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**Please note:** Ofsted are changing the way they inspect and report on schools. The new framework sets out how they will inspect:

- state schools
- further education and skills providers
- non-association independent schools
- registered early years settings

More information can be found on the [gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-is-changing-how-it-inspects-schools).

### Introduction

If you haven't already applied for a place for your child in Reception for September or Year 3, if your child was previously attending an infant school, then please go to our [In-Year admissions page](#) to find out how to apply.

### Before you apply

Before you get started, it's important to check which year your children will be due to start school. Children born between:

- 1 September 2014 - 31 August 2015 start school in September 2019
- 1 September 2015 - 31 August 2016 start school in September 2020
- 1 September 2016 - 31 August 2017 start school in September 2021
- 1 September 2017 - 31 August 2018 start school in September 2022

If your child was born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 then they are due to transfer to Year 3 at Junior school in September 2019 if they are currently attending an Infant school.

Before applying for a school place, we recommend that you read our Admission Booklet. This will explain the application process from start to finish. The booklet also contains a list of all the Infant, Junior and Primary schools in the Peterborough City Council area, along with their allocation criteria.

Information on how places were allocated at each primary/junior school for September 2019, as well as which schools were oversubscribed or have places remaining, can be found on our school allocation information sheet below.
We also encourage you to find out more about Peterborough schools by:

- Checking you’re applying to the [correct council](https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council)
- Checking your [school catchment areas](https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/)
- Visit the [school directory](https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=phase&region=471&geographic=false&age=primary) to see school info and visit websites
- Reading [Ofsted reports](https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/)
- Checking [Department for Education performance tables](https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=phase&region=471&geographic=false&age=primary)
- Visiting schools
- Checking whether the school requires a [Supplementary Information Form](https://admissions.peterborough.gov.uk/enrol_live/Website/)

### Admission to Reception, or Year 3 in September 2020

Information about how to apply for a place for your child in Reception, or Year 3, if you child currently attends an Infant School, will be available on the Peterborough City Council website on Thursday 12 September 2019.

Before you get started, it’s important to check if this applies to your child. Children born between:

- 1 September 2015 - 31 August 2016 start school in September 2020

You will need to apply after the application round opens on 12 September 2019 and before the national closing date of 15 January 2020.

If you have made an application in the first round, you can make any changes to your preferences or address via our “Amendment Form” which can be found in the Parent Portal.

### Making changes to a school place for September 2019

Any changes to your application form received by midnight on 15 January 2019 will be considered in the 16 April 2019 allocation. Any submitted after this deadline and by 30 April 2019 will be considered in the second round of allocations, week commencing 13 May 2019.

#### Delaying admission

If your child is a ‘summer born’ and you prefer to delay admission to the following year September, your child would normally be considered for admission into Year 1 rather than the reception year. In exceptional circumstances, summer born children may be admitted to school in a different year group.

This is usually due to concerns in relation to a child’s development. If you are considering requesting to delay your summer born child’s admission to Reception class to the following school year please [read the guidance sheet](https://admissions.peterborough.gov.uk/enrol_live/Website/).

#### Deferring admission

If you choose to defer admission to later in the academic year, you must discuss it with your allocated school when you accept the school place. Where a place is deferred, it cannot be given to another child but you must enter school by the beginning of the school term following their fifth birthday and within the school year for which the offer was made.
The table below sets out the options:

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You need to make an application for a Reception class place even if your child currently attends a Nursery class at the same school.

**Admissions guidance for Special Schools**

You can find detailed guidance about admissions for Special Schools on the education page of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) section [here](https://fs.peterborough.gov.uk/lb5/peterborough/directory/lso_youth_files.page?id=NudNw3EKXc4).

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