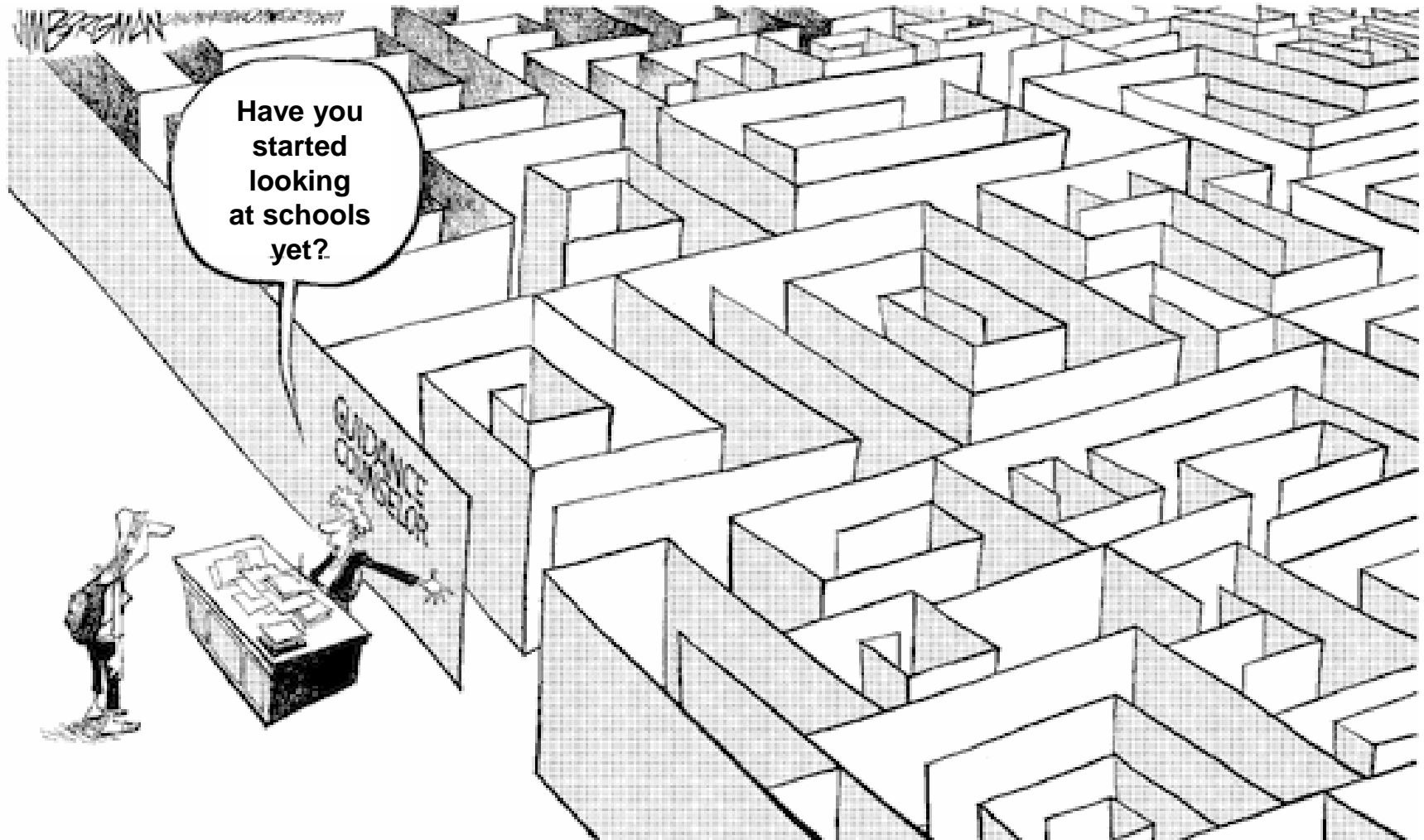




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Choosing a school



Choosing a school

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

Choosing a school

- **Talk to your child**
 - **find out what they want**
 - **consider how they will travel to school**



Choosing a school

- **Visit the schools**
 - go to the open evenings
 - talk to the teachers
 - talk to the pupils
- **When are the open evenings?**
 - from Thursday 25 June – Thursday 1 October

Choosing a school



School Prospectus

- **Read the school prospectus**
 - **it will have detailed information about:**
 - how the school is run
 - which subjects are taught
 - the admissions criteria
 - **available at the open evenings**
 - **download from the school website**

Choosing a school

- Read the secondary education guide published by your home local authority



- the 2021 guide will be available in September 2020
- download Barnet's guide at www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Choosing a school

• Talk to the Customer Service Team

- 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 secondary education guide

- **the telephone service has been suspended temporarily during the COVID-19 crisis but you can still send an email to the School Admissions Team**



Choosing a school

- 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

Choosing a school

- **Look carefully at the admission criteria for each school**
 - selection by aptitude
 - faith criteria
 - siblings
 - distance
- **Remember most schools get more applications than they have places available.....**



Cut-off Distances 2 March 2020

Name of School	Furthest distance offered (miles)
The Archer Academy (Priority Post Codes)	N2 (0.322) N3 (0.955) NW11 (1.074)
Ark Pioneer Academy	3.328
Ashmole School	0.598
Bishop Douglass Catholic	5.108
Christ's College	2.651
The Compton School	0.727
Copthall School	6.598
East Barnet School	0.87
Finchley Catholic High School (Catholic – distance)	4.945
Friern Barnet School	6.052
London Academy	11.457
Mill Hill High School	0.948
Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School	3.8
Saracens High School	1.393
St Andrew the Apostle (Community - distance)	7.66
St James' Catholic High School (Any other applicant)	4.228
The Totteridge Academy	2.799
Whitefield School	8.354
Wren Academy (Community - distance)	0.411

How do I apply?

