

Applying for a Year R place in an infant or primary school in September 2018

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Hampshire residents requiring a Year R (Reception) place in September 2018 **must** apply to Hampshire County Council using this form OR apply online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions.

Please do not do both.

You can name any publicly funded infant or primary school in England on this form. **DO NOT use this form to apply for an independent (private) school or a special educational needs (SEN) school.** Children with an education, health and care plan or a statement of SEN will have their school placement determined by the SEN team. For further information, please call the SEN team on 0300 555 1384. Parents wishing to apply to an independent school should contact the school directly.

Supplementary Information Forms

If you are applying for a voluntary aided (VA), foundation or trust school, or an academy, you may need to complete a supplementary information form (SIF) **in addition** to the Hampshire application form. These types of schools may use a SIF to collect additional information about your child to determine which of their admission criteria you satisfy. Please check with the school to see if a SIF is required. **Completed SIFs must be returned to the school by the application deadline, below.**

DEADLINE: Your application must be submitted by midnight on Monday 15 January 2018.

You can submit your completed form to any Hampshire school during school hours.

Applications submitted after 15 January 2018 will be considered after all on-time applications have been fully processed. You are less likely to be offered a place at one of your preferred schools if you submit your application after the deadline.

Gathering information

Further information about the application process and all schools in Hampshire is available online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. To request a paper copy of this information, please call **0300 555 1377**. You are encouraged to visit your preferred schools. You may also like to ask them for a copy of their prospectus.

Completing your application

Before you complete the form, please consider your preferences carefully as you cannot change them after the closing date unless there has been a significant change in your circumstances, for example a house move. (see 'frequently asked questions').

- Identify your three preferred schools and list them in order of preference.
- It is wise to name your catchment school as one of your preferences.
- Do not name the same school twice as this will not strengthen your application.
- Naming the same school more than once will not strengthen your application.
- If you submit two or more on-time applications and the preferences are different, only the later application will be processed.

Please turn over for 'Frequently Asked Questions'

Frequently Asked Questions

When will my child start school?

In Hampshire, most children start school in the September after their fourth birthday. Parents who feel that their child is not ready for school can defer their child's admission until later in the school year (but not beyond the start of the term after they reach compulsory school age or beyond the start of the final term of the academic year). Children can also attend part-time until they reach compulsory school age.

Children with birthdays between:

- 1 September and 31 December 2013 (inclusive) reach compulsory school age on 31 December 2018, and must be in full time education at the start of the Spring term 2019;
- 1 January and 31 March 2014 (inclusive) reach compulsory school age on 31 March 2019, and must be in full time education at the start of the Summer term 2019;
- 1 April and 31 August 2014 (inclusive) reach compulsory school age on 31 August 2019, and must be in full time education at the start of the new school year in year in September 2019.

Parents of summer born children (those born between 1 April and 31 August) who are particularly concerned about their child's readiness for school can request to delay their child's entry to Year R for an entire school year until the following September. This is called decelerated admission. This is an important decision and a number of factors need to be considered. Guidance on decelerated admission for summer born children, including how to make a request, is available on the County website at www.hants.gov.uk/ad-summerborn or by calling the Admissions Team on 0300 555 1377.

What address should I use for my child?

You must give your child's permanent address on the application deadline. The child's permanent residence is where they live, normally including weekends and during school holidays as well as during the week. The permanent address of children who spend part of their week with one parent and part with the other, at different addresses, will be the address at which they spend most of their time. You will be required to provide the school with evidence of your address once you have been offered a place. You will be required to provide the school with evidence of your address once you have been offered a place.

Moving house?

If you move house before 15 January 2018 you must submit a new application.

If you move house after 15 January 2018 you must send evidence of your new address to the Admissions Team.

Exchange of contracts or a signed tenancy agreement (usually of 12 month duration) will be accepted as proof of address but you may subsequently be asked to evidence that the child is resident at the new address. Any place offered may be withdrawn if this evidence cannot be provided.

- For address evidence received by 15 February 2018, the new address will be considered for the application unless you request to keep the address originally provided. You can also change the schools named on the application if they are no longer appropriate.
- For address evidence received after 15 February 2018, the new address cannot be considered for the application and will be used to communicate the outcome of the application only.

What will happen to my application?

All on-time applications will be considered at the same time. Your application to each school named on this form will be considered using that school's admission policy. Where more than one of your preferred schools can offer a place, the highest preference school where your application was successful will be offered. If none of your preferred schools can offer a place, your child will be allocated a place at the catchment school, if places remain, or the next nearest available school.

When will I be told the outcome of my application?

On 16 April 2018, the County Admissions Team will send you a decision letter by first class post. Please allow 2-3 days for your letter to arrive.

