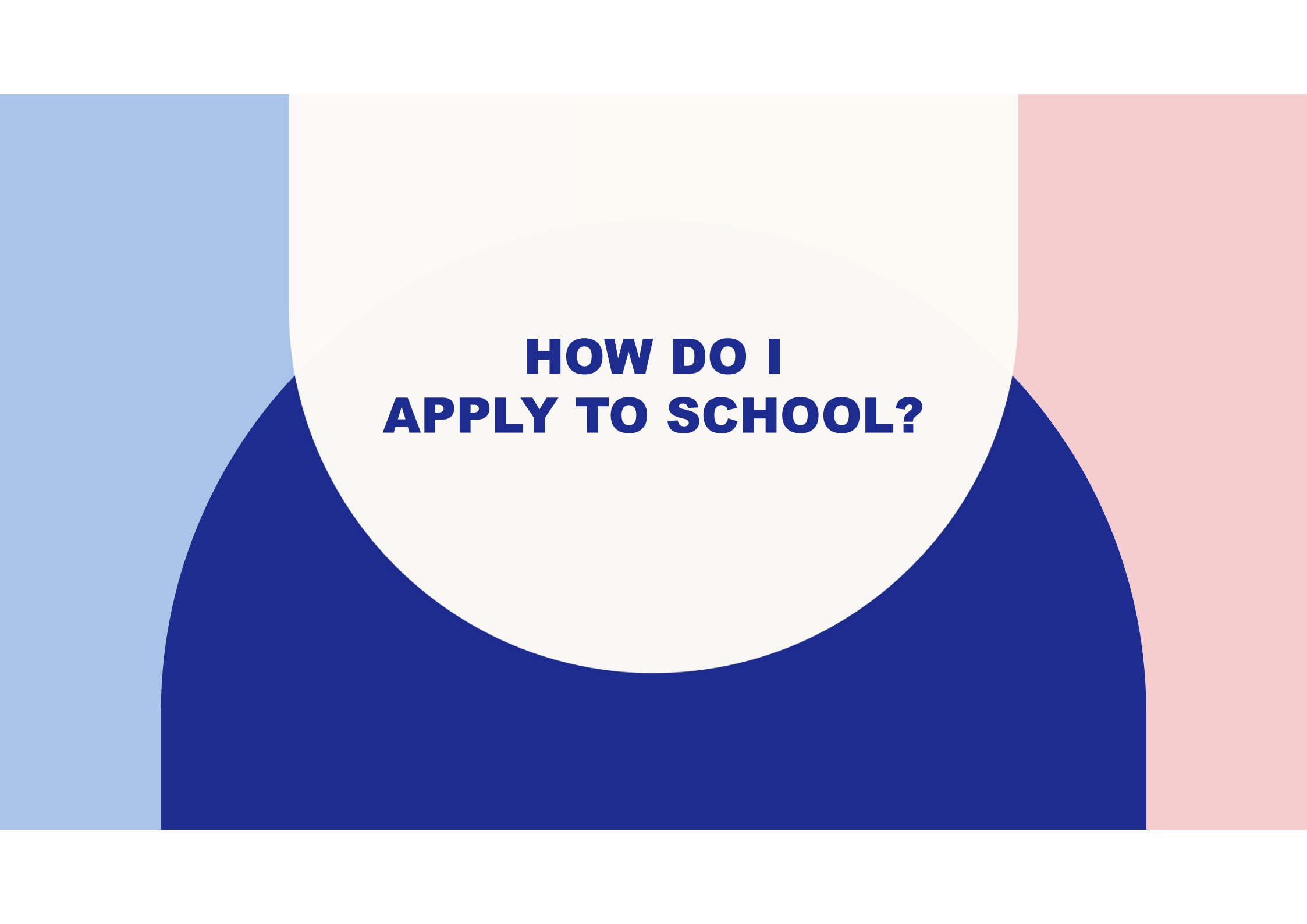


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**HOW DO I
APPLY TO SCHOOL?**

AGENDA

Introduction

Application Process

What To Look For

How To Get Your Child Ready

Final Tips & Takeaways



APPLYING TO SCHOOL

EXCEPTIONS

- Independent Schools
- Children with EHCPs (SEN)
- Applying across county borders

These work slightly differently.

Have a chat with us at the end if you have any questions about applying to these.



THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- All online (accessible copies available through Admissions)
- Up to 6 options
- You are able to provide information to support your application
- Lists of selection criteria are available on school websites:

Tip: for academies, look at their admissions policy. For maintained schools, check out local authority guidance.

