



January 2022 Newsletter

Happy New Year! I hope that our school community had a lovely Christmas break. We have another busy term ahead of us! Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Admissions information for Nursery, Primary & Post Primary:

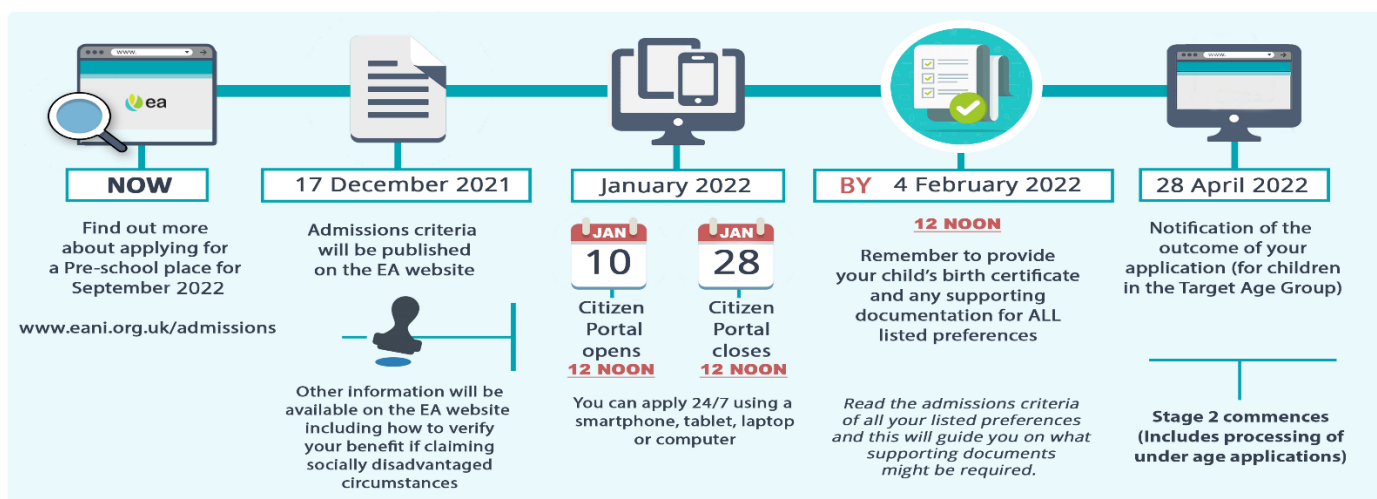


KEY DATES FOR PARENTS : Admissions Process for Pre-School Places 2022

STAGE ONE

For target age children born on or between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019

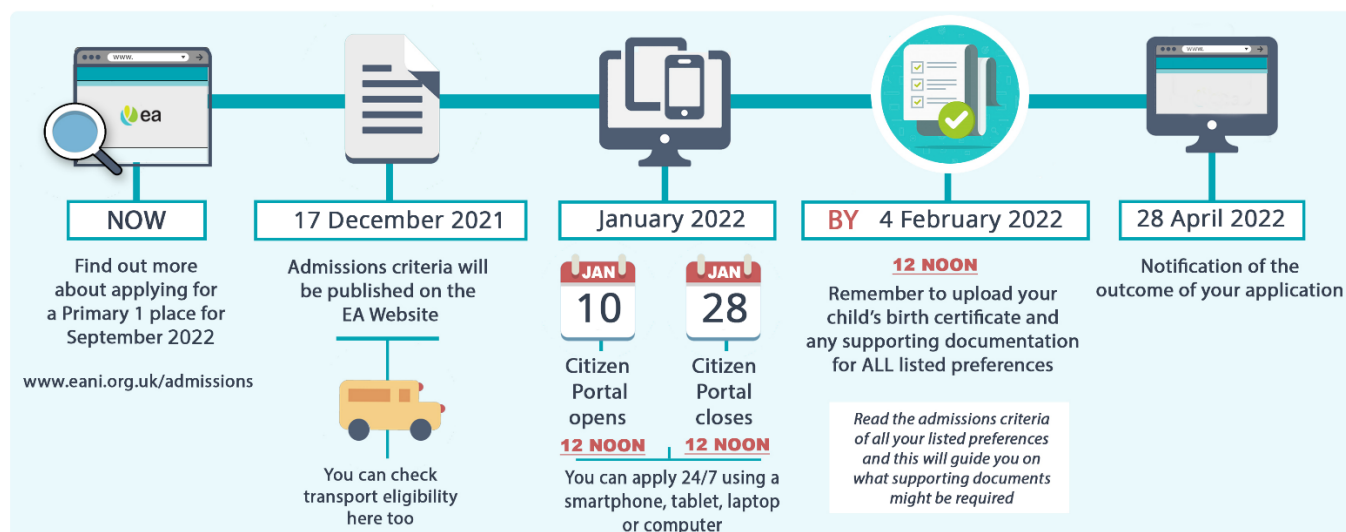
For under age children born on or between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020



