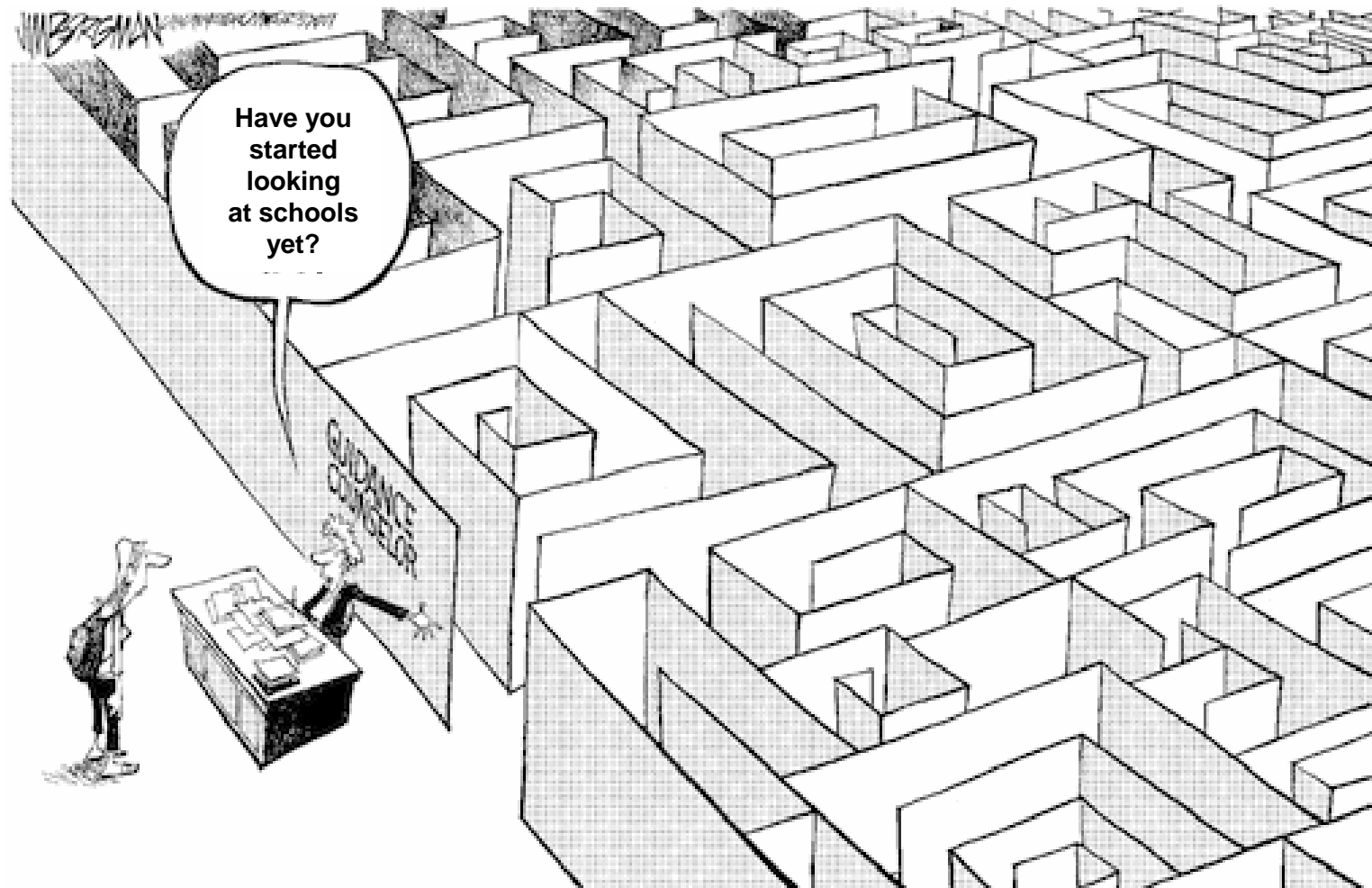


# Starting school in 2025

# 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 is best for them
- consider how they will travel to school



# Choosing a school

## Visit the schools

- talk to the headteacher & staff
- ask for a tour of the school
- ... however, you will need to check the visiting arrangements with individual schools as access may be restricted post-Covid



# Choosing a school

## 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



*School Prospectus*

# Choosing a school

Read the primary education booklet published by your home local authority

download Barnet's booklet at  
[www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions)



# Choosing a school

You can also find details of Barnet primary schools in the Schools Directory at

[www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/schools](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/schools)

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## Schools

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Find Schools closest to you.

