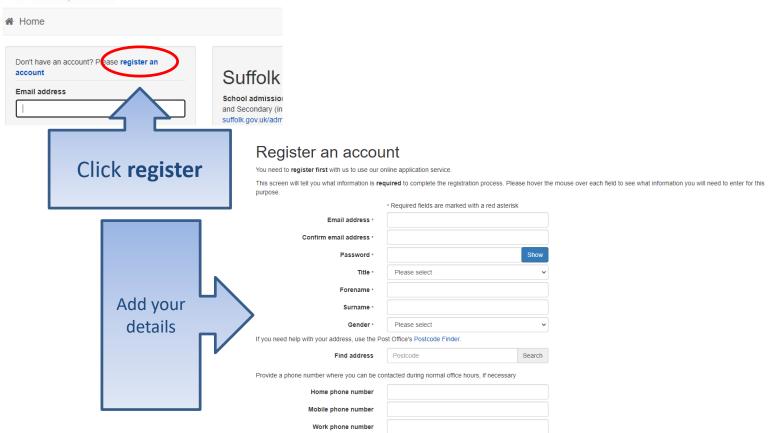
# Parents Guide to Online Admissions 2024/2025

Please note that some of the text may vary slightly – this is for example purposes only

# Registration





# Where do you live

If you need help with your address, use the Post Office's Postcode Finder.

Find Address

IP1 2BX

Governor Services Endeavour House, 8, Endeavour House, Russ d, Ipswich C I S S, Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX Children And Young Peoples Services, Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich, Early Years And Childcare, Endeavour House, Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich, Early Years and Advisor, Quality and Access. Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road.

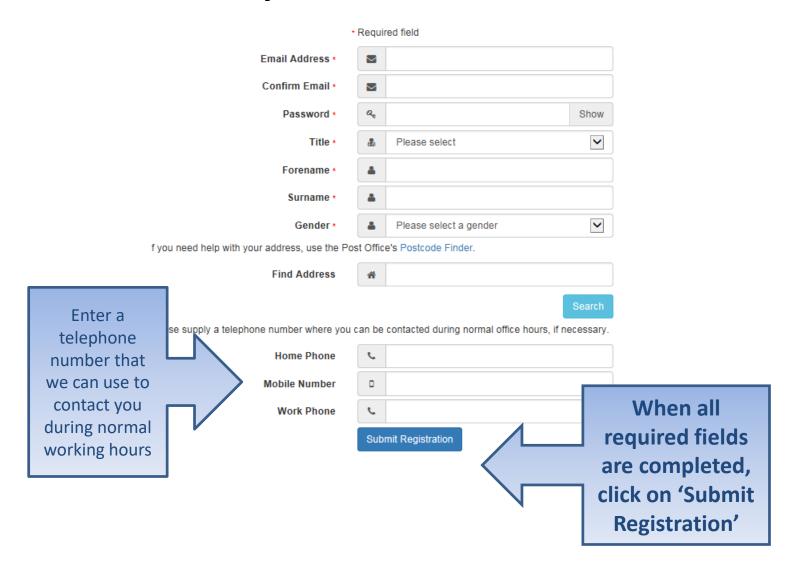
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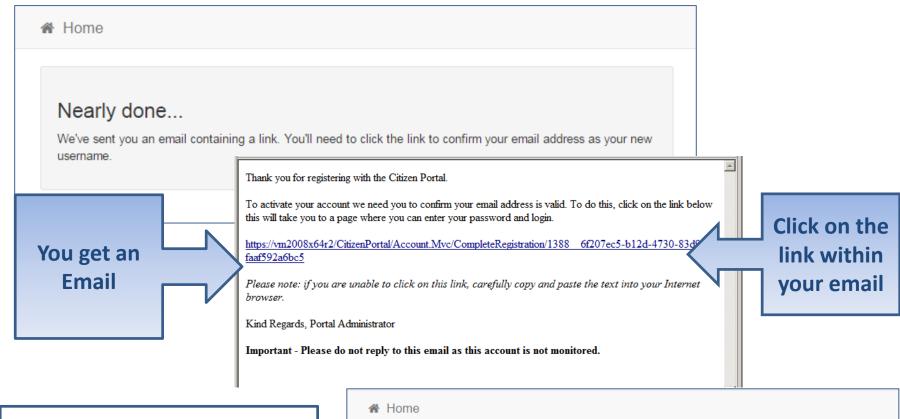
If you can't find your address, or you don't know the postcode, click on the 'not able to find your address?' button to enter address manually

