



# THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

## A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parent / Carer

### Brexit Preparations

As I'm sure you are aware, the UK is due to leave the EU by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

Schools, Academies and Local Authorities cannot take into account nationality or immigration status when deciding which pupils to admit. This will not change 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. Even if a member of your family is a British Citizen, if you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you will need to apply. You will also need to apply if you're not an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, but a member of your family 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 family members who are neither Irish nor British Citizens, will need to.

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

Yours faithfully

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*The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs K Bones at [kbones@buckinghamschool.org](mailto:kbones@buckinghamschool.org), if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.*

