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Dear Parent / Carer,

## **Application to a nursery school or class for children born between 1 September 2003 & 31 August 2004**

You are being invited to apply for a nursery place for your child. The easiest way to apply for your child's nursery place is online at **[www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions)**. Here you will find all the information you need in full, in order to understand completely what is required to make an application.

The website explains how we process your application for a place and includes an interactive directory listing all the county council nursery schools and classes in Hertfordshire together with an electronic copy of the nursery booklet. If you wish to apply to a private or independent nursery you should contact the nursery direct. We would urge you to visit any early years provision you are thinking of sending your child to.

If you do not have internet access at home you can use the internet at your local library. You can also request a booklet which includes all this information and a paper application form if you prefer to apply by post. You do not need a booklet to be able to apply online but you can request a booklet if you wish by calling 01438 737500 (01923 471500 for 01923 & 0208 numbers).

Applying for a nursery place online is quick, safe and efficient. There are clear, simple prompts which make it easy and straightforward. This process also offers many benefits including:

- Confirmation by email that your application has been received.
- The ability to view or change your application right up to the deadline.
- The ability to view your school offer online on the same day as your offer letter is posted.

### **The application deadline is 26 January 2007.**

We believe children deserve the very best standards of education and care and we know how important the right start can be to a child's future success. Research shows that children who receive a high quality education in their early years are more likely to make good progress at school, stay in education longer, gain qualifications and be more successful in their working lives.

It is up to you whether to send your child to nursery. If you decide to do so, I hope that your child will enjoy learning and developing at this exciting stage of life.

**Yours faithfully,**

**Sarah Vize**

**Senior Manager Admissions & Transport**



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