



Hull
City Council

A Guide to Secondary School Admissions 2027-2028

Dear Parent/Guardian

Starting secondary school is a big step in your child's life. This booklet should help make this as easy as possible by providing all of the information that you should need to help you through this process.

If you live in Hull and your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027 you need to have made your application by 31 October 2026. You can do this by applying online: go to www.hull.gov.uk/admissions

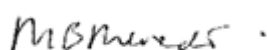
Please read this booklet carefully and in particular, take note of the admissions criteria for the schools that you are interested in. For more detailed information about individual schools, you can contact them directly. They will welcome your enquiries and be happy to supply information about curriculum details, school uniforms, examination results and other areas of interest.

Offers of secondary school places will be made on 1 March 2027.

If you need more information or help to use the online service, please contact the admissions team on (01482) 300300, look at the information about admissions on the Council's website: www.hull.gov.uk/admissions, or call into one of the Council's customer service centres or any Hull library.

We are committed to ensuring that all children in Hull are given opportunities to achieve their potential. Starting at secondary school for the first time is a key step in this journey. I hope that you find the information in this booklet helps you through the school admissions application process to achieve this as easily as possible.

Yours faithfully,



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When to make an application

If your child is in their last year at primary school, you will need to apply for a place at a secondary school for September 2027. You can apply for places online at [Secondary school applications | Hull](#). You will be invited to express up to 3 preferences for secondary schools and give reasons for those preferences by the deadline date of Saturday 31 October 2026. The timetable for all secondary schools in the city is set out below. The timetable includes dates by which applications must be submitted and appeals lodged.

Currently out of year group

If your child is currently educated outside of their chronological year group you should contact the School Admissions Team on 01482 300 300 or at lsadmissions@hullcc.gov.uk for advice on when to apply for your child's secondary school place.

Important dates to note and remember

DATE	ACTION
Tuesday 1 September 2026	Online application system becomes available via the council website. Common Application forms (CAF) are available from customer service centres, libraries, and primary schools on request.
Saturday 31 October 2026	Deadline for submission of applications. In the case of parents/carers of children living in Hull, the online application form is available on the Hull City Council Website. Any supporting evidence should be attached to the online application or sent to Admissions Team, Room 128, Second Floor, Guildhall, Alfred Gelder Street, Hull, HU1 2AA.
Please note, once you have submitted your application online you cannot make any amendments. If you need to change your application, you must contact the admissions team on 01482 300 300 or at lsadmissions@hullcc.gov.uk	
Monday 1 March 2027	Parents are notified of their school allocations and rights of appeal where necessary
Friday 9 April 2027	Final date for appeal forms to be returned to the Admissions Team
June 2027	Appeal hearings commence

If your child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), the school consultation and placement process will be dealt with by SEND Assessment and Review Team.

More information about what is available to children and young people with a disability, or special educational needs can be found on the Local Offer website at hullsendlocaloffer.org.uk or you can contact the SEND Assessment and Review team on 01482 616007 or email at SEND@hullcc.gov.uk

Myth-Busters – Get the facts

It is easy to make assumptions about how school admissions work. Here are some of the common assumptions and misunderstandings as well as the facts.

My child has a right to a place at one of my preferred schools.	Not true...your child will only be offered a place if they qualify according to the schools' admissions criteria. If your child does not qualify for any of your preferred schools we will offer them a place at the next nearest school with a vacancy remaining after all the on time applicants have been offered places
My child will be given a place at our nearest school if we don't get our preferred school	Not true... after we have finished allocating places to those that applied for a place, your nearest school may be full. We will therefore allocate the nearest school with a vacancy which may be some distance from your home address. We recommend therefore that you put your nearest school as a preference
If I only put one school on my application I must be given a place.	Not true...listing only one school does not increase your chance of being offered a place. You are strongly advised to give your nearest or catchment school as one of your preferences.
Other children who live close to me go to the school so I will get a place	Not always...the number of pupils offered a place under each criterion for each school will change each year. Just because you know someone who goes to the school does not mean that your child will qualify for a place.
It doesn't make any difference if my application is late.	It matters...if you apply after 31 October 2026 we will look at your application after we look at those we received on time. This may mean you will not get a place at your favourite school.
I already have a child at the school so I will be given a place even if I apply late	Not always...if you have a child already at the school your application will have a higher priority, however, if the school is full after we have given places to those who applied on time we will not be able to allocate you a place.
My child is Catholic so will be given a place at a Catholic School	Not always. If you have applied late or you have not provided the required evidence then a place may not be offered.

Parental responsibility

You can only submit an application for a school place if you have parental responsibility. If you share parental responsibility, you must be in agreement with everyone who shares that responsibility about the information and preferences submitted on the application. Please ensure that everyone is in agreement before making an application.

If we receive conflicting preferences for the same child, we will not process either application unless we are provided with further evidence as to which preferences should be accepted (for example, a court order). If no agreement is reached before the end of the school year, we may not be able to allocate any preferred school and will allocate the next nearest school with a vacancy.

