



Please read these notes before completing your application form

Please read the appropriate section in the **Information for parents 2026/27** booklet for further details. You can find the booklet online at www.portsmouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions or request a copy from the Admissions Team. If you have any queries regarding your child's application or you would like help completing your form, please contact the Admissions Team via the City Helpdesk on 023 9268 8008.

- **Please read the whole form carefully before making your application to ensure that you complete the appropriate sections. It is essential that your application form is completed correctly.**
- **You can use this form to apply for Portsmouth schools or to a school in another local authority.**
- **If evidence is required to support your application, this must be relevant and returned with your form by the closing date. It is your responsibility to provide the evidence required.**
- **It is essential that your application is received by the closing date of Friday 31 October 2025.** Late applications will not be considered until all applications that were received on time have been considered and allocated a place. For exceptions see page 17 and 18 of **Information for parents 2026/27** booklet.
- **The Admissions Team will acknowledge your application form in writing before January 2026.**
- On **Monday 2 March 2026**. Offers will be sent by email on national offer day. If no email address is available offers will be posted by letter.

Please return your application to the Admissions Team, Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth PO1 2EA. If you are posting your application by Royal Mail, we advise you to obtain proof of posting. If you hand deliver your application to the Civic Offices, please ask for a receipt.

**The closing date
for applications is
Friday 31 October
2025**



You can get this Portsmouth City Council information in large print, Braille, audio or in another language by calling 023 9268 8008.

Section 1 – Pupil information

Surname:	Forename:
Date of birth:	Gender:
Current school:	
Address:	This address should be the permanent address at which the child is living with his/her parent(s)/carer(s) as of Friday 31 October 2025 See Information for parents booklet page 14 – 15 for further information regarding possible change of address during the process or contact the Admissions Team.
Postcode:	

Section 2 - School preferences

If you would like further advice before completing this section, or help to complete the application, please contact the Admissions Team via the City Helpdesk on 023 9268 8008.

- If the school you have applied for is oversubscribed, places will be allocated according to the admission policies published in the **Information for parents** booklet pages **49** to **63** for Portsmouth schools.
- **If you wish to apply for your designated catchment area school this should be stated as one of your preferences.**

For information on your catchment area school, go to **www.portsmouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions** or contact the Admissions Team.

Schools that don't have catchment areas and serve the whole of the city are: St Edmund's Catholic School and The Portsmouth Academy.

- It is important that you tick the boxes relevant to your child's application and provide any evidence requested in section 3. If none of the criteria apply, your child will still be considered for a place at your preferred schools. **Having criteria for a school is not a guarantee that a place will be allocated.**
- If you are applying for a school in another local authority you may be required to complete their supplementary form. Please contact the school direct for information.
- If you are not successful in gaining a place at one of your preferred schools, a place will be offered at the next nearest school to your home with places available.

Preference 1:	Preference 4:
Preference 2:	Preference 5:
Preference 3:	Preference 6:

- **Please state a preference for up to six different schools**
- **Only applying for one school or stating the same school more than once, will not strengthen your application**

Section 3 – Application assessment

If you are applying for a place at St Edmund's Catholic School please complete and return the supplementary information form (SIF) available to download from the Useful Links section at the bottom of the 'Apply to move to secondary school' page of the School Admissions section of our website www.portsmouthcc.gov.uk. This section is for all other Portsmouth secondary schools.

If you have stated a preference for a secondary school listed on page 73 of the **Information for parents 2026/27 booklet**, please tick any boxes that relate to your child's application and return relevant evidence as required. This does not apply to St Edmund's Catholic School (which requires a supplementary form or 'SIF' - see previous paragraph), the UTC or a school in another local authority.

Tick the box if the answer is **yes**, or leave blank if the answer is **no**.

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Child looked after or previously looked after by a local authority

See **Information for parents** booklet page 66. If you have ticked this criterion, please complete Section 4 of the application form

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Child or family with significant medical, physical, psychological or social need

This must be supported by relevant documentation which is to be returned with the application form – See **Information for parents** booklet page 66. **Note:** not applicable to ARK Charter Academy.

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Brother or sister on roll

If brother(s) or sister(s), including step-brother(s) and step-sister(s) **living in the same household**, already attend the school you have applied to and will continue to attend **next academic year** – See **Information for parents** booklet page 67.

Name:

Date of birth:

School attending:

Current year group:

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Are you currently applying for a place at one or more of your preferred schools for a brother/sister

Name:

Date of birth:

School(s) applying for:

Current year group:

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Is your child eligible for service premium (children of UK armed forces personnel)

See **Information for parents** booklet Page 67.

(a child of armed service personnel under S14 of the Education Act 2002) - Evidence may be requested. **Note:** not applicable to Castle View or Miltoncross Academies.

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Child of staff

See **Information for parents** booklet Page 68.

Employed at the school for more than 2 years at time of application or recruited to fill a post subject to skill shortage. **Note:** not applicable to Castle View and Miltoncross.

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Other reason for application (Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Section 4 – Looked after (or previously looked after) child

☐ **Looked after child** – If you are making an application for a child looked after by a local authority (i.e. in the local authority care or provided with accommodation by the local authority for a continuous period of more than 24 hours) please complete the following information.

Linked social worker:	Telephone number:
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Contact address:

☐ **Previously looked after child** – A child previously looked after and then immediately adopted or subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. Please provide a copy of the relevant court order.

Name of the previous care authority:

Section 5 – Parent(s)/carer(s) information

The application will be processed on the basis that all those who hold parental responsibility are in agreement.

Applicant's details

Other parent/carers if applicable

Mr/Mrs/Miss/other:	Mr/Mrs/Miss/other:
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Surname:	Surname:
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Forename:	Forename:
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Relationship to child:	Relationship to child:
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Address if different to child:	Address if different to child:
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<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if either parent is a member of UK armed forces	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if either parent is a crown servant
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Main contact tel:	Alternative contact tel:
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Applicant's email address: (please state in CAPITAL letters)

Section 6 – Declaration

I have read the privacy statement below and understand that the information provided in this application may be used for school admissions and education purposes. Selected information may also be used for child health purposes where this is allowed by law.

I have read the guidance notes and Information for Parents booklet and the information given on this form is to the best of my knowledge correct and this is the only starting school/junior/secondary school application form I have completed on behalf of this child. I understand that any place offered will be withdrawn if I give false information even if my child has started at the new school.

I confirm that all those who have parental responsibility are in agreement with this application,

Signature of parent/carers:

Print name:	Date: / /
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Data protection - privacy notice

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