

Starting Primary 1 in Aberdeen City

All children who will reach the age of five on or before the start of the new school session on 22 August 2022 should start primary school in August 2022. Children who reach the age of five after the start of the new school session in August 2022, but before the last day of February 2023 may also be enrolled for primary school in August 2022.

Whilst placing requests for P.1. can be submitted at any time and are classed as 'on time' applications if submitted on or before the 15 March, we encourage you to apply for P.1 by 17 January 2022. Your support in submitting your application on time is appreciated and assists schools with planning for the new school year.

Before you apply for a school place online, you will need to set up an account. This is so you can track the progress of your application.

You will need to provide us with evidence of where you live, your child's birth certificate and any other information specific to your case. You can upload these to the form when you apply. We will accept photographs of documents as long as we can see the whole document clearly.

Apply for a school place

You can enter your postcode on our school zone map to find your zoned school.

Check the school zone map

You have the right to apply for a place at any school in Aberdeen City, but if you do not apply for your **zoned school** we can't guarantee you a place there. **We advise that you apply for both your zoned school and your preferred school.**

Deferring entry to Primary 1

From August 2022, Aberdeen City Council will be one of the local authorities offering an additional year of funded Early Learning and Childcare (ELC), as part of a Scottish Government pilot initiative, prior to it becoming a universal right from August 2023.

Previously, only children with a fifth birthday between January and February were automatically entitled to an additional year of funded ELC if entry to Primary One was deferred.

However, from August 2022, children who are resident in Aberdeen City, and whose fifth birthday falls between 22nd August 2022 and the end of February 2023, will be automatically entitled to an additional year of funded ELC.

If you decide to defer your child's entry to P1 you must still apply online for an ELC deferred entry place. ELC applications for 2022/23 will open later in January.

Early entry to Primary 1

Parents can request early entry for their child at their zoned primary school. We do not normally admit children who are five after the February 2023 closing date.

The Head Teacher of your zoned school will consider your application for early entry to Primary 1. They will assess the child's ability and aptitude but must consider wider issues including whether the primary class can suitably meet the needs of the child.