Home address

You may only use one address when making an application. The child's normal place of residence will be the property at which the child and the parent or person with parental responsibility for the child, lives. You should notify the Admissions team if your address changes after your application is submitted. Your home address at the closing date for applications will be the address used to determine your allocated school on 1st March 2027.

If you move home after the closing date you must send evidence of your house move to the admissions team before 6th January 2027 if it is to be considered in the first round of allocations. Your allocated school place may be withdrawn if it has been obtained using a fraudulent address.

We may check addresses against other records held by Hull City Council, in accordance with the authority's Data Protection Registration. Addresses must be permanent and must not be those of relatives or temporary addresses, such as when staying with family, childcare arrangements or holiday accommodation.

Where there is joint residence, the address used must be the address at which the child is resident for most of the school week. If this is evenly split, then parents/carers must jointly select one address and use only this address on the application. This address cannot then be changed after the application has been submitted.

If your child is temporarily living with another family member under a voluntary arrangement, we will not use their address for allocating a school place. The home address will be recorded as the home where Child Benefit or GP registration is recorded.

If you change your address after submitting your application, you must notify the Admissions team and send us the relevant proof of this.

If you are a member of the armed forces and are not currently living in the UK and are due to return because you have received a posting or marching out orders, you can still make an application and a place can be allocated. We will need to see evidence of the official relocation date and Unit postal address or quartering area address.

Proof of address

We may, at any time, request further evidence that your child is ordinarily resident at the stated address. We may ask you to provide documents, such as child benefit letters or GP registration. We may request to see proof of both entry and exit.

Entry proof will include –

- signed tenancies
- proof of exchange of contracts
- documents showing you have registered your property for the purposes of taxes, the electoral roll and with other government agencies (e.g. driving licence)

Exit proofs include any relevant documentation pertaining to the disposal of your previous address and include, for example, landlord notice to leave, completion of sale document or an exit utility bill.

If you are already resident at a Hull address, may still need to provide evidence such as a copy of the current council tax statement. However, if you are moving to a new rental property, you will need to provide a full signed copy of your new tenancy agreement. If you are purchasing a property, you will need to provide a letter or email direct from your solicitor. This could be an exchange of contracts which includes the date of completion. You will also be asked to evidence you have left your previous address.

Fraudulent applications

The city council makes every effort to ensure that all school places are allocated in strict accordance with its published admission arrangements. We take the issue of fraudulent applications very seriously. If information is received alleging that an application has been made fraudulently, we will require parents/carers to provide evidence to confirm residence at the address.

Where we have made an offer of a place at a school based on fraudulent or intentionally misleading information which has effectively denied a place to a child with a higher right of entry, this place will be withdrawn. If a place is withdrawn on these grounds, you will be offered a place at another school and notified of your right of appeal and the Admissions Team may refer any evidence of fraud to its Fraud Investigations Team.

The offer of a school place that is made in error will be withdrawn by the admissions authority.

Educated out of year group

If your child is currently educated outside of their chronological year group, please contact the school Admissions team for further information on how and when to apply for a secondary school place.

Frequently asked questions

Am I certain to be offered a place at one of the schools I apply for?
No. There is no guarantee of this because it depends on which schools you select as preferences and how many applications are received for those schools. If you select your catchment area or nearest school as one of your preferences then it is more likely that you will be eligible for a place there for your child, but there is still no definite guarantee.
What if I forget to enclose my supporting information with my application?
You must provide any required Baptism Certificate or medical/exceptional circumstances evidence as soon as possible. If this is not received by the admission authority before Wednesday 6 January 2027 then they will not be able to rank your application on the criterion you have requested. This may result in your child not being offered a place.
If I provide evidence of medical/exceptional circumstances am I guaranteed a place?
No, it will be for the admission authority of the school to determine whether the evidence provided meets the requirements of the criteria. The application may be given a higher priority but there is no guarantee that a place will be allocated.
Am I guaranteed a place at my catchment school?
No, places are not guaranteed even for those pupils who live in the catchment area. If there are more applications than places available places are allocated according to the published admission arrangements of the school.
What happens if I apply late?
You will have less chance of receiving one of your preferred schools. See the section on late applications.
Do I have a better chance of getting my highest preference if I apply early?
No, all applications received up to the closing date are considered equally. Places are not allocated on a first come first served basis.
Can I apply for just 1 school?
Yes, you can, but we strongly recommend you apply for three preferences. If we cannot allocate your preference of school, we may not be able to allocate a place at a school close to you.

