

NewsRelease



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Reminder to apply for 2026 secondary school place

Parents and carers are being reminded to apply for their child's Year 7 place ahead of the deadline.

There are only a few days left to apply for a secondary school place for September 2026. The window for applications closes on 31 October 2025.

Parents and carers can submit their applications at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

The website includes information on different schools and their admissions criteria.

The deadline for applications is a national deadline. Applications made after this date will be considered once all on-time applications have been determined.

This means applying late could reduce the chance of a child being offered a place at their preferred school.

When submitting their applications, parents are encouraged to:

- visit their preferred school
- carefully consider each school's admissions criteria
- consider how their child will get to and from school
- use all six preferences on their application

Councillor Tony Ball, Cabinet Member for Education Excellence, Lifelong Learning and Employability at Essex County Council, said: "There are only a few days left before the deadline to apply for secondary school places for September 2026. I urge parents and carers of Year 6 pupils to do so if they haven't already.

"We're keen to maintain our excellent record of securing preferred places for Year 7 pupils in Essex, but we can only do this if parents complete their child's secondary school place application correctly and by the deadline."

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