

Comparison of Foundation Programme allocation results

March 2026

Table 1

Comparison of allocation results for FP 2023 - FP 2026 showing the cumulative percentage of applicants that were allocated to each preference of Foundation School. Please note that for 2026 the data is based on the 10,810 applicants who were placed on 12 March 2026 and not those placed on the reserve list.

Foundation School Preference	Cumulative percentage of applicants for FP 2023	Cumulative percentage of applicants for FP 2024	Cumulative percentage of applicants for FP 2025	Cumulative percentage of applicants for FP 2026
1	71.02	75.42	83.78	82.27
2	85.64	82.94	88.51	88.33
3	90.10	87.32	91.84	91.39
4	92.70	90.24	93.71	93.35
5	94.99	92.40	95.24	94.93
6	96.53	94.32	96.23	96.20
7	97.44	95.82	96.86	97.27
8	98.12	96.63	97.61	98.07
9	98.57	97.41	98.22	98.77
10	98.91	97.94	98.85	99.32
11	99.12	98.39	99.22	99.60
12	99.26	98.74	99.51	99.73
13	99.39	99.05	99.66	99.84
14	99.58	99.23	99.76	99.87
15	99.69	99.38	99.86	99.92
16	99.79	99.51	99.95	99.95
17	99.91	99.63	99.97	99.99
18*	99.99	100.00	100.00	100.00
19*	100.00	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Please note that in 2024 the number of foundation schools reduced to 18.

Table 2

Comparison of allocation results from FP 2017- FP 2026 showing the cumulative percentage of applicants that received their 1st preference, or one of their top 2 or top 5 preferences of Foundation School. Please note that for 2026 the data is based on the 10,810 applicants who were placed on 12 March 2026 and not those placed on the reserve list.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1st preference	74%	77%	78% [†]	75%	75%	74%	71%	75%	84%	82%
Top 2 preferences	82%	84%	85% [†]	83%	83%	86%	86%	83%	89%	88%
Top 5 preferences	94%	95% [†]	96% [†]	94%	94%	94% [†]	95%	92%	95%	95%

[†] Figures corrected on 13 August 2026