4.2 Oversubscription criteria

When there are more applications for places than there are places available, priority will then be given in the following order:

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children

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2. Children who have a sibling continuing at the school at the time of admission and who live within the defined [catchment area](#)
3. Children who live in the defined catchment area
4. Children of staff at the school, in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time which the application for admission to the school is made, and or
 - b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage
5. Children who have a sibling continuing at the school at the time of admission and who live outside the defined catchment area
6. Other children

INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

<https://schools.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/nearest>

 **Find my child a school place**

[Home](#)

Find a school near you
Compare details of schools closest to where you live.

You might be looking for [Apply for a school place](#)

Please select the phase of entry you require

☐ Infant (Reception to Year 2)

☐ Junior (Years 3 to 6)

☐ Secondary (Years 7+)

[Continue](#) [I don't know what year my child should be in](#)

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-libraries-and-parks/school-admissions-and-appeals/guides-and-policies/school-place-allocation-statistics/>

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	School	Planned Admissions Number:	Distance of last allocated child:	Appeal Infant Class Size / Admission	How the places were allocated	Places still available
1						
2	Abbey View Primary Academy	30		Infant Class Size	No places offered	No
3	Ash Hill Primary School	30		Infant Class Size	All applicants offered	No
4	Ashmead Combined School	90		Infant Class Size	All applicants offered.	Yes
5	Aston Clinton School	58		Infant Class Size	All applicants offered.	Yes
6	Aylesbury Vale Academy (Berryfields)	60		Infant Class Size	No places offered	No
7	Bearbrook Combined School	60	0.09 miles	Infant Class Size	All applicants offered under to Rule 4 (catchment)	No
8	Bedgrove Infant School	120		Infant Class Size	No places offered	Yes
9	Bierton CE Combined School	60	1.39 miles	Infant Class Size	All applicants could be offered under to Rule 5 (catchment), and some under Rule 8 (distance)	No
10	Bledlow Ridge School	27	3.02 miles	Admission	Some applicants could be offered a place up to Rule 5 (catchment), and some under Rule 8 (distance)	No
11	Booker Hill School	30		Infant Class Size	No places offered	No
12	Bourton Meadow School	90		Infant Class Size	All applicants offered	Yes
13	Brill C E School	30		Infant Class Size	All applicants offered	No
14	Brookmead School	50		Admission	All applicants offered	Yes
15	Broughton Infant School	60	0.141 miles	Infant Class Size	Some applicants could be offered a place under Rule 5 (catchment)	No
16	Buckingham Park Primary School	60		Infant Class Size	No places offered	No
17	Buckingham Primary School	60		Infant Class Size	All applicants offered	Yes
18	Burford School	60		Infant Class Size	All applicants offered	Yes
19	Butlers Court School	60	2.026 miles	Infant Class Size	Some applicants offered under Rule 7 (distance)	No
20	Cadmore End CE School	14		Admission	All applicants offered	Yes
21	Carrington Infant School	60		Infant Class Size	All applicants offered	Yes

AN EXAMPLE

Tom has three preferences.

His parent lists them as:

1. High Town School
2. Leafy Lane School
3. Long Avenue School

STEP ONE

step 1	High Town School	Leafy Lane School	Long Avenue School
OFFERS	Billy	Tansy	Razia
	Rachel	Norris	Naureen
	Janice	Phoebe	TOM
	John	Katie	Susannah
	Barney	Siobhan	Lily
	Tansy	Billy	Harry
WAITING LIST	Shahim	Marcus	John
	Jonathan	Rachel	Amy
	Wilson	TOM	Lacey
	Susannah	Susannah	Patrick
	TOM	Liam	Ahmed
	Lacey	Shahim	Tansy
	Carly	Ernie	Billy
		At step 1 Tom is offered Long Avenue	

STEP TWO

step 2	High Town School	Leafy Lane School	Long Avenue School
OFFERS	Billy	Tansy	Razia
	Rachel	Norris	Naureen
	Janice	Phoebe	TOM
	John	Katie	Susannah
	Barney	Siobhan	Lily
	Tansy	Billy	Harry
WAITING LIST	Shahim	Marcus	~~John~~
	Jonathan	Rachel	Amy
	Wilson	TOM	Lacey
	Susannah	Susannah	Patrick
	TOM	Liam	Ahmed
	Lacey	Shahim	Tansy
	Carly	Ernie	Billy
All children are taken off lower preference lists			

