



Starting School 2020



Choosing a school

- **How do I know which school is right for my child?**
- **Who can help me make that decision?**



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- **Visit the schools**
 - **talk to the headteacher & staff**
 - **talk to the pupils**

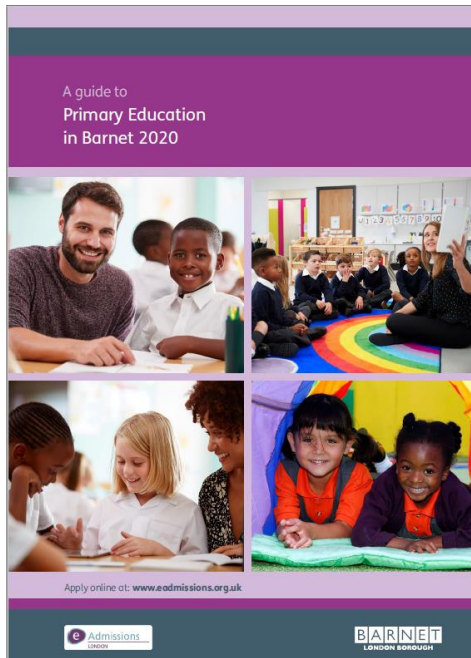
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- **Read the school prospectus**
 - it will have detailed information about:
 - how the school is run
 - the admissions criteria
 - available from the school
 - download from the school website

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- **Read the primary education booklet published by your home local authority**

- **download Barnet's booklet at www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions**



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- You can also find details of Barnet primary schools in the Schools Directory at www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/schools

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- **Talk to the Admissions Team Customer Contact Centre**
 - ❑ the team can offer you advice and answer your questions
 - ❑ how do I contact them?
 - tel: 020 8359 7651
 - email: school.admissions@barnet.gov.uk
 - if you live outside Barnet, you will find the contact details for your admissions team in Barnet's primary education booklet



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- Look at exam results and Ofsted reports
 - ❑ the latest Ofsted reports are available from the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk
 - ❑ achievement and attainment tables are available at www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables

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- Look carefully at the admission criteria for each school
 - siblings
 - children of staff
 - faith criteria
 - distance





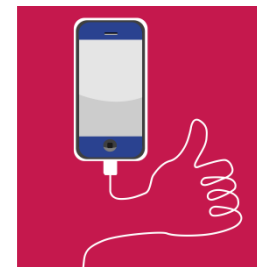
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- **Check the admission limit**

- each school has a set number of places available
- this means some schools only have one form of entry
- larger schools have 3 or 4 forms of entry

How do I apply?

- How soon can I apply?
 - ❑ the application system now open!
- Where do I apply?
 - ❑ apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk
- What if I don't have a computer at home?
 - ❑ You can:
 - ❑ use your smart phone or tablet
 - ❑ go to your local library
 - ❑ go to an internet café
 - ❑ ask a friend or relative for help





How do I apply?

- **How many schools can I apply for?**
 - you can apply for up to six schools
 - you will rank the schools in your order of preference
 - it is important to think carefully about the order as you will not be able to change it after the closing date
- **Can I apply to schools outside Barnet?**
 - yes, you must include all your chosen schools, whether inside or outside the borough where you live

How do I apply?

■ Realistic Preferences

- if you only list one school, it will not increase your chances of getting a place at the school and your child will be considered for that one school only
- if this is unsuccessful, you may miss out on an offer which could have been made at another school and you are likely to be offered a place at the nearest school with a vacancy
- it is important to make realistic school choices to increase your chances of securing an offer and to avoid disappointment
- it is important to check how places were offered last year
- remember the cut-off distances are just a guide and will change every year.....
-just because you live nearer to the school than the last child offered a distance place last year, it doesn't mean your child is guaranteed a place

How do I apply?

■ Do I need to fill in any other forms?



