

Information Sheet Starting School 2027

This leaflet for parents / carers of children starting school (Year R) for the first time in September 2027 explains how to apply for a lower / primary school place for a child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.

All the information you need to apply for a school place is available in our Starting School Booklet (PDF) and on our website; please scan the QR code, or go to www.bedford.gov.uk/startingschool. This explains how we process your application for a school place. Please read this carefully before you apply.



The website also allows residents of Bedford Borough Council to apply for a place online at www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions.

You may apply using a paper application form if you prefer, please contact the School Admissions Service via email admissions@bedford.gov.uk, or call 01234 718120

If you live in another Local Authority, you **must** complete your home Local Authority's application form and return it to them. Contact information is overleaf.

Application Deadline: 15 January 2027

Starting School Admissions Timetable

September 2026

We will publish information about the Starting School process.

26 September 2026 – 15 January 2027

You can apply online or you can complete and return a paper application form to the School Admissions Service. **Do not do both.**

15 January 2027

Closing date for applications.

16 April 2027

If you have applied online, you will receive an email to let you know the outcome of your application. If you have not applied online we will post a letter to you on this day.

Contact Us

School Admissions Service General Enquiries: 01234 718120

Email: admissions@bedford.gov.uk

Contact details for School Admission teams in neighbouring authorities

Cambridgeshire

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Central Bedfordshire

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Milton Keynes

Phone: (01908) 253338

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North Northamptonshire

Phone: 0300 126 3000

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West Northamptonshire

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