What happens if I do not get a place at my first preference of school?
We will consider your second and third preferences and, if possible, allocate you a place at one of these schools. Your child will be placed on the waiting list and we will offer you the right of appeal.
What happens if I am not allocated any of my preferred schools?
We will allocate a place at the next nearest school that has a vacancy and you will be offered the right of appeal and placed on the waiting list for your preferred school(s)
What are my options if I do not get allocated one of my preferred schools?
You can accept a place at the school allocated, consider requesting an alternative school. You can also appeal against the decision to refuse a place at your preferred school.
How does the waiting list work?
We will keep a waiting list until the end of the autumn term. Waiting lists are kept in the oversubscription criteria order published by the school e.g. sibling link. It does not depend on who applied first for the school.
How do appeals work?
If we cannot offer you a place at your preferred school because it is full, we will automatically send you some guidance on how to appeal and the necessary appeal forms. For more information see the section on appeals.
What happens if I want to change my preference(s) after the closing date?
Unless there are exceptional circumstances for changing your preferences after the closing date the new preferences will be considered as a late application and will be processed after those that were received on time.
If I cannot apply online, where do I send the paper forms?
If your child is attending a Hull Primary School you can hand the form in at the school office. Alternatively you can return the CAF direct to: The Admissions Team, Room 128 Guildhall, Alfred Gelder Street, Hull, HU1 2AA.

Choosing a school

In deciding which school is the best one for their child, parent/carers usually consider a range of factors. Some key points for you to consider are given below.

Catchment Area

Some addresses in the city of Hull fall within a secondary school catchment area. Attending the school serving the area where they live means that children are taught in their local area, with other children from the same area, making it easier for them to make and keep friends and ensuring the child has a familiar and stable social group and environment.

Children living in a school's catchment area are given a high priority for a place. There is, however, no guarantee of an offer of a place at your catchment school as it may be full or oversubscribed in

your child's year group. We strongly recommend that you name your catchment area school or nearest school as one of your preferences, even if it is your third preference.

If you do not name your catchment or nearest school as one of your preferences it is likely that any application for home to school transport will be declined.

To check your catchment or nearest school see the catchment map at the back of this guide, visit the [Secondary school applications | Hull](#) website or contact the school Admissions team on 01482 300300 or email lsadmissions@hullcc.gov.uk

Published Admission Number

Each school has an agreed maximum number of pupils it will admit into year 7 each academic year. This is known as the published admission number. When the number of pupils allocated to a school reaches the published admission number, no further pupils will be allocated.

Every school must publish the number of pupils it will admit into year 7 as part of their admissions arrangements. These can be found later in this guide, by visiting [Admissions arrangements | Admission arrangements and appeals | Hull](#) or the school's website.

Find out more about the school

The school's website will give you important detailed information about the life and character of the school. Read the latest OFSTED inspection report. These can be seen at the school, the local library and the OFSTED website at ofsted.gov.uk and give a detailed snapshot of the school.

Schools are happy to discuss with you what they have to offer your child. If you want to visit a school, you should contact them directly to arrange this.

Do I have a real choice of school?

The 'choice' you have is which schools to select on your application form and which preference order you rank them. Naming a school does not guarantee that you will be offered a place there, although we will try to meet as many preferences as possible.

It is important that you make a realistic assessment of how likely it is that your child will get a place at the schools you name on the form. Some schools in Hull regularly receive far more applications than they have places available. Where this happens, the over-subscription criteria which are set out by the school must be used to decide which children should be given priority for a place at those schools.

Types of secondary schools in Hull

Except for fee paying independent schools, all the secondary schools in Hull are academy schools. This means that the academy trust is the admission authority.

The governing body or academy trust are responsible for setting and publishing the admission arrangements and ranking the applications they receive based on the published oversubscription criteria. They are also responsible for arranging or providing an appeal against the refusal of a place at the school.

Making an application

You can apply online for your child's school place. The benefits to consider are –

- it is quick and safe to use, and you will receive an immediate acknowledgement via email to confirm receipt of your submitted form
- You can log into the parent portal on national offer day to see the outcome of your application
- you will receive an email on Monday 1 March 2027 confirming which school your child has been offered
- there is no risk that your application will get lost in the post
- the service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from Tuesday 1 September 2026 up to Saturday 31 October 2026.
- you can apply from wherever there is internet access.

You can access the online services using the following internet address

[Secondary school applications | Hull](#)

If you do not have access to the internet you can use the internet services provided by the Local Authority at customer contact centres or public libraries.

Common Application Forms

If you are not able to use the online service, you can request a Common Application Form (CAF) by calling 01482 300 300 or emailing lsadmissions@hullcc.gov.uk. If you apply using a CAF, you will not receive an email on national offer day. We will write to you by first class post on Monday 1 March 2027 to confirm your allocated school.

Supplementary Information Forms

If St Mary's College is one of your preferred schools, you will be required to complete a supplementary information form which can be found on the school website and the Hull City

Council website at [Secondary school applications | Hull](#) A copy of the form will also be available on the schools' website at [St Mary's College - Join us as a Pupil](#)

Aptitude testing

Liberty Academy, St Mary's College and Sirius Academy West allocate up to 10% of their places based on aptitude. Liberty Academy and Sirius Academy West including sporting aptitude and St Mary's College include music aptitude. If you want your child to take a test, you should refer to the school website or contact the school for information about testing.