If you know your postcode, enter it here, then click on Search. Find your address from the list and click on your address within that list to populate

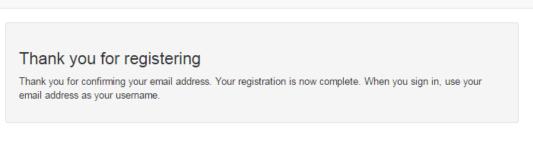
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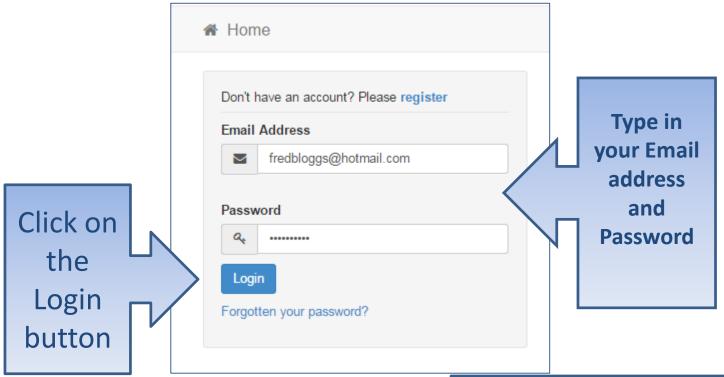
# What happens Next



- If the email is not in your inbox, check your Junk/Spam Mail folder
- If the link is not highlighted copy and paste into your browsers URL box



### Log in



If you have forgotten your password click on the 'Forgotten your password?' link. If your email has changed since you registered – you will have to register again.

YOU CAN ONLY CLICK ON THE LOGIN BUTTON IF YOU HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED

### Your Home Page

#### Suffolk County Council Citizen Portal

Manage your applications by clicking on one of the blue tiles below.

You can also return to this menu screen by clicking on home in the top left corner at any time.

To help keep your information secure the Citizen Portal will log you out after 20 minutes of no activity.

#### Before you start

- · Check your contact details are correct by clicking on 'my account' at the top right of this page.
- · Add details of your child(ren) by clicking on the 'my family' tile below.

Use the 'My Family' tile to check your own details are correct. If you need to change any details, for example to update your address, you will need to go into 'My account' at the top right of the screen.

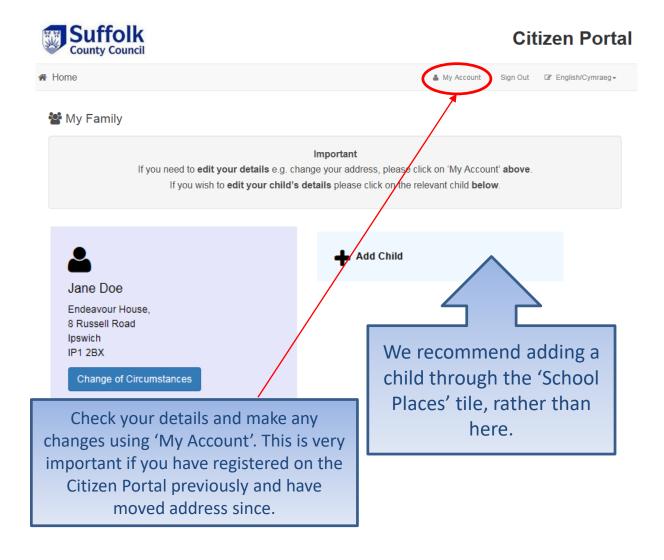




### **IMPORTANT:**

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# My Family



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# Adding an Application

#### School Places

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#### What to think about before you apply for a school place

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#### Make a new application

You currently have no children without an application.

