

Education and Family Support

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To: Parents/Carers of children entering the reception year in September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Admission to school - September 2022

This letter contains important information for parents and carers of children who are due to enter the reception year of primary school in September 2022.

If you are the parent/carer of a pupil entering reception in September 2022, you **must** complete a school admission application. Even if your child is currently attending nursery in your preferred school/s, there is no automatic right to a place in reception.

You are able to apply online. If you have already signed up to My Account on the Bridgend County Borough Council website, you will need to log in and you can then complete an online application for a reception year place. If you have not already signed up to My Account, you can create your account from the Bridgend County Borough Council website. All you need is an email address. It is quick and easy to apply for a reception year place through My Account and you can have peace of mind knowing that your application has been received because once you have submitted the application, this will be indicated in your My Account summary information. The online application works equally as well across computer, tablet or mobile.

Before you complete an application online, the Council recommends that you read the [2022-2023 Starting School Prospectus](#), which is available from the website, or, alternatively, please email pupilservices@bridgend.gov.uk to request a hardcopy.

The application form is also available as a hardcopy upon request from your local school.

Please note that the deadline for completed applications is **4pm on Friday, 11 February 2022**. Failure to submit an application by this date may result in your child being refused a place at the school of your choice.

All parents/carers have the right to express a preference for the school they wish their child to attend. In most cases, parents/carers are happy to choose their nearest suitable school (for

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English-medium and non-faith schools, also known as the catchment area school). If you are successful in applying for a place at a school that is not your child's nearest suitable school, the Council **will not** normally provide free transport, irrespective of the distance from home to school. The [Home-to-school/college Transport Policy](#) is available from our website.

Where a school is oversubscribed, ie the demand for places is greater than the number of places available, the Council will apply its oversubscription criteria to allocate the places available. **It is strongly recommended that you select other schools as your second and third preference schools. Limiting your choice to just one school does not improve your prospects of gaining a place for your child in that school.**

It is important to note that there is no automatic right for children with siblings in a school to be allocated a place at that school. The Council's School Admissions Policy 2022-2023 identifies the full list of oversubscription criteria that will be applied when allocating school places.

For the following schools, the governing body of each school is the admission authority and has responsibility for all admission arrangements. If you wish to apply for a reception place at one of these schools, you are advised to contact the school directly. The admission criteria for these schools may differ and details are available from the schools and/or their websites.

- St Mary's Catholic Primary School
- St Mary's and St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
- St Robert's Roman Catholic Primary School
- Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales Primary School

If you should require further information in relation to the admissions process, please email pupilservices@bridgend.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

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