

## **EU Settlement Scheme**

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Dear parents/carers,

We have been sent information regarding an offer of help for families who are EU, EEA or Swiss citizens and who needed help in applying to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). Please see the information below and the two attachments from the Stroud Citizens Advice Team if this affects you and you wish to seek support.

With kind regards,

Zoe Avastu Headteacher

## **APPLYING TO THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME (EUSS)**

The EUSS closed on 30 June but the Home Office is **accepting late applications until at least the end of March 2022** for certain vulnerability groups – one of which is children whose parents have not yet applied for them.

If you are EU citizens and have not yet applied to the EUSS for your children, have ignored or misunderstood emails from the Home Office, or have any other issue related to the Scheme, please see our details below.

Particular issues that we have recently encountered include:

- a child whose parent forgot to apply for them;
- children whose parents thought they are British because they were born in the UK but they are not;
- 3 children whose parents forgot to send their ID to the Home Office, so their Status was nearly refused;
- children who have received Pre-Settled Status who are now eligible for Settled Status (and need to apply for this before their Pre-Settled Status runs out).

We have an immigration expert available to help clients with anything related to the EU Settlement Scheme.

I attach a poster about our services and a leaflet with common myths about why people think they may not need to apply. If people do not apply to the Scheme, they may find that

their benefits will stop, they are unable to work or rent a home, and they may discover that they are in the UK illegally.

If you need any more information or advice, please contact us on the telephone number below or email me.

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

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