

Applying Online for a Secondary School Place 2026-27

This leaflet is for parents of children due to start Secondary School in September 2026.



How to apply

Before starting the application process, make sure you have read our Admission to School booklet, you can find this at barnsley.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissions.

1. Create your account

Go online to barnsley.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissions and click 'apply online'. You will be asked to set up an account, make sure you verify your account when asked. Keep your log in details safe as you will need these to log back into your account.

2. Complete the application

Please make sure that the information provided is correct, supplying false or incorrect information may result in the offer of a school place being withdrawn.

You can apply for up to three schools. These can be any secondary schools in and outside of Barnsley. You must list your preferred schools in ranked preference order.

3. Make sure you submit your application

When you have read the disclaimer and ticked the box, you must click submit. You will receive a confirmation email. If you don't receive an email, please contact admissions@barnsley.gov.uk.

Making changes to your application

You can make changes to your application as many times as you like before you submit it. If you need to make any changes after you have submitted please contact School Admissions:

- admissions@barnsley.gov.uk
- 01226 773677

Barnsley.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissions

Your school place offer

You can log into your account any time after 12.30am on Offer Day to find out your offer of a school place. We will also send you an email later in the day.

You will receive one offer of a place at the highest ranked school where your child is eligible. If we cannot offer you any of your preferences, we will allocate a place at the nearest school to your home which has places available.

You will receive no further communication from School Admissions following your offer of a school place. The school you have been allocated will contact you directly regarding arrangements for the start of the school year.

Important information

Applications made using an address you do not live at is classed as a fraudulent application. Any school place offered based on fraudulent information will be withdrawn.

Schools that receive more applications than there are places available will have the oversubscription applied to determine which children will be offered a place.

More information is available in our admissions guide on our [website](#).

Important dates

The closing date for applications is **31 October 2025**. Offers of places will be sent out on **2 March 2026**.



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Frequently asked questions

Q. I live in Barnsley but want to apply for a school in another Authority what should I do?

You should apply to the local authority you pay your council tax to, you can apply for any school in England.

Q. I'm applying for a school that my older child currently attends, what do I need to do?

Make sure that you tick the sibling box on the application and enter their details so that the sibling rule can be verified and applied to your application.

Q. I don't need to put my nearest school because if I don't get offered my preferences I will get that anyway - is this true?

No, if we are unable to offer you any of your preferences you will be allocated the next nearest school that has a vacancy after all other applications have been processed.

Q. If I only put one preference on the form, will I be offered that school?

If you are not eligible for a place, we would allocate a place at the next nearest school with a vacancy. It is recommended that you put more than one preference.

Q. If I'm moving home, should I use my future address on the application?

No, you should always use the address you are living at. You must inform admissions as soon as you move into your new address.

Q. I have family that already attend the school, do I get priority?

Priority is only given to children that have siblings that attend the school when your child starts. See our guide for more details on siblings.

Q. Can I use a family member or friends address to apply for a school if they live closer?

No, addresses are checked and verified. If they're found to be incorrect, any school place offered based on a false address will be removed.

