



# Holbeton Primary School

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## Re: Admission Arrangements

Admissions – Joining our School

### Come and visit us

If you are interested in your child attending our school, you are welcome to come in and visit us. You can arrange a visit by emailing [admin@holbeton.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holbeton.devon.sch.uk)

Devon is the admissions authority for our school, responsible for the admissions policies and decisions when there is an application for admission. We have an admissions policy for each academic year. Policies are written to comply with the School Admissions Code 2021 and the School Admissions Appeals Code 2022. We take part in the normal round and the in-year coordinated admissions schemes of Devon County Council.

### Applying to come here

Once you decide you would like a place you must make a formal application. This is the same for all new admissions, including children who have a sibling with us, children who have been a pupil here before and including children who have been at our nursery or feeder school. You can do this by applying to the Local Authority (Devon County Council).

If your child is due to start in Reception (Foundation Stage), children are offered places to start in Reception at the beginning of the September term after their fourth birthday, even if they intend to defer admission until later in the academic year.

Applications for a place in sixth form are made direct to the school, using the form at XXXX.

### The Local Authority

Devon County Council publishes information about admissions and its own policies to support the admissions application and appeals process. This is at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissions) where you can read about the admission process in the *Step by Step* and *In-Year Admissions* booklets.

Applications can be made online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) or by using the forms available at <http://devon.cc/applicationforms>

There is an appeals process if an application is refused; this is detailed at [www.devon.gov.uk/school-appeals](http://www.devon.gov.uk/school-appeals)

For questions about your child joining the school or just about the admissions process in general, please don't hesitate to contact the school direct or contact Devon School Admissions Service on 0345 155 1019 or by email to [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk).

The admissions policies for all state-funded mainstream schools in Devon can also be found at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>

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## Our Admissions Policies

You can find our admissions arrangements below - we review the school policy annually and may make changes if we feel this is in the best interests of the school and our community.

Each academic year has its own policy document, with details about how to apply for a place in school from the start of Reception through to Year 6 / Year 7 to Year 11 and in sixth form.

### School admissions policy 2025-26

This is our determined policy. If you have any comments regarding the policy, you can contact us at the school or [schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk).

We amended our policy to remove a time limitation on when in-year applications could be made for children of Crown Servants or UK Service personnel.

### [2025-26 Admission Policy HPS](#)

### School admissions policy 2026-27

This is our determined policy. If you have any comments regarding the policy, you can contact us at the school or [schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk).

We amended our policy to remove a time limitation on when in-year applications could be made for children of Crown Servants or UK Service personnel.

### [2026-27 Admission Policy HPS](#)

### School admissions policy 2027-28

We will consult on an admissions policy between November 2025 and 16 January 2026. If you have any comments regarding the policy we propose, you can contact us at the school or [schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk).

After the consultation, we will determine the policy at a meeting of the admissions authority held before the end of February 2026. Once determined, the policy will be updated online by 15 March 2026.

Objections can be made up to 15 May 2026 to the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator.

### [2027-28 Admission Policy HPS](#) (DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION between 1.11.25 and 16.1.26)

## The Admissions Appeals Timetable 2026

The deadline for submitting appeals allows appellants at least 20 school days to prepare and submit a written appeal. The appeal must then be heard within 40 school days for the normal round and within 30 days for in-year admissions.

Allocation date for Reception or junior school Year 3: 16 April 2026

Deadline for appeal forms to be submitted: 31 May 2026

Appeals will be heard within 40 school days, by: 24 July 2026

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Where possible, appeals that are submitted after 31 May will be heard by 24 July. If that is not possible, they will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal form being submitted

In-year appeals can be submitted after a refusal. They will be heard within 30 school days of an appeal being submitted.

Allocation date for Year 7 intake or studio school / UTC Year 10: 2 March 2026

Deadline for appeal forms to be submitted: 20 April 2026

Appeals will be heard within 40 school days, by: 23 June 2026

Where possible, appeals that are submitted after 20 April will be heard by 23 June. If that is not possible, they will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal form being submitted.

In-year appeals can be submitted after a refusal. They will be heard within 30 school days of an appeal being submitted.

Allocation date for Year 12: by 28 February 2026

Deadline for appeal forms to be submitted: 31 March 2026

Appeals will be heard within 40 school days, by: 15 June 2026

Where possible, appeals that are submitted after 31 March will be heard by 15 June. If that is not possible, they will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal form being submitted.

Sixth form appeals in response to a candidate not meeting academic criteria when the external exam results are published in August, within 30 school days: by 16 October 2026.

## The Admissions Appeals Timetable 2027

The deadline for submitting appeals allows appellants at least 20 school days to prepare and submit a written appeal. The appeal must then be heard within 40 school days for the normal round and within 30 days for in-year admissions.

Allocation date for the normal round Reception: 16 April 2027

Deadline for appeal forms to be submitted: 31 May 2027

Appeals will be heard within 40 school days, by: 23 July 2027

Where possible, appeals that are submitted after 31 May will be heard by 23 July. If that is not possible, they will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal form being submitted.

In-year appeals can be submitted after a refusal. They will be heard within 30 school days of an appeal being submitted.

Allocation date for Year 7 intake or studio school / UTC Year 10: 1 March 2027

Deadline for appeal forms to be submitted: 19 April 2027

Appeals will be heard within 40 school days, by: 21 June 2027

Where possible, appeals that are submitted after 19 April will be heard by 21 June. If that is not possible, they will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal form being submitted.

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Allocation date for Year 12: by 28 February 2027

Deadline for appeal forms to be submitted: 31 March 2027

Appeals will be heard within 40 school days, by: 14 June 2027

Where possible, appeals that are submitted after 31 March will be heard by 14 June. If that is not possible, they will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal form being submitted.

Sixth form appeals in response to a candidate not meeting academic criteria when the external exam results are published in August, within 30 school days: by 15 October 2027.

Yours sincerely,  
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