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# Choosing a school

## Talk to the Customer Contact Centre

- the team can offer you advice and answer your questions
- how do I contact them?
  - ❑ tel: 020 8359 7651
  - ❑ if you live outside Barnet, you will find the contact details for your admissions team in Barnet's primary education booklet



# Choosing a school

## Look at Performance Tables and Ofsted reports

- the latest Ofsted reports are available from the Ofsted website [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)
- achievement and attainment tables are available at [www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables](http://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables)

# Choosing a school

Look carefully at the admission criteria for each school

- siblings
- children of staff
- distance



# Barnet Community Schools Allocations April 2024

Name of School	Places Available	Total number of	Siblings	Furthest distance offered (miles)	
		on-time applications		Children living in defined area	Children living outside defined area
Barnfield Primary	60	222	23	All	0.384
Bell Lane Primary	60	90	13	All	All
Brookland Infant	90	241	31	All	1.271
Brunswick Park Primary	60	193	18	All	All
Chalgrove Primary	30	143	9	All	0.736
Church Hill Primary	30	120	8	All	All
Colindale Primary	90	271	31	0.526	None
Coppetts Wood Primary	30	92	14	All	All
Courtland Primary	30	129	8	All	0.819
Cromer Road Primary	60	215	30	0.337	None
Danegrove Primary	90	200	31	All	0.889
Deansbrook Infant	90	91	18	All	All
Dollis Primary	60	79	11	All	All
Edgware Primary	90	139	23	All	All
Fairway Primary	30	65	11	All	All
Foulds Primary	45	171	13	All	0.704
Frith Manor Primary	60	219	16	All	1.208
Garden Suburb Infant	90	150	19	All	All
Goldbeaters Primary	60	311	26	0.331	None
Holly Park Primary	60	98	20	All	All
Livingstone Primary	30	168	7	0.463	None
Manorside Primary	30	194	11	0.388	None
Martin Primary	90	225	35	All	All
Monkfrith Primary	60	228	21	All	0.824
Moss Hall Infant	120	277	35	All	All
Northside Primary	30	176	8	0.271	None
Queenswell Infant	60	117	11	All	All
Sunnyfields Primary	30	165	10	0.330	None
The Orion Primary	120	437	59	All	0.223
Tudor Primary	30	68	8	All	All
Underhill Primary	60	114	16	All	All
Wessex Gardens Primary	60	50	8	All	All
Whitings Hill Primary	60	182	34	0.545	None
Woodcroft Primary	60	92	10	All	All

# Allocations at Voluntary Aided , Foundation, Free Schools & Academies

N/A=Demand met

Name of School	Places Available	Total number of applicants	Criterion under which final place offered (furthest straight-line distance in miles shown where applicable)
Akiva Jewish	60	151	Meets top faith priority (1.635)
All Saints' CE (N20)	30	107	N/A
All Saints' CE (NW2)	30	46	N/A
Alma Jewish	30	97	N/A
Ashmole Primary	60	294	Straight-line distance (0.514)
Annunciation Catholic Infant	60	69	N/A
Beis Yaakov Jewish	58	63	N/A
Beit Shvidler Jewish	30	49	N/A
Blessed Dominic Catholic	60	162	Any Other Children (0.053)
Broadfields	90	101	N/A
Childs Hill	60	135	N/A
Christ Church CE	30	88	N/A
Claremont	60	81	N/A
Etz Chaim Jewish	30	94	Proximity (0.557)
Hasmonean Jewish	30	54	N/A
Hollickwood	30	47	N/A
Holy Trinity CE	30	79	N/A
Independent Jewish Day	28	66	Certificate of religious practice (Lottery)
London Academy	30	66	N/A
Mathilda Marks Kennedy	30	95	N/A
Menorah Foundation Jewish	30	65	All Others Who Meet Religious Criteria (Lottery)
Menorah Primary Jewish (Boys)	25	38	Orthodox Jewish Who Are 'First Children' (Lottery)
Menorah Primary Jewish (Girls)	25	39	Orthodox Jewish Who Are 'First Children' (Lottery)
Millbrook Park	60	151	Straight-line distance (3.554)
Monken Hadley CE	20	148	Children Within 2 Miles & Worship At Holy Trinity Church (1.312)
Osidge	60	160	N/A
Our Lady of Lourdes RC	30	82	N/A
Pardes House Jewish	52	65	Any other Orthodox Jewish children (1.814)
Parkfield	60	127	N/A

