Option 1**

Full time in the Reception Year from 1 September following a child's fourth birthday.

**Option 2**

Part-time in the Reception Year from 1 September following a child's fourth birthday (five sessions – am and/or pm – as determined by the individual school). Children should take up their full-time place by the end of the academic year.

**Option 3**

Remain in an early years setting.

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