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If you have already added children via another service they will be shown here (see next page for example)





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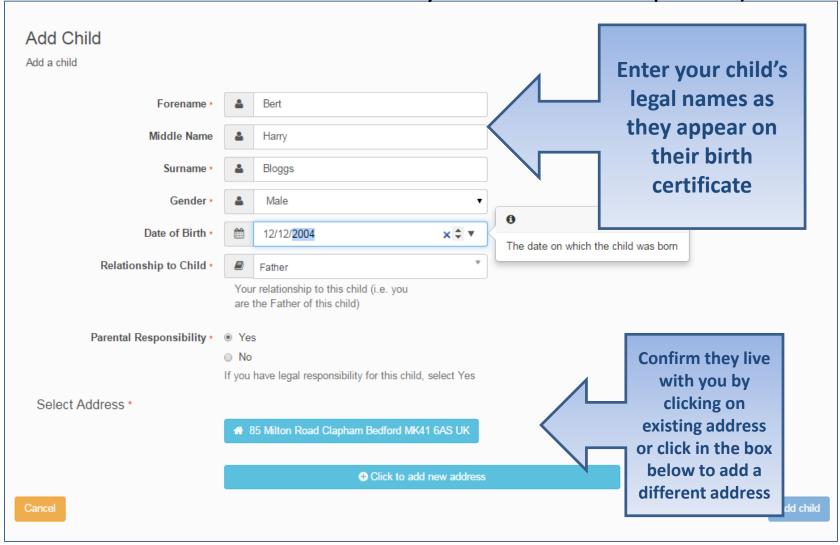
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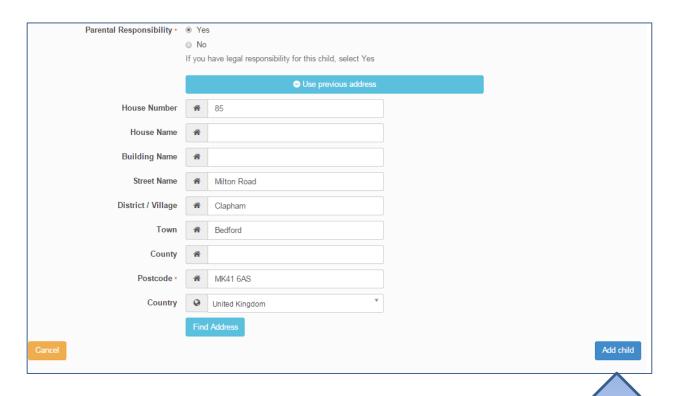


Click 'Start New Application' to apply for a school place

**Add your child** (if you have added a child via another service this information will already have been completed)



# Add Child (continued)



Once you've completed all the 'required fields' click 'Add Child to save these details

# Start the application

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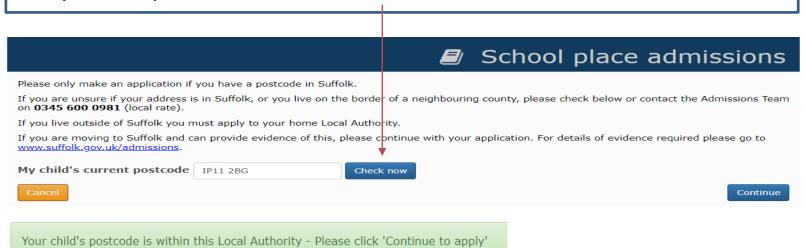
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### Which Local Authority do you live in?

You should check you are applying to your home authority.

PLEASE ONLY MAKE AN APPLICATION IF YOU HAVE A POSTCODE IN SUFFOLK.

Enter your child's postcode and click on 'Check now'.



If your postcode is not a Suffolk postcode, please apply via your home Local Authority. If you are moving to Suffolk, please visit our website

www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions for further information.

The postcode is not within this Local Authority; please either re-enter and click 'Check Now' to try again or click on Contact Us for instructions on how to provide in Suffolk. If you are unsure if your address is in Suffolk please check below or Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981.

