

**Timetable for Admissions to Secondary Schools/Academies
For September 2026 Admissions**

1 September 2025	Parent's Guide to School Admissions, Common Application Form and on-line portal are made available to parents
31 October 2025	Closing date for return of forms to the LA.
21 November 2025	LA shares applications with neighbouring LAs. Own admission authority schools can view applications online.
23 January 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.
30 January 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.
2 March 2026	LA makes offer 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.
23 March 2026	Any places that become available since 3 March are reallocated to parents.
24 March 2026	Waiting lists begin to operate.