

# Further Information

The following sources of information are useful when making your decision and applying for school places

## Schools in Suffolk booklets

'Schools in Suffolk' booklets are published every September by the Suffolk County Council Admissions Team. You can request a copy from the Admissions team by calling **0345 600 0981**, or you can view a copy on the website at:

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissionstoschools](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissionstoschools)

## DfE Performance Tables

Information about exam and test results can be found on the Department for Education website.

[www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance](http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance)

## School Transport

Information about transport to and from schools in Suffolk is available from Suffolk on Board, telephone **0345 606 6173**

[www.suffolkonboard.com/home-to-school-transport](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/home-to-school-transport)

## Ofsted

Ofsted is an organisation responsible for checking standards in schools. When Ofsted visit a school they write a report that is published on their website. The report can give lots of information about a school.

[www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)

## Directgov

The Directgov website contains advice and information about finding a local school. You can also search for schools by postcode which can be helpful if you are moving to an area that you don't know well.

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

# Contact us

Contact the School Preference Advice Service at SENDIASS on:

**01473 265210**

or via email at:

[sendiass@suffolk.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@suffolk.gcsx.gov.uk)

If you need help to understand this information in another language please call **03456 066 067**

Se precisar de ajuda para ler estas informações em outra língua, por favor telefone para o número abaixo.

**Portuguese**

Jeżeli potrzebujesz pomocy w zrozumieniu tych informacji w swoim języku zadzwoń na podany poniżej numer.

**Polish**

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**Bengali**

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**Lithuanian**

Dacă aveți nevoie de ajutor pentru a înțelege această informație într-o altă limbă, vă rugăm să telefonați la numărul 03456 066 067

**Romanian**

Если для того чтобы понять эту информацию Вам нужна помощь на другом языке, позвоните, пожалуйста, по телефону 03456 066 067.

**Russian**

If you would like this information in another format, including audio or large print, please call **03456 066 067**.



Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice & Support Service

# sendiass

## School Preference Advice at Suffolk SENDIASS

Making informed decisions about applications and appeals for school places in Suffolk



# Making informed decisions about applications and appeals for school places in Suffolk

Our aim is to help you make informed decisions about which school to apply for to best meet your child's needs. We act independently of the local authority and can offer impartial information and advice.

Our School Preference Advisers are available during term time to help you find out:

- about schools in Suffolk
- how the admissions system works, including online applications
- about appealing for a school place
- over-subscription criteria
- home to school travel
- how to access information about the Schools' Local Offer (the support that is expected to be available to pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)
- advice and support in relation to children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

For general enquiries about admission applications, which schools are local to you and availability of places please contact Suffolk Schools Admission Service direct on:

**0345 600 0981**  
**[admissions@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@suffolk.gov.uk)**

## Getting started

When starting to think about a new school it can be helpful to:

- talk to your child. What are they looking forward to? Do they have any concerns?
- think about what is important to you. Make a list of things that you want to know about a new school.
- seek advice from teachers at your child's current school or nursery.

## Finding out about a school

It is really important to visit schools before making your application. If you cannot get to a school open day or evening, you can contact the school and make an appointment to visit at another time.

Every school should be able to provide you with a school prospectus. This should have lots of information about the school in it.

Visit the school's website but be aware that the amount and quality of information can vary a great deal from one website to another.

It can be useful to talk to parents whose children go to the school you are finding out about. However, you should always check details with the school for yourself as things can change from year to year.



## Things to remember

Even if your child is attending a school nursery you will need to complete an application form for a reception class place.

In Suffolk there is no guarantee of a place at a catchment school.

Make sure you know about the deadlines for application and make sure you get your application in on time.