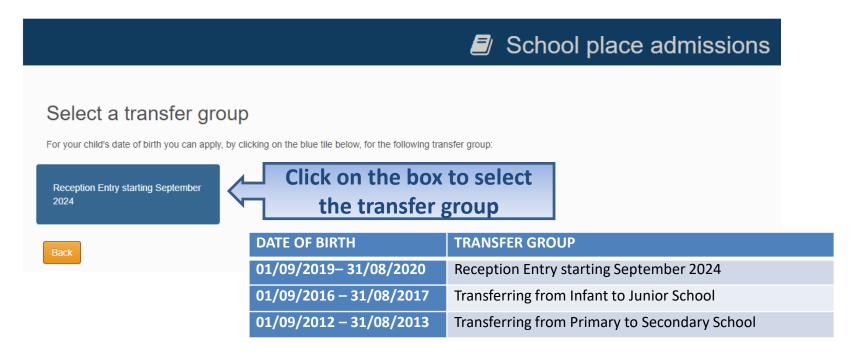
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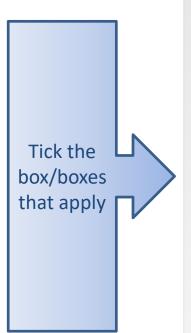
Cancel

### When is your child changing school?



 Please ensure that you have input your child's DOB correctly as this will automatically bring up the correct transfer group

### Your child's details



Required fields are marked with a red asterisk \* Does your child have Special Educational Needs? If yes, you MUST click here for very important information BEFORE you proceed. ☐ Is the child you are applying for a child in care (looked after child) or a child who was previously in care, including those adopted from state care outside of England? If yes, please tick this box. Please also read the information below. A 'child in care' or a 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). Please also select the care authority from the drop down box below. Children previously in care (children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, immediately following having been looked after). You must provide evidence in support of your application that your child was previously in care in the form of an adoption, child arrangements or special quardianship order if you want this to be taken into consideration when ranking your application. Please also select the previous care authority from the drop down box below. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. You must provide evidence of this to support your application if you want this to be taken into consideration when ranking your application. Each admissions authority for your preferred school(s) will consider the evidence you provide. They may reach different decisions about how they will rank your application. Please also select a care authority from the drop down box below if any have been involved with the child, or choose the option of Not Applicable. You will not be able to move onto the next stage of your application without selecting a care authority. Please email your evidence to admissions@suffolk.gov.uk. If you are unable to email your evidence, please post it to the Admissions Team at Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX to reach us by the relevant closing date. Please ensure that you include the child's name, date of birth and indicate the school you are applying for on any evidence or information you submit. If you send information through the post we strongly suggest you get proof of posting. Care Select care authority authority \* ☐ Is your child a twin, triplet or other multiple birth? If yes, please tick this box. You must submit separate applications for each child.

Once you've ticked the boxes that apply, or if none of these apply to your child leave the boxes blank, and click on 'Next'

### Your child's address details

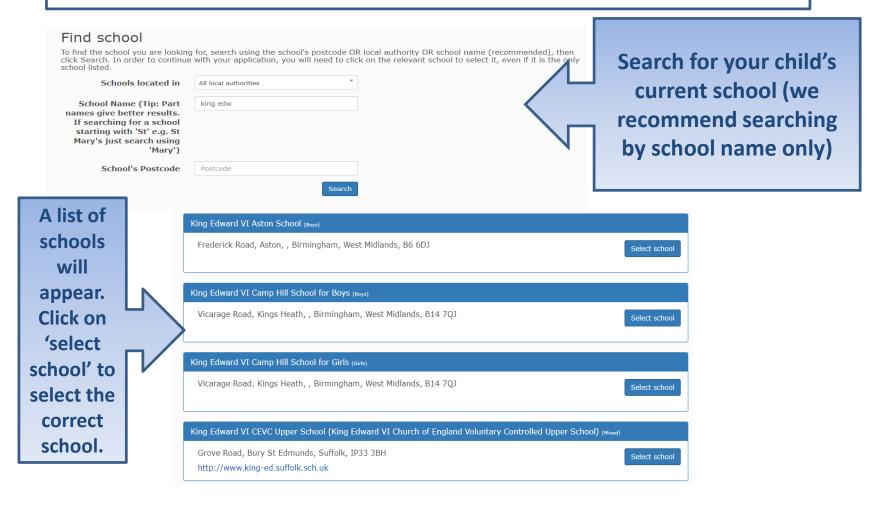
It's important that you provide us with your child's correct address.

