

Letter from Jennie Stephens

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Starting school is a very important milestone in every child's life.



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As a parent, you have an important role to play in helping your child take the first steps on their journey through education. We are keen to work with you - not only to make sure that starting school is a positive experience for your child - but also to help your child achieve their full potential in a warm and caring environment.

No doubt you will be thinking about the school you would like your child to attend. Your child may already have an awareness of school from links between school and their pre-school provider, or from older brothers and sisters who attend, or you may have talked to your child about what starting school means.

The First Step booklet and web site are designed to give you information about the primary schools in Devon and help you through the process of applying for a school place for your child. It may not answer all your questions so if you need any help with the admissions process please don't hesitate to contact the Education Helpline on **0845 155 1019**.

You can apply for a school place online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

Dates for your diary

For children living in Devon, details on how to apply for a school place will be sent to you **in the first week in November. If you have not received this, please contact a primary or infant school or the Education Helpline.**

You need to apply for a school place online **or** return the Common Application Form to your child's primary school **or** direct to us by **15 January 2012**.

We will email you **or** write to you to tell you about the school place we can offer your child on **20 April 2012**