Medway Council Press Release on 'Children get their secondary school offer'

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Families across Medway will start receiving news of the secondary school their child has been offered for September 2021 from today (1 March).

Every Medway child whose parent applied on time has secured a school place and, of the 3,431 Medway children offered places, more than 96 per cent have been awarded a place at one of their preferred secondary schools.

The school admissions process for Medway is a huge task and involves our School Admissions and Transport team processing secondary school applications for a total of 4,459 children, which includes 1,028 children from outside Medway.

We offer parents the opportunity to submit their child's applications online, using a quick and simple form. This year, more than 99 per cent of families used the online application process to submit their preferences.

A separate admissions process has also taken place for a new free school opening in September 2021, Leigh Academy Rainham. Leigh Academy Rainham received 514 applications and offered 240 places on national offer day. Find out more about the academy-run school.

Wishing children the very best

Cllr Martin Potter, Medway Council's Portfolio Holder for Education and Schools, said: "Medway has a range of excellent secondary schools to meet children's individual needs and interests, and I am pleased the majority of children have been allocated a place at one of their preferred schools. I would like to wish everyone finding out their allocated place the very best at their new school."

Very exciting time

Cllr Josie Iles, Medway Council's Lead Member for Children's Services, said: "Despite the ongoing challenging times both children and families face, today is a very exciting time for those finding out where they will be studying come September. I wish the children all the best as they take their next step into secondary school.

"I would also like to thank our admissions team for all their hard work."