

Dear Parents and Carers,

Is your child starting school in September 2024?

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **30 October 2023** and **15 January 2024**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.



I am sure many of you are thinking about **applying for a primary school** for your child and now is the time to consider your options.

If your child was born between **1 April to 31 August 2020** you may decide that you do not want them to start school until September 2025, when they reach statutory school age. If you wish your summer born child to be admitted to Reception when they reach statutory school age in September 2025 (so they would be educated out of their chronological year group) you need to complete a form to request this. You should complete it at the same time as applying for a school place for September 2024 to ensure your child does not miss out on a place in Reception if the request is refused. Further information can be found here: [Guidance on the education of children out of their chronological year group \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/guidance-on-the-education-of-children-out-of-their-chronological-year-group)

I am happy to talk this through with you if that would help. Please email Trini on pa@guildfordnsc.surrey.sch.uk if you would like a telephone conversation or a meeting with me.

As well as visiting potential schools, it is worth:

- Looking at their websites.
- Asking for opinions of current and past parents on local forums.

When you are visiting you might want to consider and/or ask:

- Is the headteacher passionate about their school and happy to answer all your questions?
- Do the children in the classrooms appear interested and actively engaged in their learning?
- How does the school deal with behaviour?
- How does the school support children with additional needs?
- How does the school settle new children?
- How can parents get involved in school life?
- Ask about what is important to you, for example you may want your child to be able to spend time outside so ask about Forest School, how much time reception children are allowed to learn outside.

Please always ask if you have any queries or concerns or just want to know more.

Kind regards

Sally

(Headteacher)



Dates for your diary:

13th November: Parent meetings with Key Person.

17th November: Children in Need-come dressed in spots and/or stripes.

Week beginning 4th December: Come and Play Christmas craft sessions for families.

13th December at 9.30am: Christmas sing-a-longs for all the family.

19th December: Christmas jumper day

Nursery sessions end on 19th December.

20th December: Christmas parties for children.

Monday 8th January: Nursery term starts.