- ❑ all voluntary aided schools and some foundation schools & academies will ask you to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF)
- ❑ the SIF will ask for additional information, for example
 - faith schools will ask about church attendance and require a priest's reference
- ❑ Catholic schools will ask for a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP)
- ❑ Jewish schools will also ask you to complete a Certificate of Religious Practice (CRP), which must be signed by a Rabbi
- ❑ SIFs, CCPs and CRPs must be returned to the individual schools

How do I apply?

■ What else do I need to provide?

Proof of address

- your permanent address must be used on the application form
- you must not use a temporary address or an address of convenience, this include a child minder's address, a business address or the address of a relative or friend
- if you own a property previously used as a home address and apply from another address, the second address will be treated as an address of convenience
- if you have moved in the last two years you will be asked to provide proof of the new address and proof that you have disposed of the previous address

A copy of your child's birth certificate

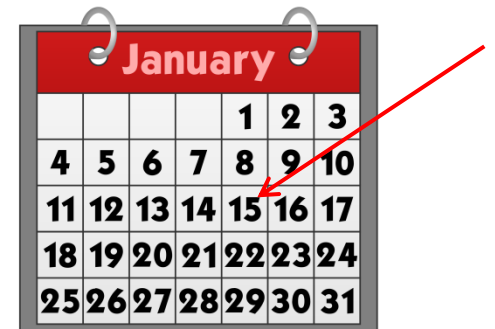


Fraudulent addresses

- ❑ each year a small number of parents provide a false address to get a school place
- ❑ in doing so they could be depriving your child of a place
- ❑ providing false information is a criminal offence
- ❑ if you know someone who intends to use a false address, you can report this in confidence to the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team
- ❑ report it online at www.barnet.gov.uk/anti-fraud
- ❑ call the fraud hotline on 020 8359 2007

How do I apply?

- **When is the closing date?**
 - **15 January 2020**
 - **the online system will close at 12 midnight on 15 January**



How do I apply?

- **What happens if I miss the closing date?**
 - ❑ your application will not be included in the first round of offers
 - ❑ in previous years some siblings did not get a place because their applications were late
 - ❑ some late applications may be treated as on-time if there is an exceptional reason (for example illness or you have just moved into the borough)
 - ❑ **You must let the Admissions Team know your reason by 10 February 2020**



What happens next?

■ Co-ordinated admissions

- the admissions process is co-ordinated by all 33 London boroughs and neighbouring counties
- application lists are exchanged
- offer lists are drawn up
- offer lists are exchanged



What happens next?

- **How will places be allocated?**
 - if the school is over-subscribed, the admissions criteria will be applied to decide who can be offered a place
 - each application is considered as if it is equally preferred
 - your ranking order is not passed to the individual schools

Offers

- **Will I be offered more than one school place?**
 - ❑ if your child can be offered more than one school, you will be offered the highest rank possible
 - ❑ the lower preferences will be withdrawn and offered to other children
 - ❑ no child will be offered more than one school

- **When will I hear?**
 - **National Offer Day is 16 April 2020**
 - **emails will be sent to all applicants in the evening of 16 April**
 - **applicants who are not offered their first choice can log in to their eAdmissions account for further information**

- **Accepting offers**

- log into your eadmissions account and submit your response**
- places must be accepted by 30 April 2020**

No Offer?

- **What happens if I don't get any of my preference schools?**
 - where possible your child will be allocated an alternative school
 - this will normally be the nearest school with a vacancy
 - remain on the waiting lists
 - appeal for a place



Appeals

- Every parent has the right of appeal
- Appeals are heard by an independent panel
- You will have the opportunity to present your case in person

....however

Reception class appeals are nearly always unsuccessful....

This is because....

- infant class sizes must not exceed 30 children
- infant class appeals are only successful if you can prove that the local authority or the school has made a mistake

or that

- the decision not to offer a place was not rational or was outrageous in its defiance of logic



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