

County Councillor's report. Mid-November update.

Apply now for primary school places



The admissions window for primary school applications is open. If your child is due to start in Reception in September 2020, you can [submit your application online now](#).

The deadline for applying for a primary school place is 15 January 2020. Offers will be made either by email or letter on 16 April 2020.

Starting school is an exciting time for children and there are lots of different ways you can help them to get ready. Visit the [Talk, Listen, Cuddle website](#) to find out more.

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Stay safe on Essex highways this winter



The cold weather is here and Essex Highways' winter service has officially started. Over the next few months, the team will work closely with expert forecasters to anticipate the threat of freezing weather and ensure necessary measures are in place across the county's road network to keep people safe.

It is important to take extra care when traveling during the winter months and there are lots of things you can do to protect yourself and others:

- Be prepared – keep an emergency pack in your car, including ice scraper, de-icer, torch, warm clothes, blanket, shovel, food and drink, high visibility jacket and first aid kit
- Be informed – check if the roads you are planning to use are on a [salting route](#) and stay up-to-date with the latest information from the Essex Highways [travel centre](#)
- Be careful – keep a safe distance from other vehicles, particularly gritters and snow ploughs, be patient and allow extra time for your journey
- Be vigilant – check your car at regular intervals to reduce the likelihood of breaking down in bad weather

Remember, if conditions are bad, you should only travel if absolutely necessary. You can find more winter driving tips on the [Essex Highways website](#) and stay up-to-date with the latest highways information, including gritting details, by following [@essexhighways](#) and #EssexGritters on Twitter

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Initial options for Army and Navy junction revealed



Initial options for a long-term solution at the Army and Navy junction in Chelmsford have been revealed, giving you the opportunity to see potential solutions for the busy junction for the first time.

The junction, which acts as a gateway for lots of people living and working in the city of Chelmsford, is currently significantly over capacity in the morning and evening peak hours. Increased pressure is also being placed on the area following the permanent closure of the Army and Navy flyover.

It is therefore vital we provide a long-term, sustainable solution that is an asset to everyone living, working or visiting the city and which does not put additional pressure on other roads in the city.

The options are currently being explored further to determine the most effective solution, before a revised shortlist of options is shared publicly for you to have your say. As they stand the initial options include:

- o Minor road layout improvements
- o Two-way flyover
- o Hamburger roundabout
- o Enlarged roundabout
- o Separate T-junctions

You can find out more about these options and further details about the project at www.essex.gov.uk/armyandnavy

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