After your child has taken the test, if you still wish to apply for a school place based on the specific aptitude, you must include this as a reason for your preference of school. If you do not indicate aptitude on your application, any test result will not be taken into consideration when your application is considered. If you include aptitude on your application but your child has not taken the required test, your application will not be considered under this criteria.

Where should I apply to?

If you live in Hull you can apply online using Hull City Council's online application system at [Secondary school applications | Hull](#) The online system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from Tuesday 1 September 2026 to midnight on Saturday 31 October 2026, which is the deadline for applications to be received. The council offers free computer access at its libraries and customer service centres.

You must apply through the Admissions team at Hull City Council if you want to apply for a place at any maintained or academy school, even if the school at which you want a place is outside Hull.

If you live in another local authority outside Hull, you must apply for a secondary school place using your home council's online system.

You cannot apply directly to a school. Although many schools are their own admission authorities and may set their own oversubscription criteria, their admissions are still coordinated by the local authority. You must therefore make your application to the local authority where you live.

Late applications

The deadline for applications is Saturday 31 October 2026. If you apply after this date, your application may not be processed in time for you to receive an offer of a school place on Monday 1 March 2027.

All late applications are processed after those that arrive on time. If you do not apply before the deadline date, your preferred schools may be filled before your application is considered.

If we receive a late application before Wednesday 6 January 2027, it will be processed after those received on time and you will receive an offer of a school place on Monday 1 March 2027. Late applications received after Wednesday 6 January 2027 will not be processed until Monday 15 March 2027. Changes of preference will be treated as late if they are received after the closing date.

After the second round of allocation on Monday 15 March 2027, all late applications will be processed in line with the oversubscription criteria of the preferred schools in the date order they are received.

Waiting lists

If your child cannot be allocated a place at your higher ranked preference of school, we will automatically place your child on the school's waiting list. Waiting lists are kept in the order of the oversubscription criteria from the school and not on a first come first served basis.

After the first round of allocations on Monday 1 March 2027, we will automatically reallocate your child to a higher ranked preference of school if a place becomes available before the second allocation of places on Monday 15 March 2027.

After Monday 15 March 2027, if a place becomes available at a school, we will contact the first person on the waiting list to offer them the place. If the place is no longer required, we will contact the next person on the list until the place is filled or everyone on the list has been offered the place.

The waiting lists are kept until the end of the autumn term.

How an application is processed

When you apply for a school place, we will coordinate with all your preferred schools, even if they are in another authority. You will then receive only one offer of a school place. A copy of our published coordinated scheme is available on the Hull City Council website at [Secondary school applications | Hull](#)

All on time applications are considered and processed before late applications. Preferences are processed as separate applications and are ranked based on the oversubscription criteria of the school. When your application has been validated and ranked for each school, a place is then offered at the highest preference of school.

You will be notified of your allocated school on 1 March 2027 by email or letter.



If you have not been allocated your preferred school

If you have not been offered your preferred school, you can make a formal appeal. We will send you an appeal form when we write to tell you which school your child has been allocated to. You should fill in this form and return it the Admissions team by the date specified on the appeal form. The

appeal will be heard within 40 school days of the closing date for appeals, by an independent appeal panel arranged locally. For appeals submitted by the deadline date in the Primary to Secondary transfer process, hearings should be heard by June 2022.

Accepting a place at an alternative school will not in any way affect an appeal for your chosen school.

Some schools have their own independent appeals panels. You can still return your completed appeals form to the school Admissions team, who will forward this on for you.

Oversubscription criteria

Each school or admission authority must have an admissions policy that clearly details how many school places are available and how school places will be offered should there be more applications than there are places available. To determine this, applications must be ranked (ordered) according to a published set of criteria. These are known as the oversubscription criteria. Each individual criterion will have a clear definition.

Examples of the standard oversubscription criteria are given below. All schools must give first priority to looked after or previously looked after children. However, they do not have to use all the criteria list. They may use other criteria or place them in a different order.

You can view the oversubscription criteria for each school by looking on the school website or by looking on the Hull City Council website at [Secondary school admission arrangements 2026 to 2027 | Hull](#)

Examples of Standard Oversubscription Criteria

Looked after/previously looked after children

Children who are either currently or have previously been 'looked after' or has been adopted from care including children who were previously looked after outside England. This applies to all children who are currently in the care of a local authority and all children who have been adopted from local authority care including children who were previously looked after outside England but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

Children living in the catchment area of the school

Where the school has a catchment area they will provide a catchment map.

The normal family home is taken as the address where the child is resident and at which the person or persons with parental responsibility for the child resides. Where parents live at separate addresses and have joint custody, the address used will be the one where the child spends the main part of the school week (e.g. Sunday night to Thursday night inclusive). Where responsibility for a child is shared evenly, the address of the person receiving Child

Benefit will be used for admissions purposes. Childcare arrangements involving relatives' addresses do not qualify as normal family addresses for this purpose unless there is a Child Arrangement Order in place.

