Apply for a primary school place

Everything you need to know about school admissions

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See overleaf for more information.

www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/apply-online-school-place

Do you know that in Bolton...

...some of the more popular schools will receive more applications each year than there are available places.

Applications for faith schools or applications based on a medical condition or disability will require supporting evidence.

Further details are available on www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/primary-school-places-1

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It is best to apply for the school nearest to where you live. If your child does not meet any of the priority criteria for admission to your preferred school, then school places will be allocated based on proximity to the school. So if you apply for a school a long way from your house, you may not get a place.

Make use of the full three preferences in your application, so if you don't get into your preferred school, you have a back-up.

Schools publish their Admissions Policy on their website, which sets out the order that places are allocated until all available places are filled. This is particularly important for faith based schools.

You can also find out more about admission policies and how each school allocated their places in the last two years on the Bolton schools directory **www.bolton.gov.uk/directory/4/school-directory**.

This will give you an indication of how successful your application to that school may be.

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You can apply for a primary school place online anytime from 1 September 2026 to 11:59pm on 15 January 2027.

Please note that you still need to apply for a school place, even if your child has a brother or sister already in years Reception to Year 6 of your preferred school at the date of admission.

After 15 January,

if you still need to apply for a primary school place, you should contact the local authority for an application form by emailing **admissions@bolton.gov.uk**

Your application will be classed as late and will only be considered after all those received on time. You may not receive an offer of a school place until after 16 April 2027.

Apply for school places via the Citizen's Portal

More information is available on the Bolton Council website about applying for a school place. Go to **www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/apply-online-school-place**. Please note, all school applications in Bolton are submitted via the **Citizen's Portal.**

Visit Bolton's **Citizen's Portal** to find out more and apply for your school place.

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