

Applying for a place

Starting in Reception (September start) Applications for Reception places are made through Essex County Council, not directly to us. Deadlines fall in the January before your child starts. Full details and the application portal are on the [Essex admissions website].

Joining us in any other year group, or during the school year This is called an in-year admission and is also arranged through Essex County Council. Do please ring us as well — we can tell you straight away whether we have space in the relevant class, and we can start planning your child's welcome before the paperwork catches up.

Families move house, circumstances change, and sometimes a school simply has not worked out. Whatever has brought you to us, you will get a warm welcome and no raised eyebrows.

Our admissions arrangements and oversubscription criteria are on our Admissions page.

If we cannot offer a place Sometimes a class is full. If that happens, it is not a judgement on your child and it is not the end of the conversation.

- You can ask to go on our **waiting list**. Places do come up, particularly in a village where families move.
- You have a **right of appeal** to an independent panel. This is a legal right, it costs you nothing, and we will not think any the worse of you for using it. Essex County Council will explain the process and the deadlines when they write to you.
- Please still **ring us**. We can tell you honestly how the list looks and roughly what your chances are, which is more useful than waiting in the dark.