School Admissions for children starting Primary School in September 2027

If your Child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, it is an exciting/nervous time of year where you need to begin the process of searching for a Reception class space in an Infant or Primary School for your child to start in September 2027.

The portal for applying for your child's school place for children who live in Reading is open from Monday 3rd November 2026, for children who live in West Berkshire it is open from 12th September 2026 both Local Authorities applications close on Thursday 15th January 2027. It is very important that you apply before the closing date. Spaces will be offered on 16th April 2027. You must apply to the Local Authority that you live in even if you wish for your child to attend school in a different Local Authority.

The information below contains lots of links to help you with the process of applying and links to schools that children from Norcot have transitioned to over the last two years, many schools have open days which we recommend you attend for schools that you are considering. This will help to inform your decisions. Open days/ tours take place between September- January, some schools have already released dates, others have not but should be putting these on their websites shortly, it is worth keeping an eye on these and booking when they are available.

If your Local Authority is Reading Borough Council more information about the application process can be found here - https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parents-carers/schools/primary-admissions/

If your Local Authority is West Berkshire more information about the application process can be found here - https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/40449/Applying-for-Primary-School-Places

If you are unsure of local schools near you; please follow the link, where you can find your child's Catchment School here.

Reading Borough Council- https://my.reading.gov.uk/

West Berkshire Council - https://gis2.westberks.gov.uk/internetmapping/AddressFinder_v2.aspx?frm=school

Staff are unable to recommend schools as this is a personal preference for families.

SEND- If your child has Special Educational Needs it is recommended that you ask to speak to the SENDCo of the schools to ask any questions you may have. If you child has an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) and you wish to explore Specialist Schools please use the links below.

Reading Borough Council- https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parentscarers/send/#send-support

West Berkshire Council- https://www.westberks.gov.uk/local-offer-special-specialist-schools

Schools:

These are the schools that children have transitioned to from Norcot over the past two years. It is useful to use the catchment link to see the nearest schools to you.

Reading:

Battle Primary Academy - https://www.battleprimary.co.uk/

Churchend Primary Academy- https://www.churchendacademy.com/

Civitas Academy- https://civitasacademy.co.uk/

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School - https://englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk/

Supplementary Information Form to be completed alongside application

Green Park - https://greenparkvillageacademy.org/

Katesgrove Primary School - https://www.katesgroveprimaryschool.co.uk/

Meadow Park Academy- https://www.meadowpark.anthemtrust.uk/

Moorlands Primary School- https://www.moorlandsps.org.uk/index.asp

Oxford Road Community Primary School - https://oxfordroad.reading.sch.uk/index.asp

Park Lane Primary School- https://www.parklaneprimary.school/index.asp

Ranikhet Primary School- https://www.ranikhetacademy.co.uk/

Southcote Primary School- https://www.southcoteprimary.co.uk/

St Mary and All Saints (Church of England) Primary School - https://stmaryandallsaints.co.uk/

St Michaels Primary School- https://www.stmichaels.reading.sch.uk/

Thameside – https://www.thamesideprimary.co.uk/

The Hill - https://www.thehillprimary.org.uk/

Wilson Primary School- https://www.wilsonprimary.co.uk/index.asp

West Berkshire:

Birch Copse Primary School - https://birchcopse.co.uk/

Downsway Primary School- https://www.downsway.w-berks.sch.uk/

Long Lane Primary School- https://www.longlane.w-berks.sch.uk/

Springfield Primary School- https://springfieldprimary.org/westberks/primary/springfield

St Pauls Catholic Primary School – https://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk/

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Theale Primary School - https://www.thealeprimary.co.uk/

Westwood Farm infant School- https://www.westwoodfarmschools.w-berks.sch.uk/

Specialist SEND schools :

The Avenue School (Reading) – https://www.avenue.reading.sch.uk/

Education Health Care Plan needed for application

Thames Valley School - https://www.thamesvalleyschool.org.uk/

Education Health Care Plan needed for application

Brookfields School (West Berks) - https://www.brookfieldsschool.org/

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If you have any questions please come and speak to Helen.

Helen – Email: hwalsh@norcot.reading.sch.uk

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Helen will be offering School Application help sessions during November and December, please email Helen to book a session.