

Admissions Timeline for review and consultation 2024-25
For the year 2026/27, admission in September 2026

Please note: If you haven't consulted on your admission arrangements within the last 7 years, you must do so this year even if you are not proposing any changes.

Date	Activity	Detail
September 2024 onwards If changes are planned, the arrangements should be reviewed at the earliest opportunity in the new school year in order to allow for consultation with the Diocese.	Review and propose	The Governing body, as Admission Authority, reviews admission arrangements with regard to the School Admissions Code December 2021 and with reference to the LA co-ordinated admission scheme.
October 1 2024	Earliest start date of formal consultation period	This is the earliest date to begin formal consultation if changes are proposed, or at least every 7 years.
By 10 November 2024	Consultation with the Diocesan Board of Education where changes are proposed or at least every 7 years	Governing body sends admission arrangements, including any SIF, to the Diocesan Board of Education BEFORE going to formal consultation.
By 30 November 2024	The Diocese will respond to all arrangements needing consultation by 30 November to allow the admission authority to make recommended changes before going out to full formal consultation Advice from the Diocese Review by the governing body	Governing body should follow advice given by the Diocesan Board of Education (this is specifically in relation to faith criteria, although guidance will be given on compliance to all schools) and prepare firm proposal arrangements.
1 October 2024 to 31 January 2025	Statutory Consultation period	Statutory consultation with other admission authorities interested parties a minimum of 6 weeks between 1 October and 31 January
31 January – 28 February 2025	Determination and Notification	All admission authorities must determine admission arrangements by 28 February every year even if they have not changed from previous years and a consultation has not been required.

15 March 2025		Admission authorities must notify the appropriate bodies and must publish a copy of the determined arrangements on their website displaying them for a whole year. The LA and Diocese must receive a copy of the determined arrangements as soon as possible before 15 March
15 March 2025		Deadline for admission authorities to send a copy of their full determined admission arrangements to their local authority. 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.
By 15 May 2025	Adjudication	Admission arrangements are referred to the Schools Adjudicator where the admission authority concerned fails to comply with the mandatory provisions of the Schools Admission Code (2021) or where guidelines are not followed. Decisions on objections to admission arrangements are made by the Schools Adjudicator. Objections must be referred to the Adjudicator by 15 May. The Governing Body must comply with any direction from the Adjudicator or Secretary of State within 2 months
LA Composite Prospectus By 8 August 2025	Publication	The admission authority must provide the LA with all the information for the composite prospectus no later than 8 August

Offer year 2024/25 dates

31 October 2024 National closing date for secondary school applications.

15 January 2025 National closing date for primary school applications.

28 February 2025 Deadline for admission authorities to publish their appeals timetable on their website.

1 March 2025 National offer day for secondary school places.

16 April 2025 National offer day for primary school places.