**Admissions - key dates**

- **Monday 2 October 2017**
  Information on how to apply online is sent to all parents of children living in West Sussex whose child currently attends a West Sussex infant school.

  Online applications open. You must provide an email address to apply online. You can apply online for your child's school place by visiting [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

  Schools will have their prospectuses available and will have arranged open events.

- **Monday 15 January 2018**
  National closing date for transfer to junior school.

  You must submit your completed application by this date. Failure to do so will seriously disadvantage your application.

- **Monday 16 April 2018**
  Online applicants are notified by email, and others by second class post, which school their child is offered.

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**Transferring to Junior School in September 2018**

Apply online at: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

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**Deadline:** *Monday 15 January 2018*

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How to apply

You have received this leaflet because your child is due to transfer to junior school in September 2018.

You need to apply online for your child’s school place by visiting www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Please be aware that the email address which you provide will be shared with the allocated school, as parents and schools increasingly communicate electronically.

If you do not have access to the internet, free access to apply for a school place is available in all West Sussex libraries and Children and Family Centres.

The website provides information needed for completing your application, including details of all the schools in West Sussex, your catchment school and important information for parents. Please read it carefully before making your application.

There are some benefits to applying online and we strongly advise all parents to do so. However, if you really can’t access the internet you can obtain a paper form by calling 03330 142 903.

Important information

You must apply on time

It is very important that you apply before the closing date of **Monday 15 January 2018**; you cannot apply online after this date.

If your application is received after the closing date of Monday 15 January 2018 you seriously disadvantage your chances of gaining a place at one of your preference schools.

Applications received after the closing date of Monday 15 January 2018 are late applications and will only be considered after all those that were received on time.

It is your responsibility as a parent to ensure that your application is received by The Pupil Admission Team on time.

Your preferences

We advise all parents to think very carefully about their three preferences and to use them wisely.

School places are allocated according to the published oversubscription criteria for that school. This can include criteria such as whether you live in the catchment area, whether there are siblings already at the school and the distance you live from the school.

Please be realistic in your preferences. You have a higher priority if your child attends a named infant school and you are applying for a place at the linked junior school.

Please note that personal circumstances, such as child care arrangements, are not part of the oversubscription criteria for any school and will not be taken into consideration.

Finally, please be aware that you can only apply for junior school places at this time. Applications for primary schools for September 2018 cannot be made until June 2018.