STEP THREE

step 3	High Town School	Leafy Lane School	Long Avenue School
OFFERS	Rachel	Norris	Razia
	John	Katie	Naureen
	Barney	Siobhan	TOM
	Tansy	Billy	Susannah
	Shahim	Marcus	Lily
	Wilson	TOM	Harry
WAITING LIST	TOM	Liam	Amy
	Lacey		Lacey
	Carly		Ahmed
Tom can now be offered Leafy Lane School			

STEP FOUR

step 4	High Town School	Leafy Lane School	Long Avenue School
OFFERS	Rachel	Norris	Razia
	John	Katie	Naureen
	Barney	Siobhan	~~TOM~~
	Tansy	Billy	Susannah
	Shahim	Marcus	Lily
	Wilson	TOM	Harry
WAITING LIST	~~TOM~~	Liam	Amy
	Lacey		Lacey
	Carly		Ahmed
All children are taken off lower preference lists			

STEP FIVE

step 5	High Town School	Leafy Lane School	Long Avenue School
OFFERS	Rachel	Norris	Razia
	John	Katie	Naureen
	Tansy	Siobhan	Susannah
	Shahim	Billy	Lily
	Wilson	Marcus	Harry
	TOM	~~TOM~~	Amy
WAITING LIST	Lacey	Liam	Lacey
	Carly		Ahmed
Tom can now be offered High Town School			
His Leafy Lane place is given back and next time will be offered to Liam...			

WAITING LISTS

- Waiting lists are automatic
- You'll be offered a place at a higher choice school, if one comes up
- Let admissions know if you don't want to be on a waiting list any longer



TIPS

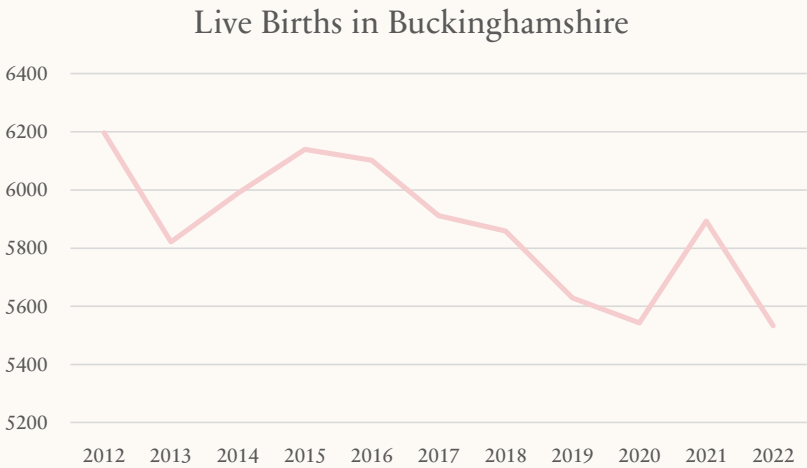
- Make a note of which email address you used
- Set up an account – you'll get reminders to apply
- Include your catchment school somewhere on the list
- If you have a sibling at the school, include this information
- Need your council tax number
- Think about how you will get your child there. Transport is provided to the **nearest** primary school if it is over 2 miles away.
- Ask the question!

KEY DATES

- 4th November 2026 – Primary Portal opens at 11am (Buckinghamshire Residents)
- 15th January 2027 – Primary Portal closes at Midnight
- 16th April 2027 – National Primary Allocation Day (Email)
- 30th April 2027 – Deadline for First Round Acceptances



THE GOOD NEWS (FOR YOU)



<https://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutus/transparencyandgovernance/freedomofinformationfoi/birthsanddeathsinwendoverandbuckinghamshire2012to2023>

HOW DO I PICK A SCHOOL?

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TAKE SOME TIME TO THINK...

Before you arrange any visits:

What is important to you?

What do you value from your child's current setting?

But... what do you already do well at home?

(Does this need to be replicated at school, or would you like to have school cultivate other strengths?)

ON A TOUR...

What's the feel of the school?

Do your values align with the Head/wider staff?

What is engagement like?

Ask "Is this normal?" if you see something you like/don't like.

Are there any events you could go along to? Stay and plays, Christmas Fayres etc. are a good indication of culture.

GETTING YOUR CHILD READY...

Read, read, read! Children who love books excel at school.

Toilet training (including wiping). Help at: eric.org.uk

Independence: zips, buttons, washing and drying hands etc.

Speaking positively about school: not something to be feared

Asking open questions

Having predictable routines



FINAL TIPS AND TAKEAWAYS

Please please please put at least four options on the form

Look around as many places as you can

If something isn't going to plan, speak to your local school, or to us





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