

Update from Hampshire County Councillor Jan Warwick -January 2023

Primary School Admissions

As the 15 January deadline for school place applications approaches, Hampshire County Council is urging parents of children due to start school in reception year or move to year 3 in a junior school in September 2023 to indicate three school preferences on their application. Where a school is not able to offer a place, the child will be added to the waiting list for the next available space – often other children do not take up their offer because a family moves home or has decided on a different school. Any parent who is unhappy with the place that has been allocated for their child can appeal against the decision.

Parents who have already submitted their application can log back into the online system to amend their application any time before the closing date of 15 January 2023. It is important to be sure to resubmit the application after making any changes. Anyone who needs to make changes to a paper application should contact admissions.team@hants.gov.uk

Sofas, seats and armchairs.....

The larger Hampshire waste recycling centres will now provide separate containers for upholstered seating. Items such as dining chairs, armchairs and sofas are likely to contain pollutants which stay intact and do not break down, so authorities are required by law to ensure these items are diverted from landfill, separated from other waste and disposed of carefully at one of our energy recovery facilities.

Ideally residents will first consider offering suitable items for reuse by donating to charity or selling privately before disposal. The range of upholstered seating items which now need to be segregated includes: sofas, sofa beds, armchairs, kitchen and dining room chairs, stools and upholstered foot stools, home office chairs, futons, bean bags, floor and sofa cushions. Many local district councils also offer, for a fee, a bulky waste collection service which residents can use as an alternative to taking items themselves to a household waste recycling centre.

Reminder! Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan -consultation ends 31st January

Providing minerals (sand, gravel etc) to enable development and building in Hampshire is an important function of the County Council and is vital for economic development in Hampshire. Equally, the County Council has to provide infrastructure and sites for the disposal of waste, and consequently sites need to be considered for this. So, just as there is a Local Plan for housing, the County Council creates a Minerals and Waste Plan for the County area along with Portsmouth and Southampton cities.

A new iteration of the plan has just been published for consultation. I should stress at this point that all of the sites put forward are NOT sure to be developed. You can see the full plan here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update>

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