

Important dates in 2025 and 2026

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Important dates in the admissions process

September 2025

The application process for transfer to year 7 begins. Opportunity for parents/carers to visit individual schools (details on the school's websites). Prospectuses are available from schools.

31 October 2025

Closing date for completed online applications or paper forms to be received by the school admissions team. We strongly recommend that you do not delay your application until the last minute in case of technical problems. If you choose to apply on a paper form it's your responsibility to ensure that the form arrives at its destination on time.

22 January 2026

Applications received late with good reason up to this date will be considered on time. You must provide independent supporting evidence of a good reason or your application will be treated as late.

January to February 2026 - applications are analysed.

2 March 2026

National Offer Day.

If you applied online or provided an email address on their application form we'll notify you by email of the outcome of your application. We'll send letters will be sent by first-class post on this day to notify other parents or carers of the outcome of your application. No decisions will be given by phone.

March 2026

Waiting lists are established.

16 March 2026

Closing date for parents or carers to either accept or refuse the school place offered. If you do not reply, the offer may be withdrawn.

27 March 2026

Deadline for the submission of appeals.

April 2026 onwards - Independent appeal panels meet to consider appeals from parents or carers who are unhappy with their school allocation.

September 2026

Children start their new school.

For more information, download the Council's school application guide:

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/children-and-learning/school-application-guides>