



13th May 2021

Notification to all Schools with Newcomer Pupils:

URGENT MESSAGE FOR NEWCOMER PARENTS REGARDING THE EU RESETTLEMENT SCHEME

Dear Principal,

The deadline for applications to the EU Settlement Scheme is **30th June 2021**. All EU/EEA citizens and non-EU family members **MUST** apply to the EU Settlement Scheme, this includes those with a permanent residence document. It is important that **ALL** members of the family apply to the scheme, **including children**.

If an application is not made by 30th June 2021, EU/EEA citizens and non-EU family members currently living in the UK will become unlawfully resident.

This will prevent access to education, health care, social services, jobs, the rental market, and other rights. Individuals may be subject to removal from the UK. For the children and families in your school, it could mean loss of entitlement to NHS services, impacting on children's access to vaccinations, and loss of entitlement to benefits affecting Free School Meals and School Uniform Allowance.

STEP can advise and support families completing applications. STEP is funded to deliver the EU Settlement Support Project via Tel: 028 8775 0211 or via Email: euss@strongertogetherni.org

Advice NI can offer face-to-face support to schools to help their families complete their application either in a safe schools' space or outdoors using the **Covid19 Safe Mobile Advice Van**. Schools can book a session using the Advice NI Freephone Helpline: 0800 915 4604 or via Email: advice@adviceni.net

How can my school help Newcomer parents?

- ✓ Send STEP translated letters to all newcomer parents. These are available on the [C2K Noticeboard](#)
- ✓ Share Advice NI information video [Advice NI EU Settlement Scheme service video](#)
- ✓ Contact STEP or Advice NI to arrange support sessions for newcomer families.
- ✓ Retweet EA's EU Settlement social media posts on your school's platform on 13th and 17th May.
- ✓ During any telephone or face-to-face interpreting sessions, remind parents of the deadline for the EU Resettlement Scheme and signpost to STEP or Advice NI for help.

Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.

Kind regards,

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