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Key dates

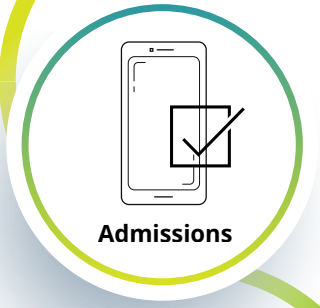
Applying for pre-school and primary 1 places for September 2027

EA Connect will open for applications to pre-school and primary school for the school year beginning September 2027 to June 2028 on **Wednesday 6 January 2027 at 12 noon.**

Use the links below to access EA Connect for pre-schools, schools and parents

Access EA Connect - pre-school/school
https://connect.eani.org.uk/school

Access EA Connect - parent
https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent



- **Resource Hub for pre-schools/schools**

School users can access EA Connect from C2k 'my schools' tab or from the Admissions Guidance section on the EA website. Support resources and information for pre-schools/schools are being updated and will be available in due course.

Pre-schools/schools who require EA Connect user access updates should contact digital@eani.org.uk Alternatively, schools can request user access updates via C2K Exchange - EA Forms (EA Admissions Access Request form)

- **Information for parents**

Admissions Criteria for all pre-schools and primary schools will be published on the EA website from **9 December 2026.** Parents will be able to access information on the application process from that date via the Admissions section on our website.

Admissions Guidance for pre-schools and schools

Graphics for use in promoting key dates in admissions process

As part of our work to promote the forthcoming admissions process, we have developed graphics which you may wish to use during your communication with parents, including at Open Night/Day events.

The graphics can be shared on your social media and web channels, or included in any other communications you may use within your pre-school/school community.

We hope you find them useful in communicating the key dates in the admissions process with parents. A social media toolkit is currently being developed and will be shared with you in December 2026.

Further Assistance - Admissions Helpdesk

The Admissions Helpdesk is available from Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm by telephone on 028 9047 0177 or by emailing **preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk** or **primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk**

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