

## WHO WE ARE

Primaryschools.ie was developed by Access Education Ltd., a specialist software development and consultancy company, based in Dublin, Ireland, which focuses on streamlining and improving the application processes to education.

## WHAT WE DO

We have developed Ireland's first central application system for primary schools. Parents will no longer have to search for individual school websites or download application forms for posting. Primaryschools.ie offers one site where parents can search and apply to any school in Ireland from the comfort of their own home.

Not only that, but schools can log into their secure account and receive and administer applications according to their own enrolment criteria, saving many hours of administration time sorting applications and posting responses.

## WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF USING PRIMARYSCHOOLS.IE?

We provide:

- An administrative system to receive online applications, which allows schools to store *all* their applications (including hard copies) and administer them using one account
- Access for a school to publish their Enrolment/Application policy on our website to provide ease of access for parents when enrolling their children in school.
- A secure system that will allow a school to communicate effectively, quickly and privately to parents.
- Statistics over any date range, showing the number of applications and their statuses and how many times your school has been short-listed.
- A system that will allow a school to sort their applications according to the criteria set out in their enrolment policy.
- A system that will facilitate bulk sending of information to selected recipients.

- A one-stop-shop for parents to find information on school enrolment in general, or on a particular school and apply to any registered school in Ireland.
- An account which provides parents with the facility to receive acknowledgements, provide receipts, detailed school information, and offers/refusals of school places
- An estimated savings of nearly €790,000 across the primary school sector in time, resources and administrative supplies.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

### **School Profiles**

1. Register with primarieschools.ie
2. Set up your profile information and mail templates and publish your application form
3. Start receiving applications!

### **Parent Profiles**

1. Register with primarieschools.ie and set up your profile information
2. Search and shortlist schools
3. Apply to your chosen registered schools, then sit back and relax!

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

Schools	FREE!	FREE!
Parents	No registration fee	€12.50 per child per year for an unlimited number of schools

We will make it clear to parents that this is a service fee and not an application fee. We also advise parents they may obtain application forms from schools directly free of charge.

## **ARE WE COMPLIANT WITH THE DATA PROTECTION ACTS?**

Yes, Access Education Ltd. is compliant with the Data Protection Acts 1998-2003. Please see our Privacy Policy and Terms on our website for further information on how we treat your information.

## **WHAT ARE OUR SECURITY MEASURES?**

Our servers are located in Ireland with Amazon (the application system database) and Blacknight; (the front facing website), both hosting networks which are designed with high availability, fault tolerance and security in mind. Locating our servers in Ireland also allows us to operate in-line with Irish Data Protection laws.

Our application system uses 256-bit SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) protocol encryption technology to ensure your password protected login details are encrypted when entered into your browser.

## **WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL OF AN ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM?**

Once a central application system is established, there really is no end to its potential. Should the government, in the Education (Admission to Schools) Bill, introduce one date from which applications may be submitted, or any other system changes, we can easily accommodate them.

Our system is created free for schools to use and if schools wish us to implement any system changes to further improve their working lives, we are happy to consider them!