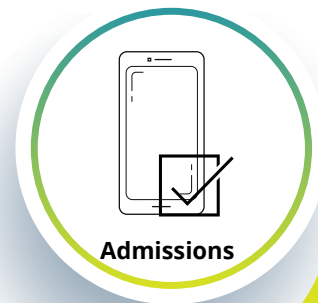# eaconnect

Admissions

Transfer to Post Primary September 2026

➡️ **EA Connect** will open on **27 January 2026 at 12 noon** and close on **19 February 2026 at 12 noon** for Year 8 post primary applications.

📞 Call the Admissions Helpdesk on 028 9047 0177, Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm throughout the application window.

✉️ The helpdesk email for parents is **postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk**

EA Post Primary Admissions - the process

➡️ **Tuesday 27 January 2026** - the application window opens

➡️ Parents can begin an application by selecting 'Apply Now' to access EA Connect

➡️ Post primary school users can view applications on EA Connect.

➡️ **Thursday 19 February 2026** - the application window closes and a short period of housekeeping is completed

➡️ Please note, post primary schools will not consider applications until after the closing date

➡️ **Monday 23 February 2026** - Post primary school users will be able to record decisions on applications in EA Connect

➡️ Applications completed and submitted during the application window will be treated as **punctual**

➡️ Applications received between **12 noon** on **Thursday 19 February 2026** and **4pm** on **Tuesday 24 February 2026** will be treated as **late**

➡️ **Access EA Connect - School**
https://connect.eani.org.uk/school/
or from C2k 'My Schools' tab

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The Post Primary Admissions Guide for Post Primary School Users is a step-by-step guide for processing applications on EA Connect and includes the top FAQs we receive from schools. You can access it on the Admissions Guidance section of the Resource Hub of our website.

Social media toolkit - share with your parent community

We hope you find the resources in this Social Media Toolkit helpful in sharing the key dates and information relating to the admissions process for post primary.

Thank you for your continued support in sharing the regular updates from EA's social media channels with your school community.

Where possible, please share these key messages with your school community:

The application process for P7 children transferring to post primary school in September 2026 is opening soon. You can apply via EA Connect from **Tuesday 27 January 2026** to **Thursday 19 February 2026** at **12 noon**

Important: Please visit Search Admissions Criteria to read the criteria for all post primary schools and access support resources including tutorial videos and guidance documents to help you complete an application on the EA website.

Information leaflet for parents

The 'Applying for a Pre-School or School Place for September 2026' leaflet has been circulated to primary schools, with guidance for parents. Further resources are available on the EA website.

Resources to support parents applying for a post primary place

A number of useful resources have been developed which include admissions criteria, tutorial videos, FAQs and guides to support parents with the Post Primary application process via EA Connect on the Admissions Support section of the EA website.

Social Media

Regular updates are provided through the EA social media to inform parents and guardians of important dates and useful resources. Please help us reach parents by sharing on your own preferred social channels.

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