

The school journey checklist

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the government admission team, the school, or us (int.adv@reading.ac.uk). We cannot help you with filling in the application and cannot guarantee your child gets into specific schools, we can only advise you of the process.

1. Familiarise yourself with UK schooling system
2. Identify the schools near your UK home address
3. Visit schools to see which one you and your child prefer
4. Choose which school you would like your child to attend (always choose more than one – you can list in your preference order, but there are no guarantees you will be given a place in your preferred choices)
5. Complete and send application
6. Wait for response
7. Once you have accepted the school, find out start date and school times (when school starts and finishes). If you are applying in the middle you will only have a limited time to accept and start in your school.
8. Make sure you find out all the important information about the school including drop off and collection times, school holidays and inset day dates.
9. Purchase school uniform (if the school requires your child to wear uniform). Most large supermarkets stock basic uniform supplies.
10. Purchase school supplies for your child, if needed. Some schools may provide basic stationary but require children to provide other supplies. Check with your school.