

Children get their secondary school offer

Over 95.5 per cent of primary aged children in Medway have been offered a place at one of their preferred secondary schools, new figures show.

Families across Medway will start receiving news of the secondary school their child has been offered for September 2018 today - National Offer Day.

Of the 3,259 Medway children offered places, 91 per cent have been awarded either their first or second preference. Every Medway child who applied on time has secured a school place.

The school admissions process for Medway is a huge task and involves the Council's School Services Admissions Team processing secondary school applications for 3,889 children in total, including 630 children from outside the Medway area.

This year, 97 per cent of families used the council's online application process to submit their preferences.

Medway Council's Portfolio Holder for Education Attainment and Improvement Cllr Martin Potter said: "Going to secondary school is a big step for young people and I wish them all the best as they continue their education. I would like to thank the school organisation team for their work and planning for the provision of school places whilst meeting the demands of a growing population."

Cllr Andrew Mackness, Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, said: "Thousands of children will be finding out which secondary school they have been offered a place at today and I am pleased that many of them have been allocated a place at one of their preferred schools. It is a very exciting moment for families and I wish children the best of luck as they continue their education.

"I would also like to thank our admissions team for their hard work to make sure as many children as possible are placed at one of their preferred secondary schools."

Notes to editors:

Medway Council has provided over 3,000 additional primary school places over the last five years and is joint first nationally for providing additional places at good or outstanding schools.