- How soon can I apply?
 - the application process begins on 1 September 2020
- Where do I apply?
 - apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk



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, free 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
 - selective schools will ask about any medical condition that needs to be taken into account at the test and they may also require a photograph
 - Jewish schools will also ask you to complete a Certificate of Religious Practice (CRP), which must be signed by a Rabbi
 - SIFs and CRPs must be returned to the individual schools

How do I apply?

- **What else do I need to provide?**
 - **Proof of address**
 - your child's 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 within the last two years you will be asked to provide proof of the new address and proof that you have disposed of the previous property
 - if there is some doubt about whether an address of convenience is being used, an investigation will be carried out and the findings reviewed by a panel

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

Selection Tests

- **Schools must give parents the test results before they apply for a school place**
 - **applications to sit the tests should be made directly to the individual school**



Selection Tests

- **When will the tests be held?**
 - **most schools will hold tests early in the autumn term**
 - **some schools will hold the tests in the summer term while your child is still in Year 5**

Selection Tests

Barnet Schools		
	Test Dates	Deadline for Test Applications
Ashmole Academy	Musical Aptitude ~ Sat 6 June Music Auditions ~ Tues 30 June & Wed 1 July	Fri 15 May
Friern Barnet School	Enhanced Arts Programme ~ Video audition	Wed 8 July
Hendon School	Banding Tests ~ to be confirmed	Sat 31 October
The Henrietta Barnett School	Thurs 3 September	Fri 17 July
Mill Hill County High School	Technology Aptitude Test ~ Sat 12 Sept Music Auditions ~ Sun 6 June, Sun 21 June, Sat 27 June & Sat 4 July Dance Auditions ~ Sat 13 June & Sun 5 July	Fri 15 May
Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School	Thurs 17 September	Fri 10 July
St Mary's & St John's CE School	1st Performing Arts Aptitude ~ To be confirmed 2nd Performing Arts Aptitude ~ To be confirmed Banding Test ~ To be confirmed	Information awaited Thurs 31 October
St Michael's Catholic Grammar School	Fri 11 September	Tues 7 July

Selection Tests

Schools in neighbouring local authorities

	Test Dates	Deadline for Test Applications
Dame Alice Owen's (Herts)	Entrance Exam Part 1 ~ Tues 1 September Entrance Exam Part 2 ~ Sat 26 September Musical Aptitude Test ~ Wed 2 September	Thurs 18 June
The Latymer School (Enfield)	Sat 5 September and Sun 6 September	Fri 3 July

How do I apply?

- **When is the closing date?**
 - **31 October 2020**
 - **the online system will close at 12 midnight on 31 October**



Late applications

- **What happens if I miss the deadline?**
 - late applications will not be considered until after the first round of offers
 - if there is an exceptional reason for a late application, it may be treated as on-time
 - you must let the Admissions Team know your reason by Thursday 10 December 2020



What happens next?

- **Co-ordinated admissions**

- all 33 London boroughs and surrounding county councils are included in the co-ordinated admissions process
- application lists are exchanged
- offer lists are drawn up
- offer lists are exchanged



What happens next?

- **How will places be allocated?**
 - if the school receives more applications than places available, the published admissions criteria will be applied to decide who can be offered a place
 - each school listed on the application form is considered against the admissions criteria regardless of the preference order
 - 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 school which you ranked higher**
 - **the lower preference schools will be withdrawn and offered to other children**
 - **no child will be offered more than one school place**

Offers

- **Are there enough school places available?**
 - **Yes**
 - **There is an increased demand for secondary school places**
 - **This was expected and Barnet has planned for the additional places needed**
 - **Every child will be provided with a school place**
 - **It may not always be possible to offer a preference school**

Offers

- **When will I hear?**
 - **National Offer Day is Monday 1 March 2021**
 - **you will be sent an email with the result of your application during the evening of 1 March**
 - **You can then login into your eAdmissions account for further information**

Offers

- **Accepting offers**
 - **places must be accepted or declined online by 15 March 2021**

No Offer?

- **What happens if I don't get any of my preferred schools?**
 - **your child will be allocated a place at the nearest school with a vacancy**
 - **remain on the waiting lists**
 - **appeal for a place**
 - **join waiting lists for other schools**

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
- you will need to convince the panel that your child's needs are more important than the school's need to limit the admission number
- appeals are unlikely to be successful unless there are exceptional grounds



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