Children of Staff

Admission authorities may give priority in their oversubscription criteria to children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances:

- where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
- the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage

Siblings

Brothers and sisters include children with the same natural parents living at the same address, children with the same natural parents living at different addresses (e.g. due to separation of natural parents), half brothers/sisters living at the same address, step brothers/sisters living at the same address – children living as part of the same family unit with their parents/carers at the same address

Aptitude

Ten percent of students by aptitude. The outcome of tests for aptitude will not affect candidates' eligibility for a place should they satisfy a higher priority. If applicants are seeking admission through aptitude they will be asked to complete a form available from the Academy. The Academy will then administer aptitude analysis assessments. These assessments will take prior to allocations being made by the Local Authority for places for the following September.

Baptised Catholic

Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child living with a family where at least one of the parents is Catholic.

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the laws of the Church.

Distance

The measurement of distance is the shortest available safe route for pedestrians along footpaths, using footpaths alongside roads marked on the current street map of the City. (The only exception to this is the maintained footpath across East Park from Hawkesbury Street to James Reckitt Avenue for access to Malet Lambert School. Front entrance of home property (residence) to main entrance of school site is used. The Authority will use Routefinder, a computer mapping system, to make measurements.

School details

School Details	Published Admission Number 2027-2028	Number of Preferences allocated at national offer day 2026-2027	How places were allocated national offer day 2026-2027
Hull Trinity House Academy Beverley Road Hull HU3 1UP Tel. (01482) 326421 hthacademy.org.uk	240	1 st 195 2 nd 37 3 rd 8	SEN 8 CLA 3 Sibling 61 Other 168
Kelvin Hall School Bricknell Avenue Hull HU5 4QH Tel. (01482) 342229 kelvinhall.net	320	1 st 293 2 nd 24 3 rd 3	SEN 9 CLA 8 Catchment 0 Sibling 74 Distance 223 Other 6
Liberty Academy Bilton Grove Hull HU9 5YB Tel (01482) 781912 Home Liberty Academy	300	1 st 155 2 nd 27 3 rd 6 Other 73	SEN 1 CLA 2 Catchment 120 Sibling 57 Other 80 Aptitude 1
Lift Kingswood Academy Wawne Road Hull HU7 4WR Tel. (01482) 879967 Home	300**	1 st 350 2 nd 9 3 rd 1	SEN 6 CLA 6 Catchment 302 Sibling 16 Distance 30 Other 0
Malet Lambert School James Reckitt Avenue Hull HU8 0JD Tel. (01482) 374211 maletlambert.co.uk	350	1 st 339 2 nd 11 3 rd 0	SEN 16 CLA 7 Catchment 243 Sibling 26 Distance 55 Other 3
Newland School for Girls Cottingham Road Hull HU6 7RU Tel. (01482) 343098 newlandschool.co.uk	150	1 st 49 2 nd 15 3 rd 3 Other 14	SEN 1 CLA 2 Catchment 0 Sibling 14 Distance 64 Other 0

For * check directly with school

** school admitted above their published admission number

School Details	Published Admission Number 202-2028	Number of preferences allocated at national offer day 2026-2027	How places were allocated at national offer day 2026-2027
Sirius Academy North 540 Hall Road Hull HU6 9BP Tel. (01482) 349600 siriusacademynorth.org.uk	280	1 st 129 2 nd 36 3 rd 13 Other 78	SEN 1 CLA 4 Catchment 0 Sibling 46 Distance 203 Other 2
Sirius Academy West 296 Anlaby Park Road South Hull HU4 7JE Tel. (01482) 352939 sirius-academy.org.uk	290	1 st 237 2 nd 23 3 rd 9 Other 10	SEN 13 CLA 2 Sibling 88 Distance 159 Aptitude 15 Other 2
St. Mary's Sports College Cranbrook Avenue Hull HU6 7TN Tel. (01482) 851136 smchull.org	360	1 st 354 2 nd 9 3 rd 1	SEN 25 CLA 11 Sibling 80 Aptitude 35 Other 213
The Boulevard Academy Massey Close Hull HU3 3QT Tel. (01482) 217898 theboulevardacademy.com	180	1 st 125 2 nd 8 3 rd 2 Other 44	SEN 2 CLA 1 Catchment 0 Sibling 39 Other 137
The Marvell College Barham Road Hull HU9 4EE Tel. (01482) 799132 themarvellcollege.com	240	1 st 241 2 nd 19 3 rd 0	SEN 12 CLA 6 Catchment 142 Sibling 34 Other 66
Winifred Holtby Academy Midmere Avenue Leads Road Hull HU7 4PW Tel. (01482) 826207 winifredholtbyacademy.co.uk	270	1 st 222 2 nd 23 3 rd 14 Other 11	SEN 11 CLA 4 Catchment 0 Sibling 79 Distance 175 Other 1

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Making an in-year application

You may make an in-year application at any time of year, as there are no closing dates for this type of application.

