



HOATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6,

It may seem impossible to believe but you are at the point where you and your children need to decide the next part of their educational journey. This time, next year, they will be starting at one of the many schools available to them for their secondary education.

Most importantly, **by Thursday 31st October 2024**, you must have applied for a place for your child on [Secondary school places - Kent County Council](#). You can read the whole online admission guide at [kent.gov.uk/ data/assets/pdf file/0005/125456/Secondary-admissions-book.pdf](http://kent.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/125456/Secondary-admissions-book.pdf) which is attached to this email as a pdf and literally talks you through the process. Some schools require extra admissions processes such as banding assessments and the booklet clearly indicates if this is needed for each and every school you may be considering. We recommend creating an admissions account asap even if you choose not to put choices in yet. You might want to do this once you've visited schools as long as it is before **Thursday 31st October '24**.

You can name up to 4 school preferences on your secondary school application and we strongly advise you to do this. If you do not, and your preferred option filled up on its admissions criteria for children above you in the ranked list, you would only be offered a place out of what was left in Kent not from the choices you could realistically consider. Only giving 1 choice definitely does not guarantee you a place at that school so please don't take the risk. Put the school you want first and so on...

The best advice, we can give, is make this a special time in your lives. Look at the website of each of the schools you are considering, check out when the open days and evenings are (we've found some out for you - see attached grid but you'll need to go on websites and check the necessary admissions process) and make a plan of which schools you are going to visit and when. Open day visits count as authorised absence. It will be a tiring few weeks but so worth it when you and your child feel you have selected the best school. It must be a joint effort between you both. If anyone is struggling to visit, please speak to us and we can try and support by seeking paired lifts and other possibilities to ensure you see all you need to.

On offer day (Monday 3rd March 2025) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer. You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Monday 17th March 2025.

For many years, we, alongside the Head teachers, have been supporting parents and children through this process. If you are in any way unsure, please come and see us and we will support you,

Kind regards, Mr Barker and Mrs Phillipson

