Ukraine - Education and childcare (28/04/2022)

Just like families entering UK under the Afghan and Hong Kong BN(O) resettlement schemes, children arriving from Ukraine will have no specific additional priority for admission, we are under a duty to offer advice to parents on the school application process and will advise them where vacancies exist and how to apply.

If there are school places available in the local area, even if not in the immediate vicinity of the family's home, we will work with families arriving from Ukraine to enable the children to attend school as soon as possible. It is expected that the LA will provide places and, where schools can admit above their published admission numbers (PAN); admitting children of Ukrainian refugees as exceptions to the infant class size limit if there are no reasonable alternatives. Please contact the schools appeals team to discuss alternative solutions, schoolappeals@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Where there are no reasonable alternatives (definition of reasonable – travel time to school should be a maximum 45 minutes for primary aged children and 75 minutes for secondary aged children) we will consider placing these children using the Fair Access Protocol. Please contact the In Year admissions team inyear.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk for further advice.

All children who reside in the UK are expected to be in school by the term following their 5th birthday.

All young people in England are required to continue in education or training until their 18th birthday and most continue until the end of the academic year in which they turn 18. Councils have a statutory duty to support 16- and 17-year-olds to move into education and training. Guests living in the UK under Ukraine Family Scheme, or the Homes for Ukraine are eligible to enrol as a student, although colleges (but not state-funded schools) may ask to see evidence of eligibility.

The government is providing additional funding to councils to provide education services for children from families if they have arrived through the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Ukraine Response – School Places (07.04.2022)

All Schools

Applications for School places for Ukrainian School-Age Children

Dear Colleagues

Currently we understand that Ukrainian families with school-age children moving to Gloucestershire, will be arriving at individual households across the county over an unspecified period of time. We do not currently expect high numbers to arrive in one location at any one time but should that change, additional resources will be added to GCC teams to maintain our services to all applicants.
The advice for Ukrainian families who need **school places** is to apply in the usual manner for in-year transfers.

- Families can make applications directly to the school(s) of their choice by completing an In Year Application Form and taking this to the school.

  A [paper copy of the In Year Application Form](#) should be completed and sent directly to the preferred schools.
  More information regarding In Year applications can be found at [Gloucestershire In Year Admissions](#)

  Applications will be considered alongside all other mainstream applications and places will be offered in accordance with each school's published admissions rules. However, in exceptional circumstances, if an area emerges where it is difficult to offer children places due to a lack of available space, we will liaise with schools directly as appropriate to see if additional places can be made available. Schools can also contact the In-Year Admissions Team for advice and guidance.
  For any school application queries, the In Year School Admissions Team can be contacted directly on 01452 426015 or by email at inyear.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

  Further updates will be issued as and when the overall demand for places becomes clearer.
  Please do contact us if you have any further queries.
  Many thanks for your support and help for children and their families in these challenging times. It is very much appreciated.

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