Applicants living in Hull who want to apply for an in-year transfer of primary or secondary school for their child must use the Hull City Council's in-year transfer form to express their preferences for places at maintained schools within Hull and in other local authority areas.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, it is not expected that applicants will make more than one transfer request unless there is a significant change which directly relates to their reasons for wanting their child to go to a particular school.

Pupils who move into the city from other areas or move address within the city

Parents who are looking to move school should consider the following –

- disruption to examination courses
- breaking friendships
- lack of continuity of the curriculum
- attendance patterns

Where the pupil is unable to continue attending their current school, parents/carers can request a transfer to an alternative school. The request is made to the council's Admissions team and a form will be provided for parents/carers to name up to three preferences of school. The Admissions team will contact each admission authority in turn to determine if a place can be allocated. Applications will take an average of 15 school days to process. Once a place has been allocated, the pupil should start the new school within 10 school days.

If a place cannot be offered at your preferred school, you will be offered the right of appeal.

For pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who move into the city, a different process is followed. Further details of the process can be found on the [Local Offer](#).

How to apply for an in year transfer

You can go on to the council website at [Applications and transfers – Hull](#) and complete the online application form. Alternatively, you can request a form from the school Admissions team by calling 01482 300300. You are invited to name up to 3 preferences of school. The Admissions team will contact your preference(s) of school to check if there is a vacancy in the required year group. We aim to offer you a written response within 15 school days of receipt of a fully completed

application. Once a place has been allocated, the pupil should start the new school within 10 school days.

Your application will be processed in line with the admissions arrangements for your preferred school. If a place cannot be offered at your preferred school, you will be offered the right of appeal.

Education outside of chronological year group

Children are normally educated in their chronological age group though there may be exceptions made in specific circumstances.

You can apply for an in-year application for a child out of year group, with children who are either a year younger or a year older than themselves. You should initially contact the Headteacher of the school you wish to apply for to seek advice.

The Admission Authority of the school will require evidence to support your request and this should be provided with your application.

There are long term issues for the pupil and school that arise from the decision to back or forward year a pupil. Hull City Council believe that children should, wherever possible, be educated within their normal age group.

Fair Access Protocol

The Local Authority must have a Fair Access Protocol in place and all secondary schools must participate in this protocol. The protocol is designed to ensure that the amount of time a child or young person who is particularly vulnerable, such as a permanently excluded child or young person, spends out of education is kept to a minimum. The protocol also ensures that all schools take a fair share of children with challenging behaviour. The protocol will only be needed if a suitable place cannot be secured for a child resident in the city using the normal in-year arrangements.

The Fair Access Panel take account of the parental preference but do not have to allocate a place at a preferred school. The protocol requires schools to admit such vulnerable children above their published admission number, even if they are already full. However, this does not override any preference expressed by a parent/carers, and they have the right of appeal if refused a place.

Appeals

During any academic year, you can only appeal once for a particular school. Hull City Council will only consider a repeat appeal for a school controlled by them if your circumstances have changed significantly. However, you can appeal for alternative schools.

The appeal will be heard within 40 school days of the closing date for appeals for normal round admissions or within 30 school days for in year admissions. Appeals are heard by an independent appeal panel arranged locally.

On receipt of your appeal forms, a date will be set at which a representative of the admission authority will attend. If you choose not to attend the hearing, the case can be heard in your absence.

The Independent Appeals Panel will hear the case of the admission authority first, followed by your case. There is the opportunity for both parties to ask questions before a decision is made.

There are two stages in deciding the outcome of a prejudice appeal –

1. A factual stage – The panel must decide whether ‘prejudice to the provision of efficient education and use of resources’ would arise were an extra child to be admitted to the school.
2. Balancing stage – If the answer to the first stage is yes, then the panel must weigh the degree of prejudice and decide which case is stronger, the case of the admission authority or your case.

Appeals for pupils with Education Health and Care Plans

Where parents/carers are unhappy with the placement named in section 1 of an EHCP, they may appeal this through the SEND Mediation and First Tier Tribunal Appeal Process. Further details on this are available on the [Local Offer website](#) and from the SEND Assessment and Review Team on 01482 616 007.

Attendance at school

It is your responsibility as a parent/carer to ensure that your child goes to school regularly and on time. Absence from school can affect their learning and achievement.

Family holidays should be taken during the school holidays. If you need to go away during the term, talk to the school about your plans first. Any time out of school must be approved by your child’s headteacher and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

If you think your child is having difficulties in school or seems reluctant to attend, discuss this with the school and share your concerns.

Home to school transport

Parents and carers need to be aware that they are responsible for the transporting of their child to and from school. However, there are situations where the council has a legal duty to provide

assistance with travel and transport to and from school. The duty applies to home to school travel arrangements at the start of the day and school to home travel arrangements at the end of the day.

Details of the Council's Home to School Transport policies can be found on the Council's website at [Home to school transport | Hull](#).