If you are moving house – please read the information carefully and send us evidence of your house move by the relevant dates provided.

If you have completed all the relevant information about your house move and when it will take place, or you are not moving and this doesn't apply to you, click 'Next' to continue.

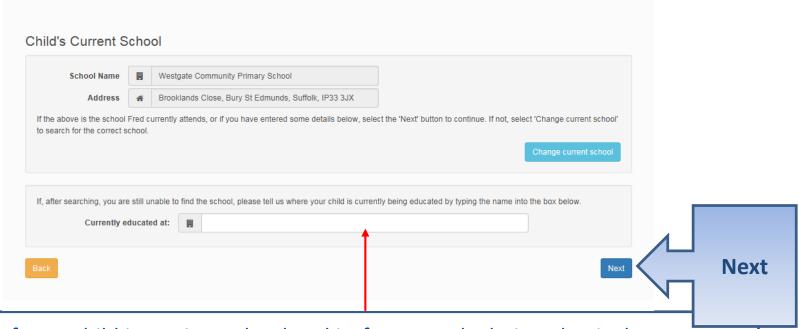
### **Current School**

If you added a child via another service their current school information should already be here. IMPORTANT — If you are applying for a place in the Reception Year, this page will not be displayed and does not affect your application.



### **Confirm School**

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If your child is not in a school and is, for example, being Electively Home Educated, or the school is not listed please tell us in the box at the bottom of this page.

### Your Preferences

#### Preferred School Search Choosing your preferences is very important. A catchment area school may not be the nearest suitable school to your child's home address and could affect their eligibility for SCC funded school travel. Information on School Travel eligibility is b You need to think realistically about how likely your child is to be offered a place at one of your preferred schools before you make your application and how your child will get to and from school. You can rank up to three schools inside and/or outside Suffolk. However, if you only apply for one school your child will not be considered for any other schools. If we are unable to offer your child a place at that school, they will be offered a place at the nearest suitable school with a place available after everyone else's preferences have been considered. Places may be limited, and a place may be offered at a school some distance from your child's home. You should be aware that your child may not be eligible for SCC funded school travel to the school offered. Each of your preferences will be considered equally and separately. Listing second and third preferences will not affect your child's chance of being offered their first preference. Your first preference will be offered above your second or third preferences Schools do not know how you order your preferences or which other schools you have applied for when they are ranking Attending or being offered a place at a primary (including infant or junior) school does not guarantee your child a place at another school at a later stage of transfer, even if the school traditionally feeds into another school. Be aware that if the school your child is offered a place at or is currently attending is named as a feeder school in another school's admissions oversubscription criteria, this does not mean they will get SCC funded school travel to that school as this is based on your child attending the nearest suitable school to their ordinarily resident address. The following information is very important: 1. We will provide SCC funded school travel to the Nearest Suitable School that would have had a place available for your child when they are: a) aged under 8 and live more than two miles from the school; or b) aged 8 or older and live more than three miles from the school. This would be whether or not an application was made for a place at that school. The distance in a) and b) above is called the statutory walking their home that would have had a place available for them and they meet the distance criteria

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#### Find school

To find the school you are looking for, search using the school's postcode OR local authority OR school name (recommended), then click Search. In order to continue with your application, you will need to click on the relevant school to select it, even if it is the only

School Name (Tip: Part names give better results. If searching for a school starting with 'St' e.g. St Mary's just search using

