

Applying for a Pre-School place for September 2026: Key Dates

For **target age** children born on or between **2 July 2022 and 1 July 2023**

For **underage** children born on or between **2 July 2023 and 1 July 2024**

If you are deferring your child from starting Primary School, you can apply for a Pre-School place.



Stage 1

Stage 2



12:00
noon

12:00
noon

4:00pm

4:00pm

Admissions
Criteria
Published on
EA Admissions
Website

EA Connect
Opens at 12 noon
for Applications

EA Connect
Closes at 12 noon
for Punctual
Applications

EA Connect Closes
for Birth Certs &
supporting
documents

Deadline for late
Applications Closes
at 4pm

Outcome of
Stage 1
Target Age only
Applications

Stage 2 Process
EA Connect
Opens for
Applications

Stage 2
Closes for
Applications

Outcome of
Stage 2
Target Age &
Underage
Applications



IMPORTANT

Submit a Punctual Application
within these dates/times

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It is important to read:

- ☒ the pre-school admissions guide; and
- ☒ the published Admissions Criteria of your listed Pre-Schools

Visit www.eani.org.uk/admissions for further information

