



Applying for Secondary School for 2026/27

Information for Parents and Carers

**Apply online from 15 August 2025
Deadline: 31 October 2025**



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Your guide to applying for a Year 7 school place

Moving from primary to secondary school is a significant and exciting time for both you and your child. You will need to make some important decisions about the secondary school you want your child to attend. There are lots of rules around applying for a school place and it is important to be sure that you have all the information you need to submit your application and give yourself the best chance to be allocated a place at your preferred school for September 2026.

This guide explains the admissions process and gives you basic information on all our secondary schools, but you can also get more detailed information from the schools themselves in their prospectus and we would encourage you to attend the school open evenings. I hope you find this guide useful.

The demand for places is high so it is essential you submit your application by the deadline to give you the best chance of getting a place at one of your preferred schools.

You can apply anytime from 15 August 2025 until the closing date of 31 October 2025.

You can name up to six preferences on your online application. Please use all your preferences and consider carefully using one of your preferences for your catchment school. If you decide not to apply for your catchment school, you will not automatically be allocated it should your other school preferences be unsuccessful. Your child is not guaranteed a place at their catchment school. However, your child's catchment school represents their strongest chance of obtaining a place at a school.

If you have any further questions or concerns, you can contact our Frontline Team at the Contact Centre on 0161 217 6022 who will be happy to help you or alternatively you can visit [Nursery and school admissions - Stockport Council](#) for more information.

We hope that your child will enjoy the exciting times ahead of them in their new school.

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Dates for your diary

15 August 2025	Online application system becomes available.
31 October 2025	Closing date for receipt of applications
24 January 2026	Last date changes of address can be notified to School Admissions Team to be considered before national offer day
2 March 2026 – National Offer Day	Emails will be sent to applicants informing them of the outcome of their application
28 March 2026	Deadline for appeals to be received that will be heard before the summer holidays
Summer Term 2026	Appeals heard by an independent appeal panel
September 2026	Pupils start school in Year 7
31 December 2026	Waiting lists for schools close unless individual school admissions arrangements say otherwise

Apply online at [Nursery and school admissions - Stockport Council](#)

Applications received **after** the **closing date of 31 October 2025** will be ranked in the last oversubscription criteria for all secondary schools. Please complete your application by the closing date to give yourself the best chance to be allocated a place at your preferred school for September 2026.