

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Before you apply for a September 2026 place in Reception class, Y5 of a Middle school, Y7 in a High School or Y9 in Whitley Bay High you should read the information below and in the Essential Guide booklet before making an application

- Your child's attendance at a school nursery does not guarantee your child a place in the Reception class of this school. You **MUST** apply for a place in Reception, and attending the Nursery has **NO** bearing on your child getting a place at your preferred school. The admissions criteria for the school will be applied to all applications.
- Find out which school is your catchment school. Some streets are split so please don't assume that you live in a particular catchment area, it's always best to check. Please use the school catchment map <https://maps.northtyneside.gov.uk/Catchment/schoolCatchDiscl.html> or email school.admissions@northtyneside.gov.uk giving us your full address.
- Your child will not automatically be given a place at your catchment school, you must apply on time for a place to have a chance of success.
- Be aware that living near to a school or having a sibling attending a school does not guarantee your child a place at the same school.
- Be aware that your child may not be offered a place at any of your preferred schools, especially if you apply to oversubscribed schools and don't have a high priority under their over subscription criteria.
- You must read the Admission Policy for each school you are interested in to find out at which school/s you stand the best chance of being offered a place. These can be found on the school website.
- You can look at the application statistics for previous years in the Essential Guide booklets on the North Tyneside Council website. This will show you schools that were oversubscribed and the number of appeals that were heard. However, please use these as a rough guide because that these figures can change from year to year.
- We recommend using all three preferences on your application form, this does not reduce your chance of gaining a place at your first preference school. Only using one preference will not increase your chances of getting a place at that school.
- Don't repeat the name of a school more than once on your application, this does not increase your chance of being offered a place and is a waste of preferences.
- If your child is eligible for an offer at more than one school, your highest ranked preference will be offered, and any lower ranked offers will be disregarded.
- You must inform us at once if you change address after the submission of your application form.
- It is **your** responsibility to apply for a school place and to make sure your application is returned by the closing date.

Visit [school catchment areas](#) to view the catchment map.