

# SECTION 8:

## Proof of Address

As part of the school admission process, you may be asked to provide proof of address to the school your child has been offered. To ensure that offers of school places are made fairly, Peterborough City Council is committed to following strict address verification procedures. Please ensure that you have the **correct documentation** required to avoid any unnecessary delay in the child's admission to school.

The offer of a school place is **conditional** until proof of address has been confirmed by the school.

The school will **require** the following proof before your child is admitted into school:

1. Proof of where you (the parent/carer) live
2. Proof that the child lives with you (the parent/carer)
3. Proof of the child's date of birth

Where there is any doubt about **parental responsibility**, the school will also ask you to provide proof of parental responsibility.

## Proof of where you live

**Please provide any two of the following:**

- A copy of a current tenancy agreement signed by all parties and arranged through a letting/estate agency
- Current private tenancy agreement (not arranged through a letting/estate agency) must be supported with three copies of utility bills.
- A copy of your Council Tax bill for the current year
- A copy of a recent utility bill for your home address, showing usage - Gas, Electricity, Water, Telephone (Not mobile phones)
- A copy of your driving licence
- A copy of your rent book for a current Council tenancy
- A copy of a letter from a Housing Association confirming that you and the child are living at the address
- A copy of your house insurance dated within the last 12 months
- HMRC Tax notification documentation
- Credit Card Statements dated within the last three months
- Bank / Building Society / Statement dated within the last three months
- TV Licence (valid for the current year) with the name and address
- Letter from National Asylum Support Service (NASS) OR UK Border Force (UKBA) confirming placement at the address

## Recently moved house?

If you have recently moved house and your present address is different from the address on your application, you **must** provide the school with a closing council tax bill or closing utility bill for gas, water, or electricity for your **previous address** to prove that you were living at the address at the time of application. You will also need proof of your **new address**.

If you do not provide the above proofs, we will assume your child does not live at the address you have provided. Even if you prove that you live at the address yourself, we still need proof that your child lives there as well.

**Please be aware** that irrespective of the proof you provide, the school may ask you to supply further evidence to verify your address or prove a sibling link.

## Proof that the child lives with you

The school will also require proof that the child that has been offered a school place lives with you. Therefore, please provide:

**At least two documents** to prove that your child lives with you. For example, **a letter from your**

**child's Dentist, Hospital, Optician; NHS Medical Card; Child Trust Fund document; Letter from Social Services or Housing Department confirming child's placement at address.**

### **Proof of the child's Date of Birth**

The child's birth certificate / adoption certificate **OR**  
The child's passport (this must be valid)

### **Proof of Parental Responsibility**

Where there is any doubt about parental responsibility, the school will ask you to provide proof of parental responsibility. In such cases, whatever you choose to provide will be entirely up to you. However, it must indicate that you have parental responsibility.

In law having "Parental Responsibility" (PR) means all the rights, duties, powers, responsibility, and authority that a parent of a child has in relation to the child and his property. For example, having the right to make important decisions about the child's life in areas like medical treatment and education. People other than a child's natural parents can acquire parental responsibility through;

- being granted a child arrangement order
- being appointed a guardian

According to current law, a natural mother always has parental responsibility for her child. A father, however, has this responsibility if he is on the birth certificate for a child born after 1st December 2003 or if he is married to the child's mother or has acquired legal responsibility for the child.

Changes in the Adoption and Children Act 2002 mean that from 30 December 2005, unmarried and same-sex couples that have jointly adopted a child will also have equal rights regarding parental responsibility.

Others can also acquire parental responsibility by holding a Child Arrangement Order, Special Guardianship Order, or the Local Authority via a Care Order. Examples of documents that denotes parental responsibility include:

The child's Birth Certificate; Marriage Certificate;

- Parental Responsibility Agreement entered into by birth parents.
- Copy of a Court Order giving father parental responsibility
- Child Arrangement Order in respect of the child
- Adoption Order
- Upon taking office as a formally appointed guardian of the child

#### **Please note:**

It is an offence to give a false address. If we offered your child a school place based on information which then turns out to be false or misleading, we reserve the right to withdraw the offer and your application will be re-considered based on the correct facts. This may apply even if your child has started at the school offered.

Having read the booklet if you want more information about the school admissions process:

Please write to:

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