If you have any questions about your application, please contact the Admissions Team on 0300 555 1377.

Please note that we can only discuss the application with the person named on this form.

Common Application Form for admission to Year R in September 2018

This form is for Hampshire County Council residents only. If you pay your Council Tax to Southampton City Council or Portsmouth City Council you must apply using their application form.

- Please read the attached notes before completing this form.
- The pupil's parent/guardian should fill in the form in **BLOCK CAPITALS**, using black or blue ink.
- This form must be submitted by 15 January 2018, to either a Hampshire County Council school or: The County Admissions Team, Children's Services Department, Elizabeth II Court North, Winchester, SO23 8UG.



Child's details

Child's surname: _____ Forenames: _____

Male Female (please tick) Date of birth: _____

Child's permanent address on 15 January 2018: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Parent/guardian details

Full name of adult completing form: _____ Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss

Adult's permanent address: (please complete if different to child's address)

_____ Postcode: _____

Telephone numbers: home _____ mobile/other (daytime): _____

Email: _____

What is your relationship to the child named in the application? (Please tick relevant box).

Parent Legal guardian Step parent Social worker

Other relative / family friend / carer (please state) _____

Do you have parental responsibility for this child? YES/NO

Is either parent a member of the UK Armed forces? YES/NO

Are you making an application for more than one child? YES/NO

Note: you must complete a separate application form for each child.

I confirm that I have completed both sides of this form

Declaration

I certify that the information I have given is correct to the best of my knowledge and that it is the only application I have made on behalf of this child. I understand that any place offered may be withdrawn if I give false information, even if my child has started in the school.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____

Hampshire County Council (HCC) is the data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. The information you provide will be used to process your application for a school place and to assist HCC in delivery of our statutory duties, statistical forecasting and planning, as well as being able to monitor and report on progress. It may be shared with the relevant schools, other officers in the Children's Services Department, other Local Authorities (LAs) with whom the child may become associated and the Department for Education (DfE). The information will be stored and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act (1998) and kept in line with HCC's retention policy. We will not give information about you or your child to anyone outside HCC without your consent unless required to by law, or as stated above. Anonymised application information will be used for statistical purposes. If you require more information about how HCC uses your information, then please go to the following website:

www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/dataprotection

For School Use Only

Received by HCC
_____ school
(please date stamp and include name of school)

Sibling criterion checked

Child of staff checked

Form completed

For Admissions Team use only

Received by Admissions Team

One Hantsfile

Please state your preferred infant or primary schools and tick all boxes relevant to your application. Please refer to the notes below the table.

	First preference school	Second preference school	Third preference school
School name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Child in care or previously in care (see note a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical, physical or psychological reasons (see note b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child of staff (see note c) Name of parent employed by the school:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>
Catchment school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brother or sister on the roll of the school or its linked junior school (see note d)	Full name of brother/sister: <input type="text"/> Date of birth: <input type="text"/> Current year group: <input type="text"/>	Full name of brother/sister: <input type="text"/> Date of birth: <input type="text"/> Current year group: <input type="text"/>	Full name of brother/sister: <input type="text"/> Date of birth: <input type="text"/> Current year group: <input type="text"/>
Faith criterion (see note e)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

- (a) Child in the care of a local authority in accordance with section 22 of The Children Act 1989, or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, Child Arrangements, or Special Guardianship Order. An adoption order is an order under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or section 12 of the Adoption Act 1976. Child arrangements orders are defined in s.8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'Special Guardianship Order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians). **Parents of a previously looked-after child must attach relevant evidence to the application.**
- (b) If you would like your application considered under the medical, physical or psychological criterion, you must attach appropriate written evidence of your child's (or a family member's) condition from, for example, a doctor or psychologist, which explains why it is **essential** that your child attends your first preference school. **If you do not attach this evidence your application will not be considered under this criterion.**
- (c) 'Staff' includes all those on the payroll of the school. 'Children of staff' refers to situations where the staff member is the natural parent, the legal guardian or a resident step parent. Claims will be checked directly with the school.
- (d) Brother or sister includes children living as siblings in the same family unit (half/step/adoptive/foster) or full/half/adopted brother or sister living at a separate address. It includes children who at the time of application have a sibling for whom the offer of a place at the preferred school has been accepted, even if the sibling is not yet attending.
- (e) If you would like your application considered under the faith criterion, you must complete the school's supplementary information form (SIF), obtainable from the school or online. **If you do not complete the SIF and return it to the school by the closing date, your application cannot be considered under this criterion in the normal admissions round.**

Other reasons - you may leave this section blank

You may use the space below to add any other reasons for applying to any of the schools you have named but please remember that **places are allocated strictly in accordance with the admission policy.**