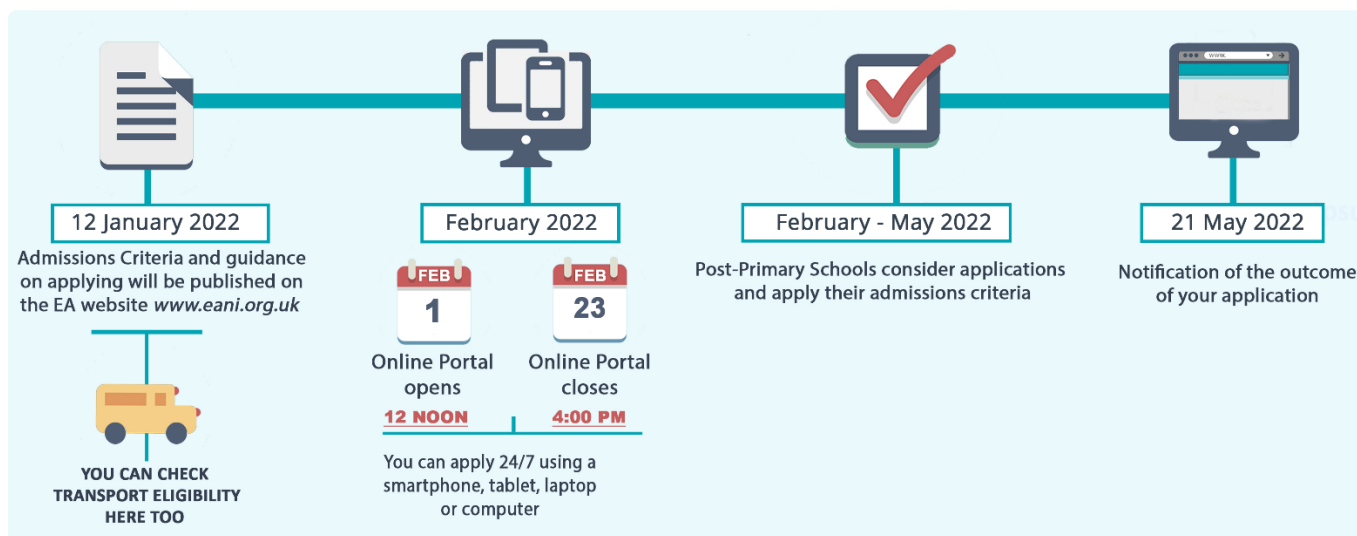
KEY DATES FOR PARENTS : Admissions Process for Primary One Places 2022

Children born on or between 2 July 2017 and 1 July 2018 will have reached compulsory school age in September

Children born on or between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019 can apply for a place in a reception class



THE USUAL AGE GROUP OF PUPILS WHO TRANSFER TO POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF 11 YEARS BY 1 JULY 2022 , I.E. PUPILS WITH DATES OF BIRTH FROM 2 JULY 2010 TO 1 JULY 2011 , INCLUSIVE.



