

Process timeline for admission in 2020/2021

Determination Year 2018/19 – for admission in 2020/21

1 October 2018	Start consultation: Earliest date to start consultation (min 6 weeks) on proposed admission arrangements (i.e. new admission policy).
1 January 2019	Deadline: Local authority to formulate a coordinated scheme for state-funded schools in their area, including any new school or academy that is due to open.
31 January 2019	Complete consultation: Deadline for the completion of the consultation on proposed admission arrangements.
28 February 2019	Determine admission arrangements: Deadline for admission arrangements to be determined even if they have not changed from the previous year and a consultation has not been required.
28 February 2019	Deadline: After which the Secretary of State may impose a coordinated scheme if local agreement has not been secured by this date.
15 March 2019	Send determined admission arrangements to LA: Deadline for admission authorities to send a copy of their full determined arrangements to LA.
15 March 2019	Publish your admission arrangements: Deadline for local authorities to publish on their website the proposed admission arrangements for any new school or academy which is intended to open within the determination year, details of where the determined arrangements for all schools, including academies, can be viewed, and information on how to refer objections to the Schools Adjudicator. Academies should also publish admission arrangements on their own school website, displaying them for the whole offer year.
15 May 2019	Schools Adjudicator deadline: Deadline for objections to the Schools Adjudicator.
30 June 2019	Deadline: Local Authorities to report to the School Adjudicator on admission arrangements in their area.
8 August 2019	Send info to LA: Deadline for admission authorities to provide admission arrangements information to the local authority to allow them to compile composite prospectus.

Offer year 2016/17 - for admission in 2017/18

12 September 2019	LA to publish prospectus: Deadline for local authorities to publish composite prospectus.
31 October 2019	National closing date for secondary school applications.
15 January 2020	National closing date for primary school applications.
28 February 2020	Publish appeals timetable: Deadline for admission authorities to publish their appeals timetable on their website.
March 2020 to end August 2020	Late applications: Parents apply to the local authority in which they live for places at their preferred primary or secondary schools/academies.
1 March 2020	National offer day for secondary school places.
16 April 2020	National offer day for primary school places
30 June 2020	Deadline: Local authorities to report to the Schools Adjudicator on admission arrangements in their area. Appeals: Admissions authority to adhere to timescales in Schools Admissions Appeals Code
September 2020	New intake starts at school In-Year applications: Post August 2020, an application for admission between September 2020 and end of Summer term 2021 is an ‘in-year’ application, and parents will need to apply to the academy’s admission authority directly. The LA should provide a form and info.