For advice and an application form for travel assistance, contact the Admissions and Transport team using the details below by telephone on (01482) 300 300, email at hometoschool@hullcc.gov.uk or by using the links on the website.

Transport for pupils with an exceptional need on the grounds of special educational needs, physical disability or medical need is considered for each individual case by the Admissions and Transport Team. If you think your child is eligible for free travel on the grounds of their SEN/EHCP, physical disability or medical need you should contact the Admissions and Transport team on (01482) 300 300 or by email SENTransport@hullcc.gov.uk

Free school meals

Schools may receive additional Pupil Premium funding for pupils who received the Targeted Free School Meals tier.

Targeted FSM – schools receive the pupil premium for pupils who fall within this tier – Criteria:

- Universal Credit with annual earned income of £7,400 or less
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Receive the guaranteed element of Pension Credit with annual earned net income of £7,400 or less

Expanded FSM – schools do not receive the pupil premium for pupils who fall within this tier – Criteria:

- Universal Credit with annual earned income above £7,400
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Receive the guaranteed element of Pension Credit with earned income above £7,400

As schools receive additional funding for these groups, it is important that they are able to identify and record eligible pupils. Pupil Premium funding is intended to help schools improve the educational outcomes of disadvantaged pupils and may be used to provide targeted support, enrichment activities, and other interventions that benefit eligible children.

Eligibility for free school meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you (their parent, guardian or carer) are in receipt of any of the following –

- Universal Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

There are extended eligibility rules for families with no recourse to public funds and further details can be obtained here; [Providing free school meals to families with no recourse to public funds \(NRPF\) - GOV.UK](#)

To apply for free school meals

You can apply for free school meals if your child attends a Hull school or sixth form on a full time basis. This includes Hull 14-16 College, academies and free schools.

To apply for free school meals you can either –

- Apply online at [Free school meals | Hull](#)
- Complete an online Free School Meal application form on the Hull City Council website via search option on hullcc.gov.uk

Forms are also available from all Customer Service Centres and schools in Hull. If you would like any additional information, contact Revenues and Benefits Service on (01482) 300 303.

Educating your child at home

If you want to educate your child at home, the law allows this in most circumstances.

You must make sure your child gets an ‘efficient full-time education suitable to their age, ability and aptitude and to any special educational needs they may have’.

If you are considering educating your child at home, you can speak to a member of the Education Welfare Service for advice and information on 01482 300300 or you can email EHE@hullcc.gov.uk

If you have made the decision to home educate your child, you must notify the Local Authority of this. You can email the Education Welfare Service at EHE@hullcc.gov.uk or you can put this in writing to –

Hull City Council
Education Welfare Service
Room 128, 2nd Floor,
The Guildhall
Hull,
HU1 2AA

Children with Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and admissions

Where a learner is allocated to an educational setting through the mainstream admissions process, this placement will remain the identified setting until an EHC Plan has been finalised naming an educational setting in Section I.

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) they go through a different admissions process, regardless of the education setting type.

The SEND Assessment and Review team (SEND team) are responsible for managing the learner's EHC Plan and will need to formally consult with the Head teacher and Governors of any requested setting before they can be named in section I of the EHC Plan.

The SEND team will then formally consult with the schools of preference as well as the nearest mainstream educational setting. The SEND team may also choose to consult with any educational setting they deem may be appropriate to meet the learners needs.

To support the consultation process, the SEND team will include the learner's EHCP as well as any recent review documentation which has been supported by the Early Years Inclusion Team.

All learners due to transfer to secondary education in September must have their EHCP amended, and the educational setting named in Section I by the 15th of February of year 6.

Further information and advice can be found on the Local Offer website at hullsendlocaloffer.org.uk

SEN and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service

SENDIASS is a free service outsourced by the local authority to offer specialist advice, guidance, support and information to children, young people and parents covering educational needs, disability, health and social care. The service provides neutral and factual support and information on special educational needs to help children, their parents/carers and young people to play an active and informed role in their education, health and social care (where relevant).

SENDIASS offers independent support to provide accurate and informative advice and/or support to any family or young person in relation to matters relating to special educational needs, including those going through a statutory Education Health and Care needs assessment. You can contact Hull SENDIASS by telephone on 01482 467541, email at hullsendiass@kids.org.uk or via the internet at kids.org.uk/sendiass/services/hull-sendiass

University Technical College & 14-16 College

Children who are due to start Year 10 in September may also apply for a place at a University Technical College (UTC) or College. Colleges offer a range of vocational courses in addition to the core GCSEs of English, maths, and science subject to pupils in year 10.

UTCs are schools for 14–19 year olds that are set up by universities and businesses and specialise in one or two technical subjects. At GCSE, they offer a similar curriculum to a typical 11-18 secondary school, including the basics of English and maths, as well as their specialist subject. UTCs have employer involvement in the curriculum and focus on developing the skills needed for employment, involving personal coaching and work experience, alongside a similar curriculum to a typical 11-18 secondary school.

