



**To Parents/Carers of pupils in
Year 6 at a Primary or Junior
school**

Dear Parent/Carer

Applying for a Year 7 place in secondary school for September 2026

We are writing to remind parents/carers of pupils in Year 6 that the closing date for applications for Year 7 places in September 2026 is **on 31 October 2025** – in two weeks' time. If you have not already done so, please ensure that you apply for a secondary school place for your child and that this is received by the School Admissions team before the closing date.

Apply on time – by 31 October 2025

A late application will mean that the chance of getting one of your preferred schools is greatly reduced.

School places are **not** automatically allocated to any child, even if there is an older brother or sister attending a secondary school or you live in an area linked to a particular school.

How to apply

The easiest and quickest way to apply is online at: [Apply for a secondary school place | North Northamptonshire Council \(northnorthants.gov.uk\)](http://www.northnorthants.gov.uk)

You may also download a copy of the composite prospectus from our website: 'Applying for a Secondary School Place for 2026/27', and you are advised to read this carefully before making your application. Alternatively, you can make an application by completing a common application form on paper which you can request from us (School Admissions Team contact details above).

Some schools require a complete a supplementary information form (SIF) to be completed as part of the application for a place at the school. A list of schools which require a SIF can be found on the NNC website. SIFs should be returned directly to the school.

One school, Kettering Buccleuch Academy (KBA), requires children to sit a common ability test (CAT) before they can apply their admission criteria. Priority is given to those children who sit the CAT and those children who do not sit the test will be very unlikely to get a place.

Pupils living outside North Northamptonshire

If you do not live in North Northamptonshire, and even if your child attends a North Northamptonshire primary / junior school, you **must** make your application to your home local authority (i.e., where you live), not to North Northamptonshire Council.

Please contact the School Admissions team (details above) if you have any further questions.



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