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Dear Parent/Guardian

Reminder regarding applications for a Secondary or Upper school place September 2027

Closing date 31st October 2026

According to our records, you have a child due to start or transfer to a Secondary or Upper school in September 2027 and we **have not received** your application. You must apply for a Secondary or Upper school place through the local authority where you live.

When submitting an application online, you will receive an email confirming you have successfully submitted your application.

If you are a Dorset resident:

Please read the Parents' Guide before making your application. The Parents' Guide contains lots of useful information on how the school admissions process works, how to apply and what evidence you may need to supply to support your application. Some schools have their own admissions policies which will detail what evidence they may require and how places are allocated at their school. You can read or download the guide and the schools' admissions policies on our website www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions.

Apply online at our website www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions via a smart phone, tablet or computer. You can create an account and then complete the application which should take no longer than half an hour. You will receive a confirmation email once you have submitted your application. If you cannot access the internet, please call 01305 221060 to discuss alternative ways of applying.

Apply by the closing date this will give your child the best chance of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools. Applications received after **31st October** will be considered in a late round.

Important Dates			
Child's Date of Birth	**Type of Application**	**Closing Date**	**Offer Date**
1 September 2013 – 31 August 2014	Starting Upper School	**31 October 2026**	**1 March 2027**
1 September 2015 – 31 August 2016	Starting Secondary School		

If you move house between now and when your child starts school please let us know. We can then assess your child's transport entitlement and ensure the outcome letter is posted to the

correct address. You can advise us of your change of address by emailing admissions@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

If you are not a Dorset resident:

If you do not live in Dorset you should contact your own local authority for information on how to apply for a school place and not complete a Dorset Council application form. This includes those living in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole who should apply through their home authority of BCP.

If you need any further information or help please contact School Admissions on **01305 221060.**

If your child has an EHCP, you may disregard this letter as your school place allocation goes through a different process.

Yours sincerely

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