



How to apply for your child's secondary school place 2020/21

If your child lives in **Nottingham City** and was born between **1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009** you need to apply to Nottingham City Council for a secondary school place for them.

Key Points:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The closing date for applications is midnight on Thursday 31 October 2019. Applying late after the deadline may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school, particularly if it is popular.➤ You will be able to apply from 6 September 2019. The quickest and easiest way to do this is to go online at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Doing it online is completely safe and secure.➤ Please ensure that if you live in Nottingham City, you apply online using Nottingham City Council's website. If your application is made on the wrong website it won't be considered and any application you subsequently make after the closing date will be a late application.➤ You should list 4 schools in the order you most prefer. Naming only 1 school does not increase your chances of getting a place at your preferred school.➤ It is important that you provide details of any of your child's siblings (brothers or sisters) who will be attending any school you name on your application at the proposed time of admission. If this information is not provided the admission authority may not be able to place your application in the correct category. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ If you are applying for a place at a Nottingham City church academy you will also need to fill out a supplementary form. You can get these forms from www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/schooladmissions or the relevant academy.➤ You should tell us any information that is relevant to your application which may affect how the admission criteria are applied, i.e. if your child is looked after or previously looked after.➤ If it not possible to offer any of your preferences, your child will be added to a waiting and you will be advised of your right of appeal against the decision not to offer a place.➤ Tell us if you move house as this may affect how your application is considered.➤ Your application can only be discussed with the applicant or agreed contact. |
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Making Your Application

You will be able to apply from 6 September 2019. The quickest and easiest way to do this is to go online at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/schooladmissions . If you require a paper form, please telephone 0115 841 5568 to request one.

You can make changes to your online application right up to the time of the closing date and you'll receive an email confirmation to say that we have received it, giving you peace of mind. If you make any change to your application you **must** resubmit it. You'll need to make a note of your username and password.

- We recommend that you make **4 preferences**. This includes any schools you may wish to apply for that are outside Nottingham City.
- List your preferences in order starting with the one you would most like your child to attend.
- Remember that living in the catchment area, attending a linked school or having a brother or sister attending a school **DOES NOT** guarantee that your application will be successful.
- We recommend that one of the schools on your application should be one where you are sure that your child will meet one of the higher criteria for admission.

The popularity of a school may affect the chances of your child getting a place there. If there are more applications for a school than places available, places are offered according to the school's oversubscription criteria given in the 'Going to School in Nottingham 2020/21 booklet - Appendix 1', which can be viewed on our website at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Most secondary schools hold open evenings or sessions for parents/carers to look around and speak to teachers and details of these can be found on our website at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Consider how your child will get to school as you are responsible for getting them there. Information on school transport is available at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/schooladmissions in the guide for parents/carers.

Applications received after the closing date of **31 October 2019**, will not be considered until after 1st March 2020 and your child may not be offered a place at your preferred school.

Bluecoat Aspley Academy

If you are considering applying for a specialist place at Bluecoat Aspley Academy please contact Miss K Peet at the academy on 0115 929 7445 by 30 September 2019.

Nottingham Academy

Please be aware that the Nottingham Academy Ransom Road site will soon be a separate school, named The Wells Academy. Should you wish to apply for a place at this school, you will need to list The Wells Academy as your preference and not Nottingham Academy.

Supporting Information

If you consider your child has special educational, medical or social need that can **only** be met at a specific school you must indicate this on your application form and provide a written statement from a relevant professional, to support your application. Each case will be looked at on its merits.

We are trying to adapt as many of our mainstream schools as possible to meet the needs of disabled pupils. However, not all of our school buildings are currently suitable and there are some schools where it will not be possible to provide full access for disabled pupils.

If applying for Fernwood School and live in the catchment area, you will need to send proof of residence to the school.

What Happens Next?

If you applied online you will receive an email about your child's school place on 2 March 2020. If you applied using a paper application form, you will be notified by letter posted second class on Monday 2 March 2020.

If we have reason to believe that an application has been made using intentionally misleading or fraudulent information we will investigate. If a place is offered on the basis of false information it may be withdrawn.

General Contact Information:

Phone: 0115 8415568

(available Monday 9:30 – 13:00 , Tues – Fri 9:30 to 16:00)

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