

Dorset Co-ordinated Admission Scheme 2025-2026

Admissions	Secondary	Primary
Closing date - for applications* (EHCP and Children in Care)	31/10/24	15/01/25
Final EHCP allocations confirmed to School Admissions	12/01/25	15/02/25
Latest Date for Children in Care applications	31/01/25	14/3/25
Application Exchange - Dorset LA exchanges applications with other LAs	15/11/24	3/02/25
Verifying Criteria & Ranking Deadline - for Admission Authorities to complete the process of verifying and confirming the criteria for their applications, ranking those applications and returning them to the Local Authority	10/01/25	06/03/25
First Offer Exchange - First exchange of offers between LAs	27/01/25	14/03/25
Final Offer Exchange - Final exchange of offers between LAs	07/02/25	28/03/25
Final Allocation Notification - Dorset LA to inform all schools of final allocations	21/02/25	07/04/25
Notification Day - Dorset LA sends notification to home applicants (National Offer Day or the next working day if it falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday)	03/03/25	16/04/25
Parents respond to the offer	15/03/25	2/05/25

Dorset Council will have a single late round inline with all neighbouring authorities. The single late round for each cycle will close the day prior to the National Offer Day of that cycle. All applications after the National Offer day will no longer be batch co-ordinated and will be dealt with as In-Year Transfers and will be dealt with as they are received.

Round	Late Closing Date	Late Offer Date	Late Response Date
Secondary Late	02/03/25 Secondary Only	2/04/25 Secondary Only	16/04/24 Secondary Only
Primary Late	15/04/25 Primary Only	14/05/25 Primary Only	30/05/25 Primary Only

Secondary Applications received after 2nd February and Primary Applications after the 15th April will be processed as quickly as possible as they are received and as In-Year Transfers. Please note applications received within the last few weeks of term and during the summer holidays may not be processed until the schools return from their summer break.

*Applicants applying on aptitude/ability will be advised of the outcome of the testing (not guarantee of a placement) in good time to complete a preference application by the closing date.