There is one UTC in Hull in addition to the Hull 14-16 College. Students in year 9 may apply for a place at one of these, or one in a neighbouring area. Before making an application, we recommend that your child discusses their options with a Careers Adviser in their current school or college or contact Connexions on 01482 615223.

UTCs and Colleges in Yorkshire

Ron Dearing UTC, Kingston Square, Hull, HU1 3HF

rondearingutc.com

01482 222 299

Hull 14-16 College, Queens Gardens, Wilberforce Drive, Hull, HU1 3DG

hull-college.ac.uk

01482 329 943

Doncaster UTC, College Road, Doncaster, DN1 3BF

doncasterutc.co.uk

01302 976 515

The Academy Grimsby, Westward House, Grimsby, DN34 5AQ

academy.grimsby.ac.uk

01472 311231

Engineering UTC Northern Lincolnshire, Carlton Street, Scunthorpe, DN15 6TA

enlutc.co.uk

01724 878100

Leeds 14+ Academy, Burton Avenue, Leeds, LS11 5ER

leedscitycollege.ac.uk/14-apprenticeship-academy

0113 386 1997 (option 4)

UTC Leeds, 2 Sayner Road, Leeds, LS10 1LA

utcleeds.co.uk

0113 353 0140

Scarborough UTC, 1 Ashburn Road, Scarborough
YO11 2JW
sutc.coastandvale.academy
01723 821621

Sheffield City Centre UTC, 111 Matilda Street, Sheffield, S1 4QF
utcsheffield.org.uk/city
0114 308 4500

UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park, 2 Old Hall Road, Sheffield, S9 3TU
utcsheffield.org.uk/olp
0114 308 4000

Withdrawing offers of places

Applications which are found to be fraudulent or intentionally misleading may result in offers of places being withdrawn. Evidence of fraud may be passed to the Fraud Investigations Team.

Attendance at an independent school

You will need to make your own arrangements for independent schools. You will be responsible for transport, fees and any other relevant incidental costs. If you are submitting an application for any other Hull schools as well as making an application direct to a fee paying school, you do not need to include the fee paying school as one of your preferences on the application.

If you accept a place at an independent school, you will need to advise the Admissions team of this in writing.

Foreign national children living in the UK

If you have moved to the UK and want to apply for a school place for your children, you must check that you have a right of abode (to live or work in the UK without any immigration status), or that the conditions of your immigration status permit you to have access to a state funded school place. It is your responsibility as the parent/carer to check that your children have a right to study at a state funded school.

School term dates

For most schools, the total number of days is 195 (minus 5 days to be taken as non-contact days at the discretion of the school).

A table of term dates is shown below. This table is based on LGA principles and these dates match with Lincolnshire, East Riding and North East Lincolnshire Councils. Academy schools can set their own term dates and these will be available on their own school websites. You should check directly with the schools for clarification.

Term dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026					No of Days at school
Mid-term Holiday					
Re-Open	Close	Re-Open	Close		
Mon 7 September	Fri 23 October	Mon 2 November	Fri 18 December	70	
35 days		35 days			
Spring Term 2027					No of Days at school
Mid-term holiday					
Re-Open	Close	Re-Open	Close		
Mon 4 January	Fri 5 February	Mon 15 February	Fri 19 March	50	
25 days		25 days			
Summer Term 2027					No of Days at school
Mid-term holiday					
Re-Open	Closed May Bank Holiday	Close	Re-open	Close	
Mon 5 April	Mon 3 May	Fri 28 May	Mon 7 June	Mon 26 July	75
39 days		36 days			

Term dates 2027-28

Autumn Term 2027					Number of days at school
Mid-term Holiday					
Re-Open	Close		Re-Open	Close	
Mon 6 September	Fri 22 October		Mon 1 November	Fri 17 Dec	
35 days at school			35 days at school		
Spring Term 2028					Number of days at school
Mid-term holiday					
Re-Open	Close		Re-Open	Close	
Wed 5 January	Fri 18 February		Mon 28 February	Fri 7 April	
33 days at school			30 days at school		
Summer Term 2028					Number of days at school
Mid-term holiday					
Re-Open	Closed May Bank Holiday	Close	Re-open	Close	
Mon 24 April	Mon 3 May	Fri 26 May	Mon 5 June	Wed 26 July	
24 days at school			38 days at school		

Disclaimer

All the information in this guide was correct in August 2026 when it was written, however there may have been changes since this time.

Deadlines

Please note that deadlines notified during the allocation process will be strictly adhered to.

Further help available

The Admissions team

Telephone – (01482) 300300

Email – lsadmissions@hullcc.gov.uk

Webpages – [Secondary school applications | Hull](#) or [Applications and transfers – Hull](#)

Home to School Transport

hull.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/home-school-transport

Elective Home Education

hull.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/home-education

Summer Born Children

gov.uk/government/publications/summer-born-children-school-admission

Local Offer

hullsendlocaloffer.org.uk

Secondary catchment map

