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Dear Parent/Carer

Apply online for your child's secondary school place – September 2022

Your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2022. Local authorities co-ordinate secondary transfer admissions for all publicly funded (non-fee paying) schools. This means that parent/carers should apply to the local authority in which they live (the council to which they pay council tax).

If you live in Birmingham you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions between 1 September and 31 October 2021. It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2021. **Applications received after the national closing date of 31 October 2021 will be treated as late applications.** Late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools, and these applications will be processed after 1 March 2022, in accordance with Birmingham's coordinated admissions scheme.

We know this is an important time for you and your child, and we encourage you to find out as much as you can about local schools and how the admissions process works before you make your application, as a lack of awareness of the correct procedures may affect the outcome of our application.

Information about the application process will be available on the council's website, www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions, from 1 September 2021.

The website includes information on types of schools, how to apply online, how places are offered, details of the individual schools and their admissions arrangements, and what to do if you are not offered one of your preferred schools. If you do not have a device that can access the internet, your child's primary school may be able to help you. You may also be able to access a computer via a friend or relative.

We also strongly advise you to visit the websites of your preferred schools for further information about the school and any related interactive online events or details of any open days or evenings. You should also carefully consider how likely you are to be offered a place at one of your preferred schools, and find out more about the order in which places are offered (oversubscription criteria) by reading the information on the schools you are interested in. Please note that before completing your online application you **must** confirm that you have read the admissions arrangements.

You may also find useful information on your preferred schools on the My Ed Website <https://myed.com/>.

If you are applying for any school under the distance category, make sure you check the last distance an applicant was offered from over the past three years (where applicable). While this **is no guarantee** that your application will be successful for September 2022, it will give an indication of whether you should consider including the school as one of your preferences.

We advise you to use all six preferences to maximise your chances of getting a place at one of the schools you prefer.

You can amend your school preferences on the online admissions form as many times as you like until the closing date of 31 October 2021. Please remember that, if you do make

amendments to your original online admissions form, you **must re-submit** your application for the latest changes to take effect by selecting **submit** again. **If you do not re-submit your application after going back in to make changes, your previously submitted application will remain, and your new one will be disregarded.**

Your application will be processed using the address currently held by your child's primary/junior school. Please note, if the address on your application differs from the address held on our database, you will be asked to send us proof of your address in the form of your most recent council tax bill for 2021/2022. **If you do not provide adequate proof of address by the closing date of 31 October 2021, your child's application will not be processed.** For further information, please visit the "Proof of Address" section in the School Admissions webpages (www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions).

You will receive an email confirming which school your child has been offered by the end of the day on Tuesday 1 March 2022.

If you have any questions about your child transferring to secondary school, in the first instance please visit: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you will find all the relevant information to support you through this process.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Michell
Head of School Admissions and Fair Access Service

Enc additional information regarding deferred entry and children taught out of their normal year group.