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#### Dear Parent/Carers

# **Reception Admission - September 2019**

Parents with children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 must make an application for Reception in September 2019 **by midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

The guide for parents/carers is available on-line at <a href="www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a> for parents/carers to view and download.

The preferred method of application is on-line and we encourage parents to apply on-line where possible.

On-line is the preferred method of application because:

- The system helps applicants by checking for errors
- There is no risk that applications will be lost in the post
- It is quick and easy to do
- Applicants will receive an immediate email confirming that their application has been received.
- Applicants will receive email notification of the outcome of their application on the same day as the offer letters are posted.

If parents do not have access to the Internet at home, free on-line facilities are available at all public libraries in Bristol. In addition parents/carers can use the internet at the Citizen Service Point in Central Bristol.

https://www.bristol.gov.uk/contact/citizen-service-points

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Paper applications postmarked after this date and time will be treated as late applications and a school place will NOT be allocated in the first round of offers.

# Children whose parents are unable to apply on-line

If parents/carers are unable to apply on-line they can apply using a paper application form. Application forms are available from School Admissions upon request, or can be downloaded from the LA website.

### Children living outside the Bristol LA area

Children living outside Bristol City Council area **must** apply on their **Home LA** common application form (i.e. where they pay Council Tax).

#### Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan

There is a separate procedure for these children. The SEN team will be sending a unique application form to each of these children. You should NOT apply on-line. The SEN Team will still need to check that the school understands and can meet the child's needs as set out in the Plan, before a place can be offered.

In a few cases, it may be that the key stage transfer review recommends that the child transfers to a special school or resource base. In such cases you should check with the SEN Team whether this recommendation has been agreed and a final decision taken.

# The national statutory offer date is 16<sup>h</sup> April 2019.

All children for whom an application has been received will be made an offer of a school place. The statutory common date for all Local Authorities to notify parents/carers of the outcome of their application is 16th April 2019.

- If a parent applied on-line an email will be sent notifying them the outcome of the application. School places can be accepted or declined on-line by following the instructions given.
- If a paper application was made, a letter will be sent on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 advising the outcome of the application.
- Parents who applied via the parent portal will receive a message on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to log into their account to view the outcome of their application.

If you have any queries about any of the guidance in this letter please contact the School Admissions team at: school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk or call: 0117 903 7694.

Yours sincerely

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