

**Applying** for a **school** place?  
Would you like **free**, **impartial** and  
**confidential** **advice** and **guidance**  
with your **application?**



**Essex Choice Advice Service**



## Contact our Choice Adviser for information on:

- the different types of schools in Essex and neighbouring authorities and their admissions criteria;
- special educational needs policy and provision;
- how to complete the application form and when to apply;
- which schools best suit your family's and child's needs;
- school Ofsted reports;
- the appeals process including, where possible and if required, attending and speaking on a parent/carer's behalf at the appeal;
- other services such as Parent Partnership, Special Educational Needs and Additional Needs, Education Welfare and School Transport.

**The Choice Adviser cannot make decisions for parents and cannot guarantee a place at a particular school.**

Contact the Choice Adviser by telephone: **01245 437622** (Monday to Friday during term time), email: **[choice.advice@essex.gov.uk](mailto:choice.advice@essex.gov.uk)** or visit **[www.essex.gov.uk/choiceadvice](http://www.essex.gov.uk/choiceadvice)**

## Useful contacts:

**[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)** Information on Essex school admissions and online applications

**[www.dcsf.gov.uk](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk)** Government website for children, schools and families, including data on school performance

**[www.ace-ed.org.uk](http://www.ace-ed.org.uk)** National charity providing independent advice on education, including admissions and appeals

**[www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)** Government website where you can access inspection reports for schools

**[www.directgov.gov.uk](http://www.directgov.gov.uk)** Government website for information on all public services including schools

