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Dear Parent/Carer

ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2022

This letter is about the arrangements for the admission of your child into secondary school in September 2022.

Applying online is the simplest option.

Go to www.sunderland.gov.uk/admissionsonline to complete your application. You can do this either at home or alternatively at Customer Service Centres, libraries and schools. The online facility is open during the preference period - 13 September to 31 October 2021. It is only possible to apply at this web address if you live in Sunderland. If you live in another area, you must apply through your 'home' Council.

Please note that we have changed to the Capita online system which parents/carers will access through the Family Portal on the Council's website. If you have previously applied for Free School Meals or the 2 year old offer for any children within your family, you will already have log-in details.

When you apply online you will receive an email confirmation once your application has been received. You will also receive an email notification regarding your child's school place on 1 March 2022 if you apply online.

If you can't access the internet at home, visit any of the council's Customer Service Centres to go online for free. If it is not possible to access or submit an online application, a paper application form can be provided. You can telephone 0191 520 5553, if you need an application form to be sent out to you.

If you complete a paper application form, you can hand it into any of the Council's Customer Service Centres or post it to the School Admissions Team. Please make sure you receive a receipt when you hand in your application form. If you apply on a paper application form, you will be informed of your child's school place by letter, which will be posted second class on 1 March 2022.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that the application is submitted. Please do not leave this responsibility with your child.

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It is important that you submit your application as soon as possible. Applications submitted after 31 October 2021 may not be considered until after those received on time have been dealt with and the opportunity of getting a place for your child at your preferred school(s) may be reduced.

Schools and Academies in Sunderland use distance between a child's home address and the school(s) they are applying for a place at when allocating places at schools that are oversubscribed. Therefore the address you provide as part of your application **must** be your child's permanent home address. If you change your address after submitting your application, you **must** inform the School Admissions Team at Sunderland City Council as soon as possible as this could affect your application. It is only possible to consider the address where you are living during the application period. Should your address change during the preference period and the School Admissions Team are not informed, this could result in an offer of a school place being withdrawn if inaccurate information is used to allocate the place. Further information is available in the 'Information for Parents' booklets.

A copy of the Admission to Secondary Schools booklet is available on the council's website at www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions to view or download a copy.

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, please read page 3 in the 'Admission to Secondary Schools' booklet.

Sunderland LA will operate an 'equal preference' scheme for admissions for September 2022. This applies to all Community and Voluntary Aided Schools and Academies. For further information on the 'equal preference' scheme, please refer to page 20 in the booklet.

Each Community secondary school and academy has a defined cluster of junior/primary schools. Children attending one of these schools are not guaranteed a place at this school but would meet one of the higher priorities for places. To find out which is the cluster secondary school for your child, please refer to pages 22 & 23 in the booklet.

If you intend to express a preference for a Voluntary Aided school or Academy please refer to pages 24 – 68 in the booklet for details of their admission criteria, **but you must still include this school on the application**. If you intend to express a preference for a school outside of Sunderland, **you must still include this school on the application**. However you should also contact the Local Authority where the school is based for advice about the admission criteria.

If you require any further information concerning the admission of your child into school, please contact 07342073602 or 07342073510 or email school.admissions@sunderland.gov.uk

Yours faithfully



Julie Davey
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