

## **School Admissions Fraud**

**This year the Admissions Team received a number of allegations that some parents had supplied an incorrect address on their application for a school place for their child.**

**When these allegations were investigated by the Council's Fraud Team, at the request of the Admissions Team, some parents were found to have deliberately supplied an incorrect address with the intention of improving their opportunity to obtain a school place of their preference, when in actual fact a place at the school would never be secured if the correct address was used.**

**Following the investigation a number of offers of a school place were withdrawn and subsequently re-offered to other children who had originally missed out on a place at the school. The children whose school place offer was withdrawn were offered places elsewhere.**

**For the 2018/19 admissions round all applications for all oversubscribed schools and academies will be checked by the Council's Fraud Team to confirm the validity of the addresses supplied by parents, prior to any offers that are made on the National Offers Days.**

**You may receive enquiries from parents about this. Please refer them to the Admissions Team, as we can then assist parents in identifying the correct address that should be supplied on their application and so remove the potential need to withdraw the offer of a school place.**