School's Postcode

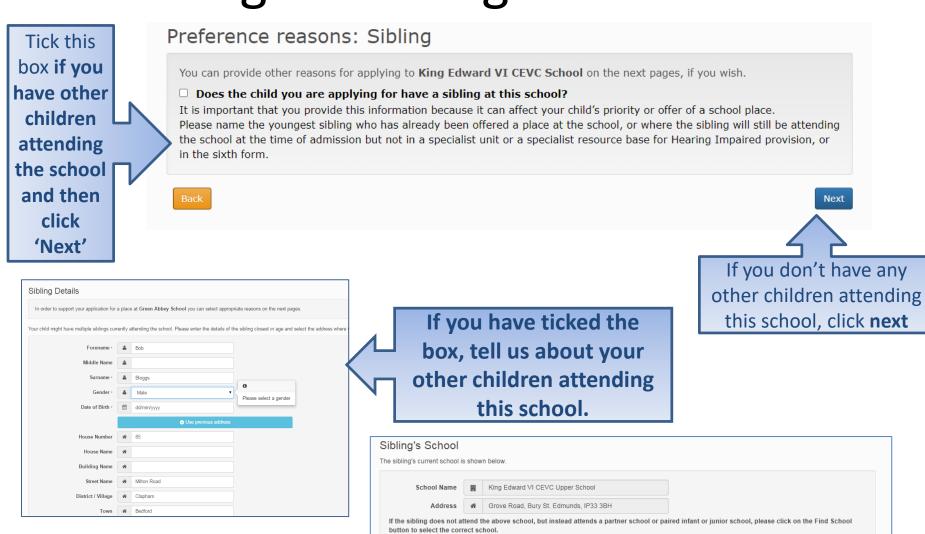
Schools located in

All local authorities Search

Search for the school you wish to apply for (we recommend searching by school name only)

**IMPORTANT** Please remember to click on 'select school' next to your preferred school, even if only one school is returned in the list. You will not be able to progress with the application if this is not done.

# Sibling attending the school?



# Tell us your Reasons

#### Preference Reasons

In order to support your application for a place at **The Albert Pye Community Primary School** you can select appropriate reasons below. You will have the opportunity to tell us in your own words of any additional reasons, or more about your selected reasons, on one of the next pages, but you don't have to. The admissions authority is only able to take reasons into account if they have a direct bearing on how your application is ranked against the relevant published oversubscription criteria.

The school operates it's own admissions oversubscription criteria. You may also need to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF). Please check the school's individual policy to confirm if this is a requirement. If a SIF is required you will need to fill it in and return it direct to the school by the closing date.

Please note the preference details will be sent to the governing body/academy trust of the school for the purposes of ranking.

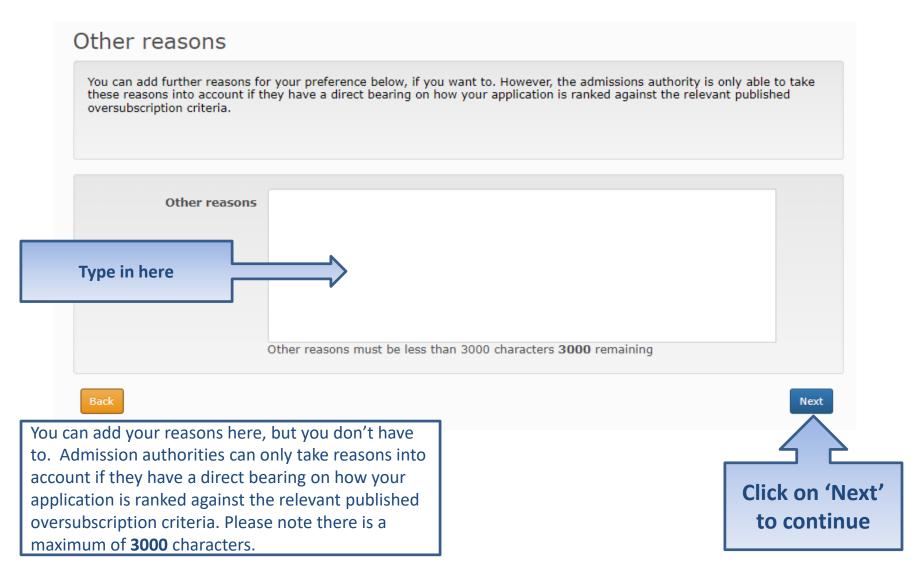
- □ I am selecting this school because it is a faith school
- □ I am selecting this school for medical reasons
- □ I believe my child lives in this school's catchment area. Please note, we would only provide Suffolk County Council funded school travel to your child's catchment area school if it is the nearest suitable school to their home that would have had a place available for them, and they meet the distance criteria. The nearest suitable school might not be your child's catchment area school. Some voluntary aided, free schools and academies do not have catchment areas.
- □ I believe my child attends a feeder school to this school. Please note, attending or being offered a place at a primary (including infant or junior) school does not guarantee your child a place at another school at a later stage of transfer, even if the school traditionally feeds into another school. Be aware that if the school your child is offered a place at, or is currently attending, is named as a feeder school in another school's admissions oversubscription criteria, this does not mean they will get Suffolk County Council funded school travel to that school as this is based on your child attending the nearest suitable school to their ordinarily resident address.
- I am selecting this school for social reasons
- I am selecting this school because of the distance from my child's home to this school
- ☐ I am selecting this school because it is easy to make arrangements for my child to travel to this school
- I am selecting this school because Fred is the child of a member of staff currently working there
- ☐ I am selecting this school because my child has an aptitude for the school's specialisms

