

Dear Parent/Carer

Brexit Preparations

As you may well be aware, the UK is due to leave the EU by the 31st January 2020. Schools, academies and local authorities cannot take into account nationality or immigration status when deciding which pupils to admit. There will be no change to this after Brexit.

However, we do have a duty to inform the families of our pupils of actions they may need to take. If you or any member of your family is an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme if you wish to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. The EEA includes the EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. You need to apply if you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, even if a member of your family is a British citizen. You will also need to apply if you're not an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, but your family member is.

The deadline for applications depends on whether the UK leaves the EU with or without a deal:

- If the UK leaves the EU with a deal, applications will close on 30 June 2021;
- In the event of a no deal Brexit, applications will close on 31 December 2020.

It is free to apply to the scheme, and further information can be found at the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

Irish citizens' right to live in the UK will not change when the UK leaves the EU. Irish citizens do not need to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme, but their family members, who are not Irish or British citizens, will need to.

The academy is able to provide support if you are worried or need further information about what to do next. Please contact Mr Ephgrave via the academy office who will be able to assist in the first instance.

Please be assured that we welcome all pupils to our academy, regardless of nationality, residency status or any other characteristic.