

County Councillors Report October 2025.

School Admissions Application Time.

First time admissions applications for autumn 2026 are now open.

Use the portal to apply

You'll need a parent portal account to apply for a school place. If you **don't** already have an account you'll need to set one up first, otherwise just follow the instructions in the document

Paste the following link into your browser.

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/apply-for-a-school-place/parent-portal-for-school-applications#accountelow> to apply:

School Admissions Check List.

Applications Open: **1st September**

Secondary	Primary
Deadline: 31st October	Deadline: 15th January
Offer Day: 1st March*	Offer Day: 16th April*

*for next working day if this falls on a weekend /bank holiday.

School Admissions Checklist

For primary & secondary school places

Step 1: How to get started - preparing to apply

- Create a [parent portal account](#) or check you can still login.
- Create or change to a password you can remember.
- Keep a note of the email address you applied with – you must use the same email address to log in later.

Step 2: List your school preferences

- Include your catchment school in your preferences, or the nearest local school if there is no defined catchment area. This will help increase your chance of securing a place at your nearby school.
- Maximise your opportunities by listing up to 5 different school preferences.
- Double check your order of preferences- we always aim to try to offer the highest preference where possible.

Step 3: Check your catchment areas

- Visit your local school website.
- Contact the school directly to check your catchment area.

Step 4: Review your order of preferences

- Check your details are correct before you submit your application.

TOP TIPS

1. Check out the [Your Guide to Education](#).
2. Attend open days, visit schools before finalising your choices.
3. Consider how you'd get your child to and from school. More on our [school transport policy and eligibility](#).
4. Remember late applications will be processed after those that were sent on time.
5. Help your child get [school ready](#) if applying for the first time.
6. Download our "[Moving Up](#)" booklet to help anyone transitioning on to secondary school.
7. Choosing one school will not guarantee a place.
8. If none of your preferences are offered, you may be allocated a school further away.
9. Don't assume - boundaries can be different than you expect and in some instances you may live in a catchment with multiple schools.
10. If you make changes or even re-open your application to check your submitted application, you must then click the RESUBMIT button - if you don't your application status is unsubmitted.

For hints and tips about the process, information on Leicestershire schools and to apply, visit leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order Markfield Road, Ratby.

A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is to be made for the following location: Markfield Road, Ratby between the junction of Mottys Stile Way and the entrance to the new development (see weblink or scan QR code).

The purpose of the TTRO is to allow Lagan Homes Ltd and their appointed contractors to undertake various S278 development works.

The TTRO will incorporate a temporary road closure.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 11 weeks commencing on the 3rd November 2025.

The works will be undertaken in phases:

Road closure 3rd November 2025 for 7 weeks.

Road closure 5th January 2026 for 4 weeks.

A Press Release will be issued to confirm these details approximately two weeks prior to the works commencing.

Weblink: <https://one.network/?tm=GB144400629>



If you have any queries about this work, please speak to the team on site who will help you in any way possible or get in touch with **Lagan Homes** via **Dave Walgate** dave.walgate@laganhomes.com

Doorstep Callers Be Aware.

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Once on the roof, these traders often start with a low quote, only to claim further extensive repairs are needed - such as replacing felt, broken tiles, or even an entire roof. In many cases, these claims are entirely fabricated to inflate the price and pressure residents, particularly the vulnerable, into agreeing to costly and unnecessary work.

Victims have reported being harassed, threatened, and even escorted to the bank to withdraw large sums of cash.

In some instances, the work carried out has been dangerously substandard, leaving roofs sagging, leaking, or in worse condition than before. Others have paid thousands for little or no work at all.

These rogue traders prey on the most vulnerable in our communities, using fear and intimidation to exploit them financially. The consequences go far beyond poor workmanship - they can lead to serious structural issues, invalidate insurance policies, and cause lasting emotional distress. We urge residents to be cautious and follow our guidance to protect themselves and their homes.

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- Get at least three quotes from different tradespeople
- Insist on written contracts detailing the work and final price
- Avoid paying in cash or cheque - use secure methods like bank transfer or credit card
- Don't pay upfront for work that hasn't started
- Be wary of traders who say they can start immediately
- Know your rights – for contracts over £42, you have 14 days to cancel
- If a trader offers to take you to the bank, this is a red flag. Tell the trader that you need to speak to a family member to sort out the payment and need time to arrange for the money to be in the bank, in order to get rid of

them. You can then call the police on 999 if you feel threatened or 101 in a non-emergency

- Speak to friends or family before making decisions
- Contact your insurance provider for advice on approved traders

For more advice, call Citizens Advice on 0808 223 1133 or visit the website <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

You can report a rogue trader to trading standards by the following by putting the following link in your browser.

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/trading-standards/report-a-trading-standards-issue/online-reporting-form>

Trading standards can be contacted on 0116 2323232

I would like to take this opportunity to thank residents and councillors for your continued support. I am available at Parish Council meetings, or I can visit you if you need help or advice. Remember I am only an Email or a phone call away.

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