

**Timetable for Admissions to Primary Schools/  
Academies/Free Schools – September 2026**

1 September 2025	Parents' Guide to School Admissions, Common Application Form and on-line portal are made available to parents.
15 January 2026	Closing date for return of applications to the LA.
6 February 2026	LA shares applications with neighbouring LAs. Own admission authority schools can view their applications online.
6 March 2026	The relevant admission authority for neighbouring LA schools provides the LA with the ranking of applicants. Own admission authority schools rank their applicants on-line.
13 March 2026	LA allocates places in accordance with relevant admission/oversubscription criteria and informs other LAs of places in County Durham to be offered to their residents.
16 April 2026	LA makes offers to parents and schools can view on-line the pupils to be offered places at their schools. Those parents not receiving a higher or any preferred school will have their child's name placed on those waiting list/s.
7 May 2026	Any places that become available since 17 April are reallocated to parents.
8 May 2026	Waiting lists continue to operate.