School Enrolment SEPTEMBER 2022, FAO Prospective Nursery & P1 children.

Information on the procedures for school admissions in September 2022 will be available on the EA website: www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions on **Friday 17th December 2021** for Pre-school (Nursery) and Primary 1 places. Parents/Guardians apply on-line directly on the EA admissions portal. The portal is open for applications from Monday 10th January 2022 at noon. An application will be treated as punctual if received on or before 28th January 2022 at noon. Post-primary applications are also online this year, rather than the traditional forms that were completed. I would stress the need to read the admissions criteria very carefully when making any choices. Please phone the school to discuss any questions or queries with Mrs McCafferty.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to hold an open morning for prospective parents and children, however a virtual tour which has been created by our student council is available on our school website and social media platforms-please share! The school prospectus is in the 'Our School' section of the school website. www.goodshepherdps.net

Friends of Good Shepherd

We would like to express a massive **thank you** to The Friends of Good Shepherd, our entire school community, Mrs Donnelly and Mrs McKeever for their assistance in our Christmas draw and funday. We raised an amazing £1750!

At time of publication all dates were correct- any changes will be posted on the school website.

Date	What's on?
5/1/22	School reopens for all children
10/1/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7
11/1/22	Primary 7 Ms Forbes class schools swimming programme
11/1/22	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
12/1/22	Primary 7 Mr Herron class schools swimming programme
12/1/22	Primary 6 schools swimming programme
12/1/22	Dance Club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
13/1/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
17/1/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7
18/1/22	Primary 7 Ms Forbes class schools swimming programme
18/1/22	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
19/1/22	Primary 7 Mr Herron class schools swimming programme
19/1/22	Primary 6 schools swimming programme
19/1/22	Dance Club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
20/1/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
24-28/1/22	Catholic Schools Week- "Communities of Faith and Resilience"
24/1/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7
25/1/22	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
26/1/22	Primary 6 schools swimming programme
26/1/22	Dance Club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
27/1/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2

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28/1/22	Swimming Primary 5 Mrs Wilson's class
31/1/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7

Safeguarding Information



I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/guardians that **no cars are permitted inside the school grounds at any time** unless this has been pre-arranged with Mrs McCafferty or you are a blue badge holder. Please share this information with grandparents and childminders as refusal often causes offence. **Please ensure that the school gates are kept clear. Cars should not be parked on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school gates at any time.** Please talk to your child about general road safety. Please cross the road using the school crossing patrol. Enter and exit the school using the pedestrian gates only. Once your child is collected from school, please keep them beside you at all times. These measures are in the interest of everyone's health and safety. Thank you!

Members of the Schools Safeguarding team are:

The Chair of the Board of Governors (Mrs M. Hegarty)

The Designated Governor for Child Protection (Mrs M Hegarty)

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs Maria Harley)

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs S. McCafferty). Other members of Safeguarding Team:

Mrs P. Houston/Mrs R Warne /Mrs F Desmond/Mrs M Mc Cormack/Mr D Herron.

School policies can be found on the school website under the 'My School' section. There is also a wide range of support information for parents in the 'Parents Section' of the school website. This is updated regularly. The holiday list for the next academic year and updated menus for school dinners can also be accessed here.

Covid-19 Information

- **Parents/Guardians must wear a mask (unless medically exempt) and exercise social distancing in and around the school gates.**
- **Check your child's temperature every morning before they come to school**
- **If your child is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school**
- **If anyone in your household is awaiting a PCR test result or is Covid positive, please contact the school immediately**
- **Please keep us informed to keep our school community safe Thank you!**



Teaching and Learning starts at 9am each day. Please ensure that your child is dropped off for school on time.