

**Information Sheet**

**Starting School 2021**

**This leaflet for parents/carers of children starting school (Year R) for the first time in September 2021 explains how to apply for a lower/primary school place for a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017.**

All the information you need to apply for a school place is available on our website [www.bedford.gov.uk/startingschool](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/startingschool) It gives details of all the schools in the area and a PDF copy of the admissions booklet, Starting School 2021, which explains how we process your application for a school place. Please read this carefully before you apply.

**The website also allows residents of Bedford Borough Council to apply for a place online at** [**www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions**](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions)

You may apply using a paper application form if you prefer. An application form can be requested from your local Bedford Borough lower/primary school or by contacting the School Admissions Service: email: [admissions@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@bedford.gov.uk) tel: 01234 718120

**If you live in another Local Authority you must complete your home Local Authority’s application form and return it to them. Contact information is overleaf.**

Application deadline 15 January 2021

**Starting School Admissions Timetable**

**September 2020**

We will publish information about the Starting School process.

**26 September 2020 – 15 January 2021**

You can **apply online** or you can complete and return a paper application form to the School Admissions Service.

**15 January 2021**

Last day for applications.

**16 April 2021**

If you have applied online you will receive an email to let you know the outcome of your application. If you have not applied online we will post a letter to you on this day.

Contact Us

School Admissions Service General Enquiries - 01234 718120

Email: [admissions@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@bedford.gov.uk)

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| Milton Keynes  Tel: (01908) 253338  primaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk | Northamptonshire  Tel: 0300 126 1000  admissions@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk |