

Primary School Places

The County Council has processed more than 20,500 applications for children to start school in reception year (Year R) and to move from infant to their first year of junior education (Year 3).

More than 99 per cent (99.05 per cent) of parents have been offered a reception year place for their child in one of their three preferred schools, with over 93 per cent (93.64 per cent) allocated a place at their first preference school.

Of pupils transferring from infant school to junior school (Year 3), more than 99 per cent (99.27 per cent) received a place at one of their three preferences, and over 97 per cent (97.78 per cent) obtained a place at their first preference school.

Pupils who did not secure a place at one of their preferred schools have been allocated a place at their catchment school or the next nearest school with a place available. In these cases, the County Council has advised parents about the right to appeal and arrangements for their preferred school's waiting list. Places can become available via the waiting list for various reasons including parents changing their mind or families moving home.



Parents who applied online have been notified of their offers by email. They can also view their offer by logging into the secure, online portal using the same log-in details provided when making their online application. Those parents who applied on paper have been notified by email if an email address was provided on their application form or by post where no email address was provided and should receive their letters in two to three days.

Further information about the admissions process, including a set of Frequently Asked Questions, is available on the County Council's Admissions webpage - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions> For more information about school transport assistance and the eligibility criteria, please visit the County Council's Travel to School webpages - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schooltransport> This includes information on school transport assistance which may be available in certain circumstances, where the national eligibility criteria are met (application deadline 31st May).

Highways Improvement Schemes

Nineteen projects, including road resurfacing schemes, have been given the go-ahead using Hampshire County Council's share of the Government's reallocated 'Network North' HS2 funding. In October 2023, the Government confirmed that Hampshire would receive an additional £4.225m in 2023/24 and £4.225m in 2024/25 to be ringfenced for the maintenance of local roads, pavements, cycleways and bridges. These improvements will make the sites more resilient to the impacts of extreme weather, helping to prevent the recurrence of potholes and other defects. In addition, HCC are also investing more money into road repairs. Since April 2023, HCC has deployed this additional resource to fix over 142,000 road defects including potholes and other issues.

Local areas / roads where work is planned include:

Portsview Avenue, Porchester

Barnes Lane, Salisbury Green

Purbrook Way, Havant

Aston Road, Waterlooville

Langstone Bridge, Hayling Island (bridge repairs)

Havant Station Footbridge, Havant (a contribution to the bridge renewal)

Buildings for Sale

Hampshire County Council is selling buildings in Winchester - Three Minsters House, on the High Street, Four Chimneys Family Centre, near the Andover Road, and property on the County Council's Monarch Way site, near the Romsey Road. These buildings will close to staff later this year, and services run from these sites will be relocated to other County Council buildings in Winchester.

Many of the people working in County Council offices spend a significant proportion of time working directly in the community with people who need them – delivering local services such as social care to vulnerable children



and adults, enabled by technology. Some staff are also working remotely, which has become a more frequent pattern since the Covid-19 pandemic. These changes have made it possible to accommodate the same number of staff in fewer buildings, providing an opportunity to make savings on running costs, and to ensure that the facilities available keep pace with changing patterns of use.

Most of the services to be relocated are office functions that are not generally visited by the public. However, there are a few services in these buildings that are currently visited by local people. These services will be moved to other locations within Winchester that are accessible by public transport, and local people will still be able to use them.

List of grants and funding

Below some sources of grant funding -

#BeeWell Young People's Participation and Engagement Grant

Supporting organisations to work with young people to explore their ideas about being involved in the decision making of #BeeWell – Children's Services

Community grants to reduce the risks relating to serious violence

Opportunities for vulnerable young people at risk of harm or involvement in serious violence Adult Health and Care

Short Break Activities for Children with a Disability – Small Grant Fund 2023-2025

Provision of Short Breaks for carers of disabled children is a statutory duty since April 2011 under The Breaks for Carers Regulations 2011 – Children's Services

Wraparound Childcare

Supporting schools and childcare providers to create and expand wraparound childcare provision. Children's Services

Childcare additional needs

Supporting the inclusion of children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) who attend registered childcare settings. Children's Services

County Councillor Grants

Community grants for local projects, initiatives and organisations. Grants not open until June 2024

European (EU) funding 2014 to 2020

Priority areas and funding streams available in Hampshire under the current 7-year EU funding cycle

Local solutions grant

Helping to meet local needs [adult social care]

Other sources of funding and advice

Useful advice and funding sources outside of Hampshire County Council - Community Grants

Talented Young People in Sport

Aims to ensure that young people are not denied the opportunity to participate at a representative level in sport through financial hardship – Children's Services

For more information about grants visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list>

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