

# FACT SHEET

## SCHOOL ENTRY & SUPPORTING SERVICES

### ABOUT THIS FACT SHEET

This factsheet is for Sponsors (aka Hosts) and Guests and details some key facts related to enrolling children into full-time education as well as what support is available. For the latest information (in English and Ukrainian) go to:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/ukraine-support/ukraine-support-in-hertfordshire.aspx>

### 1 THE SCHOOL ENTRY PROCESS IS THE SAME FOR ALL

Ukrainian guests should apply for school places using the standard online process via:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-admissions-and-transport.aspx>

### 2 APPLICATIONS MAY BE CONSIDERED EVEN IF A SCHOOL IS FULL

Applications will be considered by the County Council even if a school says they have no availability, do not be put off applying. Places at a preferred school cannot be guaranteed but will be considered (and put on a waiting list while other schools are approached for places)

### 3 A SCHOOL PLACE IS USUALLY ALLOCATED IN 15-20 SCHOOL DAYS

Once the County Council receive an application, Guests should be allocated a school place within 15-20 school days. For advice: [ukraine.ukschooladmissions@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:ukraine.ukschooladmissions@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

### 4 ADMISSIONS CAN BE MADE "IN YEAR"

Applications are not limited to the start of the academic year, they can be made at any time using the "in year admissions" process, via the link shown in Fact #1.

### 5 FINDING WHERE LOCAL SCHOOLS ARE IS EASY

All Hertfordshire schools are listed online and can be searched by location and other criteria via: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/schools-directory/school-directory.aspx>

### 6 TRANSPORT SUPPORT MAY BE AVAILABLE

Under certain circumstances school transport can be provided, to check eligibility use the link on Fact #1 and select "Transport to School"

### 7 THERE IS HELP AVAILABLE WITH UNIFORMS

School uniforms are expensive and so support is available via groups such as the Sunflower Group, FaceBook groups (search for e.g. Watford & Surrounds, Ukrainians in Hertfordshire), also local churches/charities or the schools themselves

### 8 FREE SCHOOL MEALS MAY BE OFFERED

Free School Meals (lunch) will be provided for all new students but if you are already working this should be checked with the school once a placement has been offered

### 9 CHILDCARE IS OFTEN AVAILABLE

Children aged 3 years and above are entitled to 15 hours free education/care per week, day nursery, pre-school or a childminder. For advice: [earlyyears@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@hertfordshire.gov.uk).