Click on 'Next' to continue

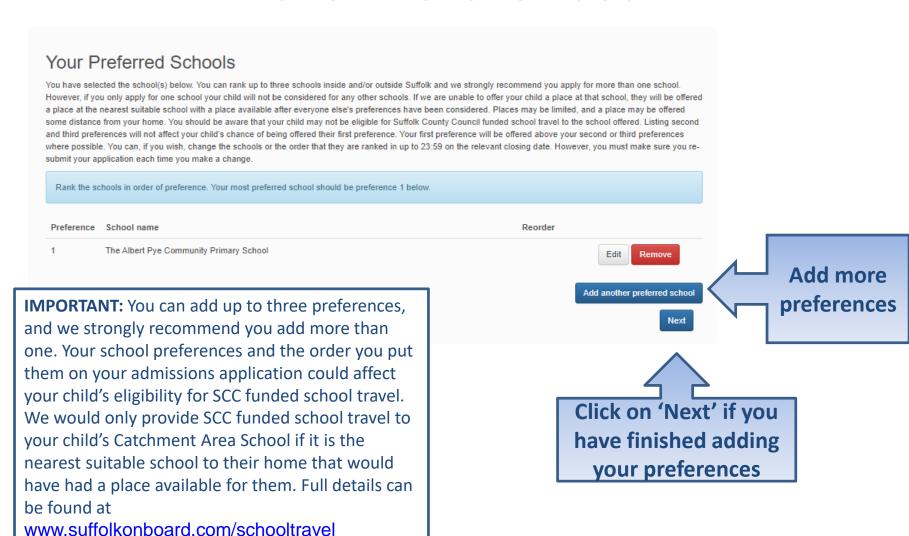
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Tick all of
the boxes
that apply
to you and
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for a place
at this
school. If
none
apply,
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# Anything else we should know?



### More Preferences



## **Submit Application**

### Application for Fred Bloggs (date of birth 31/08/2020)

You have completed your application and it has been saved. Using the options below, you can now either 'Submit' your application or you can 'Return Later' if you don't want to submit it just yet. However, it is very important that you submit your application by the relevant closing date. Please note, if your contact details change before the closing date you will need to update your details in 'My Account' which will automatically update your child's application.

Any change may set your application back to unsubmitted and you may need to resubmit your application. If your contact details change after the closing date you will need to update your details in 'My Account' and email us separately with the changes. You are unable to update your child's online application after the closing date. You do not need to let us know separately if you change your email address. You can also preview your application before submitting it.

#### Terms and conditions

#### I can confirm that:

- I have read the online guide Admissions to Schools in Suffolk 2024/2025, the relevant Directory of Schools in Suffolk -Secondary schools or Primary (including infant and junior) schools and the guidance notes within this online application.
- I have read the <u>School Travel Policy</u> and understand how eligibility for Suffolk County Council funded school travel will be decided and how this may affect my child.
- I confirm that the information I have given within this application is true and that I am a parent of this child as defined under section 576 of the Education Act 1996.

#### Definition of a 'parent':

For the purposes of education law, section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as:

- all natural (biological) parents, whether they are married or not
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person (this could be a step-parent, guardian or other relative)
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

A person has care of a child or young person if they are the person with whom the child lives and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child.

