

# ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

“Aberdeenshire’s Registration Week for Primary 1 admission is Monday 16th January to Friday 20th January 2023.”

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 29th February 2024 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admission in August 2023.

Parents/Carers of those children due to commence attendance at school in August 2023 should now register their children for the appropriate local primary school.

To register for a primary school place, for a school within your catchment area, please complete the online application which can be found at: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForSchoolPlace>.

It is usual practice for children to attend their local catchment primary school, however, you have the right to apply to place your child in a school other than your local school. Please complete an out of zone placing request. (You should still register your child in a school in the area you live in until you know the outcome of your application) Out of Zone Request form can be found at: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/admissions/out-of-zone-school/>

Please bring the below with you when your child starts school:

- the child’s birth certificate as this is required as evidence of their date of birth and;
- evidence of the parent/carer’s home address (for example a recent utility bill or recent bank statement).

All schools in Aberdeenshire have the same start date, in the middle of August each year. You will be informed of this year’s start date at the time of registration at school.

Aberdeenshire Education & Children’s Services makes no provision to admit any children who are five after the end of February, unless that child has previously been registered and has commenced full-time attendance (excluding induction) in a state supported or Forces school and is transferring into Aberdeenshire. In this case, the local authority can exercise discretion. Registration for a nursery or playgroup does not count for the purposes of this exception.