

Dear Parents and Carers,

The closing date for High School Admissions is drawing near - **31st October 2020**. Missing this deadline could result in your child not being offered your preferred school of choice. Therefore, I have put some key information together in order to help you understand the process and how to submit your application. This information is also on the Thames Website.

Normally, parents would be issued with a Year 6 UID letter and parents would need to use a Unique Pupil Number to apply. However, you will not require these this year, but you will need to use your email address.

You will need to access the Blackpool council school admissions site, using the link below:
<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Education-and-schools/School-admissions/Apply-for-a-secondary-school-place.aspx>

If you do not have access to a computer, you can complete a paper version of the online form. If you would like support in printing off the forms, please contact the school office and we will help you with this.

Please can I encourage you to consider all schools in your local area, I would advise that you look on the schools websites in order to inform your decision. Normal school open evenings will not go ahead, as in previous years due to COVID restrictions, but schools are uploading much more content this year onto their websites.

Please note, that if your child lives out of the Blackpool area e.g. St Annes, Lytham, Poulton, then they need to apply through Lancashire - the information for this is on the Blackpool site (see above link).

In the meantime, if there is anything I can do to help you with this, please contact the school office and arrange a telephone consultation with me.

Best regards

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