Majority of Lincolnshire children get first choice of primary school
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The vast majority of children in Lincolnshire have been given a place at their school of choice through the admissions system this year, despite an increase in the number of requests for the more popular schools.

Parents could pick up their offer using the online system on 16 April - over 98% of parents applied online. Of the 7,325 offers made to primary schools, 6,762 (92.3%) children will receive their first preference school.

The figure for second preference offers is 361 (4.9%), and 70 for third preference offers (1.0%). A total of 132 children will be offered a local school that isn't one of their preferences compared to 169 last year.

Parents have until 17 May to lodge an appeal if they are unhappy with the offered school. If they return the appeal form by the deadline it will be heard before the end of term - if it is received late it will still be heard but this may be in September.

Because of appeals and movement on the reserve list, it is normal for the percentage of first preferences to increase by the time children start in September.

Debbie Barnes, Director of Children's Services, said: "I am delighted to see so many children getting their first school of preference and this should be even better by September. It is always our intention to support as many parents as possible with their preferences. There are many stories about how stressful the admissions process can be but every year the overwhelming majority of parents are successful in gaining admission to the school of their choice."

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