



# DEVORAN NEWS

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back this week and we are incredibly proud of the resilience the children have shown as they have entered into the next chapter of their Devoran career. The children have adapted exceptionally quickly to the new way of learning as well as exploring their new playground zones and it is brilliant to see the new routines being established in each and every classroom. Well done everybody for such a great start to the term; I don't think it could have gone any better.

This week we also welcomed in our new Foundation class into school to visit and explore their new classroom. It was lovely to meet you all and we look forward to having you back in school after your home visits that take place next week.

I would like to thank you all for your positive response to the staggered start and egress times. It has had a very positive impact on getting the children into school calmly and has massively reduced the number of adults on site at any one time.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday to do it all over again!

Best wishes

Miss Lock

### Distance learning exercise book

Whilst we hope that we won't have to recommence with the learning from home, we want to be prepared for every eventuality. If your child has less than ½ an exercise book left, please email Mrs Andrews and we will ensure your child receives another book to keep at home 'just in case'.

### School dinners

Please remember to book your child's dinner choice on ParentPay.  
Year Three parents – this is a polite reminder that you will now need to pay for school dinners unless you are eligible for Free School Meals. For more information about this and how to find out if you are eligible, please read the letter attached to this newsletter.

### Nasal Flu Vaccination

The school nurse is coming into Devoran School to administer the nasal flu vaccination on Thursday 17 September. You will need to complete the online consent form by Tuesday 15 September. You can find all the information about how to complete this in the letter that is attached to the newsletter email.

### Medical information

If your child should have an inhaler or any other medication in school, please ensure that you hand it in to the school office (clearly named) and that you complete the relevant paperwork. Thank you to those who have already done so.

### Staff News

We are delighted to share the happy news with you that Miss Burrows got married over the summer. Miss Burrows has now changed her name to Mrs Churcher. Congratulations to the happy couple!

We are also delighted to share with you the news that Ms Emma Foden has been appointed as the wraparound leader at Devoran School. We know that you will all be delighted with this appointment and we are very happy that Emma will be a familiar face to everyone who has used the afterschool club before.

We are still looking to fill the position of wraparound assistant (in particular for Breakfast Club) and midday supervisor at school. If you know of anyone that would be interested, please signpost them to our website: <http://www.devoran.cornwall.sch.uk/web/vacancies/301613>

## September 2021 – Transition to Reception and Year 7

Whilst it feels somewhat odd talking about children moving on when you have only just arrived back, the online application system is now open and detailed information about the admissions process is available online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) or on request from the School Admissions Team. More information can also be found on the next few pages.



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# Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?**

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2021 for that child by the deadline of **15 January 2021**.

**Please note:** you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) for more information and to access the online application system

### **Need help with your application?**

Contact the Family Information Service on **0800 587 8191**

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# Transfer to secondary school

## September 2021

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

### Information and guidance

Website and application form: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)

Post: **School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY**

Telephone: **0300 1234 101**

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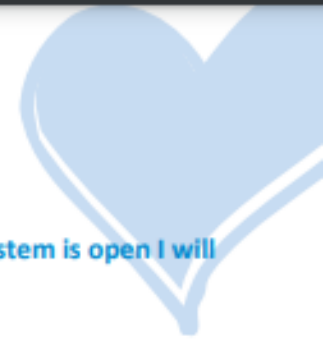
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# School Admissions

## Mythbuster



**Myth:** If I get my application in as soon as I can after the application system is open I will have more chance of getting a place.

**Incorrect:**

- All applications received by the deadline will be considered equally in the allocation process, so there is no advantage in applying early – but there would be a disadvantage in applying after the deadline as it is possible that some schools will already be full.

**Myth:** It will not matter too much if I miss the application deadline.

**Incorrect:**

- Applications submitted after the deadline will not be processed until after all those submitted on time. There will be some delay before a place can be allocated and it is possible that some schools will already be full.

**Myth:** If I only put one school preference my child will be more likely to get a place there/the Council will have to offer my child a place there.

**Incorrect:**

- Listing only one preference means that, if Cornwall Council cannot allocate a place at the school because you do not have enough priority according to the school's oversubscription criteria, you will be allocated the nearest school with a space available after all other parents' preferences have been taken into account. If you have not listed any other preferences, you might be allocated a school some distance away as other parents who did express additional preferences will take priority for the nearer schools. This is why Cornwall Council encourages parents to name more than one preference and **strongly recommends** listing your nearest school or schools as one of those preferences.

**Myth:** If I don't get a place at my preferred school, I will get a place at my nearest school anyway.

**Incorrect:**

- If Cornwall Council cannot allocate a place at your preferred school because you do not have enough priority according to the school's oversubscription criteria, you will be allocated the nearest school with a space available after all other parents' preferences have been taken into account. If you have not listed any other preferences, you could be allocated a school some distance away from your home address as other parents who did express additional preferences will take priority for the nearer schools, even if those schools are designated or nearer to you.

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**Myth: Having my child in the nursery/pre-school at my preferred school means I do not need to apply/I get more priority for a place in reception.**

**Incorrect:**

- All reception places must be applied for, regardless of whether or not a child is attending the attached nursery/pre-school. Schools are able to offer some priority to children with specific circumstances that are attending an attached nursery/pre-school in their oversubscription criteria but this does not guarantee a place if there are other children who rank higher in the criteria.

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**Myth: One of my children already goes to the school so my other child will automatically get a place.**

**Incorrect:**

- Each child's school place must be applied for and there is no automatic allocation based on having a sibling at the same school. This depends on the individual school's oversubscription criteria and whilst many schools do offer some priority to siblings in their oversubscription criteria this may come after children living in the designated area, or vice versa. Your child having a sibling in the school does not guarantee a place if there are other children who rank higher in the criteria. If your child does have a sibling attending the school already, make sure you indicate this on your application form.

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**Myth: Living near to a school gives you greater priority for a place.**

**Incorrect:**

- Many schools do offer some priority based on designated area or distance from the school in their oversubscription criteria but this does not guarantee a place if there are other children who rank higher in the criteria. Just because someone living near to you was allocated a place last year, does not mean that you will also secure a place there.

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**Myth: One of my children receives transport free of charge, so my other child will also receive transport free of charge to that school automatically.**

**Incorrect:**

- Transport is allocated on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy so there is no guarantee of transport free of charge to an additional child in a household. If one of your children receives transport to a school because it was the nearest one with a place available, other children may not be entitled if a place would have been available for them at a nearer school. We strongly recommend that you enquire about transport entitlement before applying for a school place if you are in any doubt.

## Contact us

Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)

Call: **0300 1234 101**