

## Early Years Education

A guide to Early Years Education for 3 and 4 year olds has been produced by Herefordshire EYDCP Childcare Services and can be obtained by contacting 01432 261681.

## What you need to know

If your child is registered with a Herefordshire Doctors Surgery before June 2006 and their Date of Birth is between **01.09.2003** and **31.08.2004** we will have your child details on our database. If you were not registered by the above date or have moved house recently you will need to contact the Admissions Section on 01432 260925/260926. An application form will be sent to you directly. If you have not received an application pack by the end of September 2006 please contact us immediately.

## What you need to do

Before completing an application form, you should read the Information for Parents Booklet, especially chapters 3, 4, 6 and

You should use the form to apply for a school place as soon as possible.

Your application should be sent directly to the Admissions Section to address on cover by **18<sup>th</sup> January 2008** if you wish your child to start in September 2008, January 2009 or April 2009.

If you need any further information please contact the Admissions and Transport Office on 01432 260925/260926

# Parent of a Three or Four Year Old?

# STARTING SCHOOL

during the School Year starting  
September 2008 to August 2009

Important information if your child is four before  
September 2008

**Apply on or before  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2008 for all admissions between  
September 2008 & August 2009**



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**To be read with the  
Information for Parents Booklet  
2008/2009**

### When do I apply for a school place?

There is one date by which parents need to apply for places in the school year September 2007 August 2008. This one date is **18<sup>th</sup> January 2008**.

Even if your child is **not** due to start school until January 2009 or April 2009 **YOU STILL NEED TO APPLY BEFORE 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008**. Late applications are always considered, but they have lower priority.

### Can I apply to any school?

Yes, you can apply for any school maintained by Herefordshire Council. For the school year September 2008 to August 2009, you will have the opportunity to express two individual school preferences on a common application form. You may find it advisable to state the provided school as one of your preferences (please read chapter 4 and paragraph 6.2 of the Information for Parents Booklet).

### Can I apply to a Primary School within another LEA authority if I live in Herefordshire?

Yes, you can apply to another LEA for a place at one of their schools. However you must apply on one of Herefordshire's application forms. We will then co-ordinate with that authority.

### When can my child start school?

Children are generally **entitled** to start school at the beginning of the term in which they become 5 (all children with birthdays in April can start in January). *Contact schools for details, and **apply before 18<sup>th</sup> January 2008**.*

### Could my child start earlier?

It may be **possible** for your child to start school earlier if his/her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday is between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008. *You need to contact the school to find out if an earlier start is possible, and **apply on or before 18<sup>th</sup> January 2008**.*

### Would my child have to start school earlier?

**NO.** You could wait until **the term your child is 5**, without risking the place allocated to your child. Please talk to your preferred school, and **apply on or before 18<sup>th</sup> January 2008**, so that the place can be reserved.

### Do I have to send my child to school before he/she is 5?

**NO.** Your child does not have to start school until the term **after** his/her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, though you should still apply on or before 18th January 2008. You must discuss your wishes with the school first, particularly if your child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday is between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> August because your child would normally be placed directly into Year One in September (ie would miss the reception class. **New code**

(Remember to apply on or before 18<sup>th</sup> January 2008).

### How will my child get to school?

You will have to make your own travel arrangements for getting your 4 year old to school at least until the term of his/her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. At that stage, there may be transport assistance for the catchment area school, if you live more than 2 or 3 miles away (see paragraph 7.1 of Information for Parents Booklet).