

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL – CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE’S DIRECTORATE

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO A RECEPTION CLASS OF AN INFANT/PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please read the Information for Parents Booklet before completing this form. Please ensure that you answer all questions and sign the declaration overleaf.

All applications should be returned to the Pupil Admissions Office, Children & Young People’s Directorate, Herefordshire Council, Blackfriars PO Box 185, Blackfriars Street, Hereford HR4 9ZR by **15th January 2011.**

You can now apply on line at www.herefordshire.gov.uk

1. PUPILS DETAILS		
Surname	Forename	Middle name(s)
Date of birth	Gender (please tick) Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
Home Address (this must be the normal and genuine residence of the parent / carer who has care of the child, that is, the address at which the child resides)		
Address details		Post Code
Telephone Number	Mobile Number	
Name of Nursery child is attending		
2. CHOSEN SCHOOL(S) please see overleaf if applying for a Voluntary Aided School (number 7) and (number 8) if applying for a school in another Local Authority.		
Please state reason if applying for an out of county school		
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3. SIBLING(S) please give full names and date of birth of any brothers or sisters, who in September 2011 will still be attending one of the schools that you are now applying for. Sibling is defined on page 9 of the Information for Parent’s Book.		
Surname	Forename(s)	Date of Birth(s)
School sibling(s) currently attending		
4. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN		
Is your child in care of Herefordshire Council or by any other authority? (Please tick) yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes please name the Social Worker and Local Authority		
5. TRANSPORT		
Please refer to the Information for Parents Booklet Section 7 regarding transport entitlement		

6. APPLYING FOR A PLACE ON SOCIAL, MEDICAL OR COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS

Complete this section **ONLY** if you are applying for a place on social, medical or compassionate grounds. This applies to adopted children too where special consideration to their school placement needs to be given.

A request for a placement on medical, social or compassionate grounds **will not be considered** unless you attach supporting information, preferably from an independent source. (see section 5.1 of the Information for Parents Booklet)

Which school(s) does this supporting information relate to?

Number of pages attached

7. APPLICATIONS TO VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOLS

Complete this section **ONLY** if you are applying for a place at a Voluntary Aided School. You will need to contact the school to ask if you are required to fill in an additional form about your religious commitment if any, as well as the PA1. These forms must be attached together when returned back to the Admissions Section.

Which VA school(s) does this relates to?

Have you attached an additional form from the school(s)? (church form)

Yes

No

Please state any other supporting information you have attached i.e. Baptismal Certificate

8. APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN ANOTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY

If you are applying for an out of county school you are still required to complete this form. We will then pass the information onto the relevant authority, they will inform us if they can offer a place, and we will inform you on the **official offer date 18th April 2011** of the outcome.

9. NAME OF APPLICANT (details of person filling in this form required below)

Title Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / other

Name

Surname

Relationship to pupil *(please see below)

Do you have parental responsibility for this child (please tick)

Yes

No

*eg Mother, Father, Step-parent, Social Worker, Foster Parent, or other relative (please state)

10. THE DECLARATION

I declare that the information on this form is correct and that I have read the Information for Parents Book. And that I have read the conditions stated on the Important Notes (page enclosed with this form). I understand that a place may be lawfully withdrawn if it is proved to have been offered on the basis of a fraudulent or misleading application.

Signed Print Name.....Date.....

IMPORTANT NOTES

(To be read in conjunction with the "Information for Parents" booklet available to view on the Herefordshire Council Website www.herefordshire.gov.uk)

NOTE 1 – ADMISSION OF PUPILS TO INFANT AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Children reach compulsory school age at the beginning of the term **following their fifth birthday**. In this County, however, most children start school a term earlier than the law requires. The Council's **standard admissions policy** entitles parents to places for their children, in one of the Council's maintained schools, according to the date of their child's 5th birthday, as follows: -

- In the Autumn Term, if 5 between 1st September and 31st December inclusive
- In the Spring Term, if 5 between 1st January and 30th April inclusive
- In the Summer Term, if 5 between 1st May and 31st August inclusive

If you wish your child's education to be delayed until he/she is of compulsory school age, please contact the Pupil Admissions Office for advice or the school.

The Autumn Term begins after the summer holidays, the Spring Term after the Christmas and New Year holidays and the Summer Term after the Easter holidays. Places are allocated according to the Council's or Governors (Voluntary Aided – see note 2 below) admissions priorities and initially on the basis of applications received by **15th January 2011** for admissions in the school year 2011-2012

Children can now start full time in September.

From September 2011, for the admissions round 2011-2012 and all subsequent years, admissions authorities must provide for the admission of all children in the September following their 4th birthday, if parents so wish.

NOTE 2 - APPLICATIONS TO AIDED FOUNDATION & ACADEMY SCHOOLS

It is the Governing Body of a **Voluntary Aided, Foundation and Academy** School that makes decisions on admissions, not the Herefordshire Council, though all notifications are made by the Council's Admissions Office. Appendix 4 of the Information for Parents Booklet 2011//2012 refers to the over- subscription policy of each Voluntary Aided School. It is possible that some Voluntary Aided schools will require additional information. Please refer to the individual school's prospectus for further details relating to admission arrangements.

NOTE 3 – OFFER DATE

Based on applications received on or before **15th January 2011**, the Council will offer places, including those for Voluntary Aided, Foundation and Academy, **on 18th April 2011**.

NOTE 4 – CHANGE OF ADDRESS/WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION

You must notify the Admissions Office of any change of home address, prior to the date of admission, as that might affect entitlement to a place at the school. You must inform the Pupil Admissions Office if you are withdrawing your application following a change of address, or for any other reason.

NOTE 5 – THE PROVIDED SCHOOL

It is very important to find out from the Head teacher or from the Pupil Admissions Office, the name of the school **provided** for your child's home address. If your preferred alternative schools cannot admit your child, you would not then have priority for a place at the **provided** school. In that circumstance, if too many children are being put forward for admission to **both** the schools you have stated as your preference **and** to the school provided for your home address, your child might then have to be admitted to another school altogether. The Pupil Admissions Office should be able to let you know whether or not that has been a problem in your area in recent years.

It is also important for you to note that, if your child were admitted to an infant's school or primary school of your preference (other than the provided school), your child would not have priority for the later **transfer to the related community high school**. If the related high school is over-subscribed at the time of transfer, your child might then have to move in a different direction from other children attending the same infants or primary school. Again, the Pupil Admissions Office should be able to let you know whether or not that has been a problem in your area in recent years.

NOTE 6 – OTHER NOTES ABOUT ADMISSIONS

- (a) Admission of a child to a school does not guarantee admission of brothers and/or sisters.
- (b) There is no guarantee that a child in a nursery class (or playgroup connected with a particular school) will be allocated a place in the reception class of the same school.
- (c) Details of the Council's transport assistance policy are given in the Information for Parents booklet.
- (d) Interviews are not part of the admissions process, even for Church place applications to a voluntary aided school. In no circumstances should interviews be held before a place has been allocated, though it is sensible for parents to visit the school before deciding whether or not to apply.