**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 19th August 2025 should start primary school in August 2025. Children who reach the age of five after the start of the new school session in August 2025, but before the last day of February 2026 may also be enrolled for primary school in August 2025. Whilst placing requests for P1 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 P1 from the start of term on **6th January 2025 to 22nd January 2025**.

Your support in submitting your application within this time frame 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 can help you 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 child.

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.

All ‘on time’ applications received will be processed by schools by 30 April.

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**Deferring entry to Primary 1**

Children who are resident in Aberdeen City, and whose fifth birthday falls between 19th August 2025 and the end of February 2026, will automatically be entitled to an additional year of funded ELC if parents or carers wish.

For those who may be considering deferring their child’s entry to primary 1, it may be helpful to discuss this with key staff in your child’s ELC setting who are currently supporting your child’s learning journey. ELC settings can share a copy of the Deferred Entry Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) leaflet, also available on the ACC website

[Education and Childcare | Aberdeen City Council](https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare) No application for deferral will be necessary, however, we will gather data which may be shared with the Scottish Government.