11+ checklist for families

Keep this somewhere handy. Always check each school's current admissions page: tests and dates can change every year.

1. Schools shortlist

School	Test used (provider and subjects)	Test registration deadline	Notes (travel, catchment, admission rules)

2. Key dates

Council application deadline: _____

31 October of Year 6 (31 October 2026 for September 2027 entry). National Offer Day: 1 March (1 March 2027 for September 2027 entry).

3. Back-up (non-selective) choice

School: _____

4. Steps

☐ **Years 3–4:** Build foundations, read widely and keep it enjoyable.

☐ **Years 4–5:** Shortlist schools. Check catchment, travel, admission rules and which test each school uses.

☐ **Year 5 (spring–summer):** Register for each test before its deadline. Registration is separate from your council application.

☐ **Year 6 (September–October):** Your child sits the test or tests. Results usually arrive in October.

☐ **By 31 October of Year 6:** Apply through your home council, in your genuine order of preference, plus a realistic non-selective choice.

☐ **1 March:** National Offer Day. Then accept your offer, join waiting lists, or appeal if you need to.

5. Notes