

Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2026

Apply online at
kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opens Monday 1 September 2025 and closes at
midnight on Friday 31 October 2025

For children born between
1 September 2014
and **31 August 2015**,
Transferring to Secondary
school in **September 2026**

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens
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If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Monday 2 March 2026**) an email will be sent after **4pm** informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Monday 16 March 2026**.

If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Monday 1st September 2025	Online application process opens. Go to <u>www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions</u> to register and apply.
Friday 31st October 2025	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <u>kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</u>
Monday 2nd March 2026	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm .
Monday 16th March 2026	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Monday 30th March 2026	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at <u>www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</u> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council if the child resides at a Kent address. If your child does **not** reside at a Kent address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.

