

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL - EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO A RECEPTION CLASS OF AN INFANTS/PRIMARY SCHOOL
(This includes applications for Church Aided Schools)**

To be completed and returned to Herefordshire Council, Pupil Admission Office, Education Directorate,
PO Box 185, Hereford HR4 9ZR no later than **14th January 2005**

DETAILS ABOUT YOUR CHILD

Child's Surname. First Name..... D.o.b. Age.

Child's Home Address

(See Note 3 of the
enclosed leaflet).....

Post Code Tel.No.....

Is your child in the care of Herefordshire Council or any other local authority? **YES/NO (please delete as appropriate)**

If yes, what is the name of the Social Worker

YOUR FIRST TWO PREFERENCE(S) FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL

NOTE: Even if you wish your child to attend the school provided for your child's home address, you must complete and return this form to ensure that consideration is given for a place for your child. It is also advisable to include the school for your catchment area as one of your 2 preference(s) as you would have low priority for that school if your first 2 preference(s) are for other schools and these cannot be met.
TRANSPORT: Note that your local school is the only school for which you are entitled to free transport, if you live more than 2 miles from the school. This distance ruling changes (3 miles) when your child attains the age of 8.

PLEASE SHOW, IN ORDER, YOUR PREFERENCE(S) FOR 2 SCHOOLS

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REASONS FOR YOUR PREFERENCE(S)

If you wish to do so, you may give your reasons for applying for either or both of your 2 preference(s):

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Please give **full name** and **date of birth** of any brothers and sisters who, in **September 2005, will still be attending** a school for which you are now applying.

Name of Pupil(s)

School currently attending

Do you have any medical, social or compassionate reasons to support any of your preference(s)? **YES/NO (please delete as appropriate)**

If **yes**, please indicate to which preferred Primary School(s) this supporting information relates **Name of Primary School**

Are you applying for a Church Aided School – if Yes, have you supplied additional information about your Christian commitment

(Note: 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 6.1 of Information for Parents Booklet).

IMPORTANT NOTES

(To be read in conjunction with the "Information for Parents" booklet)

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 be delayed until he/she is of compulsory school age, please contact the Pupil Admissions Office for advice.

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 (Church Aided – see note below) admissions priorities and initially on the basis of applications received by **14th January 2005** for admissions in the school year 2005/2006.

If your child has his or her fifth birthday between 1st January and 31st August, your school might allow your child to start earlier. Each school makes its own decision about that, after considering whether or not they are able to provide the accommodation, staffing, curriculum and care arrangements suited to the needs of the age group. Parents are not entitled to such arrangements for their children, but nor would they be obliged to take up places any earlier than they would wish. You will need to check with the school you would like your child to attend, to see what their admissions arrangements are **for pupils with 5th birthdays on or after 1st January.**

APPLICATIONS TO AIDED SCHOOLS

It is the Governing Body of a **Voluntary Aided** school that makes decisions on admissions, not the Herefordshire Council. Appendix 5' of the Information for Parents Booklet 2005/2006 refers to the over- subscription policy of each Voluntary Aided School. It is possible that some Voluntary Aided schools will require additional information if your request is based on a 'church application'. Please refer to the individual school's prospectus for further details relating to admission arrangements.

NOTE 2 – OFFER DATE

Based on applications received on or before 14th January 2005, the Council will offer places, including those for Voluntary Aided, **on Monday, 21st March 2005.**

NOTE 3 – CHANGE OF ADDRESS/WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION

You must notify the Head teacher of any change of home address, prior to the date of admission, as that might affect entitlement to a place at the school. It would also be very helpful if you would let the Head teacher or the Pupil Admissions Office know if you are withdrawing your application following a change of address, or for any other reason.

NOTE 4 – 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 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 5 – 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.

