## **Starting High School September 2019 Application Information**

Dear Parents,

You will have all received your High School application letters for starting High School in September 2019. We have a summary of the guidance on applying for High School;

- It is not first come first served; it does not matter when you apply as long as it is before the deadline.
- Applications must be submitted by 31st October 2018
- Do not leave it until the last moment to apply; although technology is more reliable server issues can still happen.
- Applications are mainly online but paper copies can be downloaded from the council website (or we can assist in school).
- When applying online ensure you click submit when applying and each time you make any changes. Your email confirmation is your proof of submission.
- You have 3 choices, rank them in preference. Your first choice is the most preferred, second next etc. If your catchment is not first or second choice, it is a good idea to have it as third preference as a backup.
- Do not choose the same school 3 times, only first preference will count and the other two will be discarded.
- Catchment schools are not automatically allocated. If it is not a preference and you do not get any three of your choices it will not be automatically allocated.
- Please tick the sibling box if you will have older children at the school when your child starts as the computer systems do not automatically link families.
- If you are applying out of area, apply via the Luton application form.
- If you are applying for Faith or Catholic Schools you will have to submit an extra form please check each school.
- Each school has entrance criteria which are available on the council website, please check these when applying so you have an idea of your chances of securing a place.
- Schools host Open Evenings and these dates should be in your application letter; they are available on the council website and in the local press. It is a good idea to visit as many schools as possible. Talk to the students showing you around as they will give a pupil view on the school.
- If you do not get any of your preferences, you can appeal and you can go on waiting lists for preferred schools.
- Finally! Apply on time!!! Applications close on 31st October 2018

If you need any assistance, please see the Family Workers who will be more than happy to help with any queries. Please call the school office or via email clegg@bramingham.net or galtaf@bramingham.net.

Kind regards,

Miss Legg and Mrs Altaf