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We've been told that despite waiting lists, all children of school-going age should be granted a school place.

Please direct any issues that you are experiencing in relation to children and schooling/access to education or learning supports direct with The Children's Rights Alliance and they will follow up. CRA Helpline contact help@childrenrights.ie or call 01 9020494.

REQUESTING A SCHOOL PLACE.

Regional Education and Language Teams (REALT) have been set up within local Educational Training Boards (ETB). This service will help you find school places and can also support schools to meet children's needs.

We know that it is patchy and we highly recommend that hosts / host communities use local knowledge and contacts to advocate on behalf of Ukrainian students.

All children who plan to continue education via online school must register with TUSLA on 01 771 8695 or 01 7718854 home.education@tusla.ie

In our experience, most Ukrainian kids are continuing with online school in Ukraine and wish to attend school in Ireland too. We absolutely encourage all children to take up school places, from a social and integration perspective it's really important.

PRIVATE SCHOOL REQUESTS

- Private school applications should also be completed and submitted by the Ukrainian parent/guardian (via school website)
- Private school requests should be made to the Board of Management and copied to the Principal
- It is very helpful to have the support of the Parents' Association - ASK!
- A supporting letter from a current student/s at the school is also recommended

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

We encourage everyone to check if they are eligible for the Back To School Clothing and Footwear Allowance payment. Payment is usually made every summer (eg. July).

More information about the payment and how to apply [HERE](#)

Third Level

National Student and Researcher (NSR) helpdesk on 01 474 7788, or email NSRHelpdesk@mu.ie

Increased access announced including Ukrainian students treated as EU students, access to Springboard+ and PLC courses

English Classes

List of locations available at [Failte Isteach](#)

Free courses, including English, on-line on the SaorEd platform at www.saored.com

TEMPLATE EMAIL TO SCHOOL (COPY & PASTE)

Dear XXXX,

I am writing to advocate for a Ukrainian girl/boy who recently arrived in Ireland, PUPIL NAME, who has applied for a school place in XXXX.

FAMILY NAME arrived in Ireland from UKRAINE HOMETOWN on DATE and are now living at IRISH ADDRESS/ HOST FAMILY DETAILS.

PUPIL NAME and DATE OF BIRTH

PUPIL FIRSTNAME is currently looking for a school placement in SCHOOL YEAR. PUPIL FIRSTNAME is a very talented dancer / gymnast / swimmer / artist (say something about the pupil) and is keen to continue both his/ her education and to progress his /her talent. He/ she is a very motivated young person. I can vouch for their positive and strong character given the challenges they've faced in recent months.

SCHOOL NAME would provide PUPIL NAME a very safe and inclusive environment. Its proximity to where HE/SHE is currently living is within her new neighbourhood, and easily accessible should the family move to their own home in the foreseeable future.

I hope that PUPIL NAME's application will be given the consideration of the Board of Management, whose decision will reflect the ethos of the school. I believe providing a place in the school would be consistent with the school's goals and objectives.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email, and I hope the Board is in a position to support the critical role of normalising the schooling experience of recently arrived children from the trauma of war.

Yours sincerely,

YOUR NAME

DATE