It's important
that you read
and understand
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#### Data Protection

Our Privacy Notice is available at <a href="www.suffolk.gov.uk/CYPprivacynotice">www.suffolk.gov.uk/CYPprivacynotice</a>. This privacy notice tells you what information Children's Services collects and uses, and your rights regarding your information.

You can request a paper copy by contacting us on 0345 600 0981 (local rate).

This gives
details of how
we will store
and share
your data

# Submit application

#### School place offer

As you are applying online we will automatically send details of your school place offer by email unless you untick the box below.

You will also be able to log in to your account and view the school place offer on 16/04/2024.

I would like to receive my offer of a school place via email. Please note that if you choose not to be notified by email we will send you a letter, by second class post, on the relevant National Offer Day. This means you may not receive your letter for two or three days after offers are emailed.

Warning Check your email junk or spam folders if you do not receive an email from us on offer day

#### Preview application

If you would like to view your application before you submit it, click on 'preview' below.

Preview

#### Submit

Required fields are marked with a red asterisk \*

You can submit your application now, or you can return to it and submit it later.

You can check or change your application but you  $\mathbf{must}$  submit it before 15/01/2024 23:59 to be sure a place will be allocated.

 $* \Box$  I confirm that I have checked the information given in this application and believe it to be correct. I confirm that I have read and agree to the important terms and conditions set out above.

Return later

Submit

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Preview and check your application

Finally – 'I confirm' and 'Submit' or 'Return later'

Back

### What next?

Thank you for submitting your application for a school place.

Please ensure that any additional evidence or information that is required by the school(s) you have expressed a preference for, for example, medical/baptism certificates or Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) is sent separately and by the relevant closing date.

Reminder - If you are moving to a new address and you want to use that address as your child's ordinarily resident address, you must email or post to us written evidence by the relevant closing date that you are legally committed to the move and that it will happen before the start of the school year you have applied for. The evidence must be either proof of exchange of contracts for your new address, or a signed letting/tenancy agreement confirming your new address. Please note that a sale memorandum, an unsigned tenancy agreement or a letter from your solicitor confirming exchange of contracts will take place soon will not be accepted. For children of UK service personnel or a crown servant family returning from overseas, we will offer places in advance of the move provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date. Evidence of a future address may also be required. A Unit or quartering address can be used if requested.

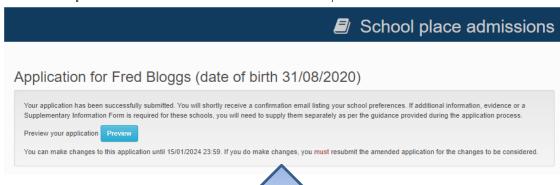
If you are unable to provide evidence of your move by the closing date you should still apply by the relevant closing date using your current address. You can then make a further application by completing a paper application (CAF1) once your plans have been confirmed. As long as we receive your further application and written evidence, as set out above, by Tuesday 3 January 2023 we will use your new address to allocate a school place.

You should email your evidence to admissions@suffolk.gov.uk or post to the Admissions Team, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX. Please ensure that you include your child's name, date of birth and indicate the school you are applying for on any evidence or information you provide. If you send information through the post we strongly suggest you get proof of posting.

You have expressed preferences for the following schools in this order of priority:

Rank	School Name	Address
1	Benjamin Britten Academy of Music and Mathematics	Blyford Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 4PZ

You will receive an email to your registered email address confirming submission

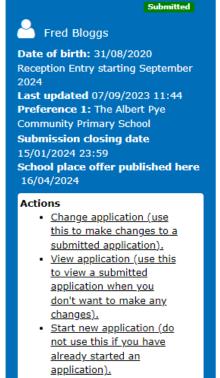


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### What next?

You can return to the Citizen Portal and change your application up until midnight on the relevant closing date by clicking on the 'School Places' tile. Please ensure that you resubmit your application after making changes.





Once you've submitted your application you can make changes by clicking on 'Change application'.

If you want to view your

application, once you've submitted it but do not wish to make changes, click on 'View application'.