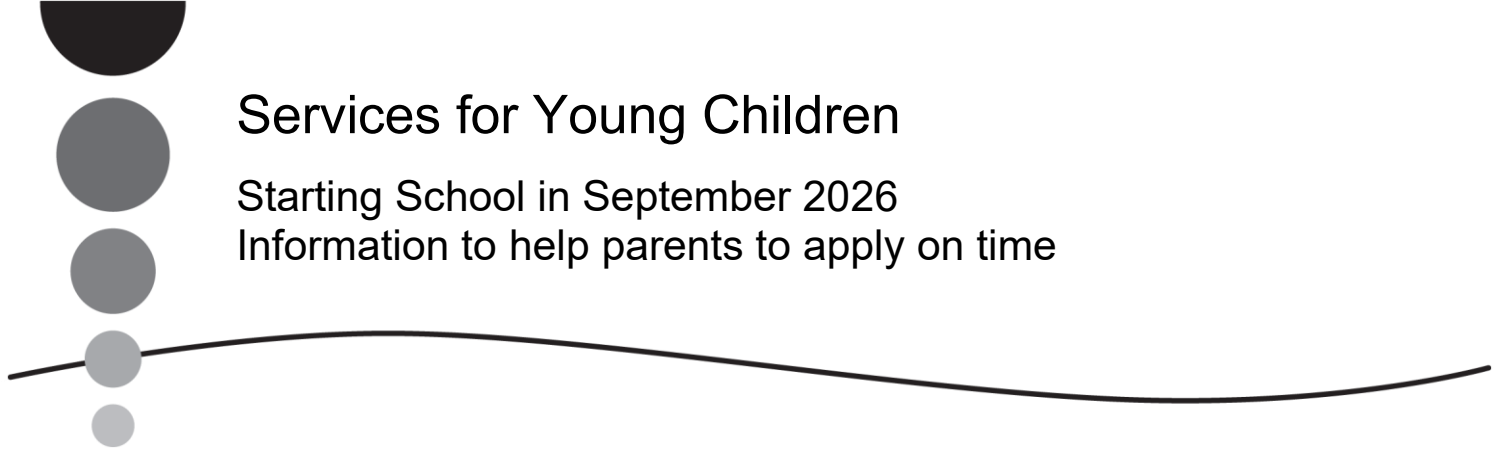




Services for Young Children

Starting School in September 2026
Information to help parents to apply on time

On Saturday **1 November 2025**, applications open for parents to apply for their child to start school in September 2026. The closing date for applications is **15 January 2026**.

Parents can apply online from 1 November via the Hampshire County Council website: www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions. A PDF application form can be requested from the Admissions Team in exceptional circumstances.

Hampshire County Council needs your help in ensuring that all parents of children approaching school age are aware of the need to apply and have access to information about the admission arrangements in time for them to make appropriate decisions on behalf of their children.

During September/October, all Early Years settings will be sent a digital 'Starting School' flyer to be displayed and shared with the children in your care who are due to start school in September 2026 (those children born between 01 September 2021 – 31 August 2022).

Full information about the application process can be found at:
www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearR.

Parents visiting the website will also find guidance on how to choose a school, what to do if they are moving house, starting school options including delayed admission for summer born children, and lots of other useful information. If parents require further information or need help with their application, they can contact the Admissions Team by emailing admissions.team@hants.gov.uk or calling 0300 555 1377 (between 8:30am and 2pm).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Admissions Team using the email or telephone number above.