# Allocations at Voluntary Aided , Foundation, Free Schools & Academies (cont...)

Name of School	Places Available	Total number of applicants	Criterion under which final place offered (furthest straight-line distance in miles shown where applicable)
Rimon Jewish	30	81	GG Synagogue attendance level 1 (1.868)
			Straight-line distance (0.408)
Rosh Pinal Jewish	60	159	N/A
Sacks Morasha Jewish	30	81	Priority Children Who Attend Orthodox Synagogue In Catchment (2.430)
Sacred Heart RC	60	126	N/A
Shalom Noam Primary	30	67	Other Orthodox Jewish (Lottery)
St Agnes' Catholic	60	134	Any Other Children (0.147)
St Andrew's CE	30	128	All Others Living In The Parish (0.577)
St Catherine's Catholic	60	147	Any other applicant (0.935)
St John's CE (N11)	30	91	Any other children (0.330)
St John's CE (N20)	30	154	Resident in the Parish of St John The Apostle (0.249)
St Joseph's Catholic	60	132	N/A
St Mary's and St John's CE	90	156	N/A
St Mary's CE (EN4)	30	125	Resident of the 4 Eligible Parishes (0.516)
St Mary's CE (N3)	60	105	N/A
St Paul's CE (N11)	30	44	N/A
St Paul's CE (NW7)	30	81	Any other applicants (1.138)
St Theresa's RC	30	65	N/A
St Vincent's RC	45	79	N/A
Summerside	60	102	N/A
The Hyde	60	245	Inside catchment area (0.710)
Trent CE	30	111	Member Of Christ Church (0.382)
Watling Park	60	120	N/A
Wren Academy	60	243	Faith Band: Other Christian denomination (0.780)
			Community Band: Straight-line distance (0.311)

# Choosing a school

## Check the admission limit

- each school has a set number of places available
- this means some schools only have one form of entry (30 places)
- larger schools have 3 or 4 forms of entry

# How do I apply?

## How soon can I apply?

The online application system opened on **1 September 2024**

## Where do I apply?

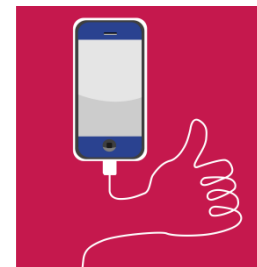
You need to apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

(or check your Local Authority's website if you live outside London)

## 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 should 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

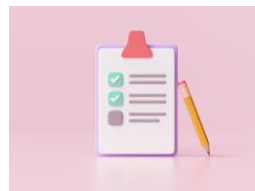
## Can I apply to schools outside Barnet?

- yes, you must include all your chosen schools on the single application form, whether they are inside or outside the borough where you live

# How do I apply?

## Realistic Preferences

- if you only select 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 request a priest's reference
  - Catholic schools may 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 includes a childminder'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 recent months, you may 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 short birth certificate

# Fraudulent address

- 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](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/anti-fraud)
- call the fraud hotline on 020 8359 2007

# How do I apply?

## When is the closing date for on-time applications?

- 15 January 2025
- You must apply before 12 midnight on 15 January



# How do I apply?

## What happens if I miss the closing date?

- Your application will be given lower priority than on-time applications
- in previous years, some children did not get a place at their older sibling's school because their applications were late
- some late applications may be treated as 'on-time' if there is an exceptional reason (for example you have just moved into the borough)
- You must let the Admissions Team know your reason by **12 February 2025** (Reason for Late Application Form, will be available online).



# What happens next?

## Co-ordinated admissions

- the admissions process is co-ordinated by all 33 London boroughs, neighbouring boroughs and other home 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 oversubscribed, the published oversubscription criteria will be applied to decide who can be offered a place
- each school listed on the application form will be considered against the individual school's oversubscription criteria
- your order of school preference is not passed to the individual schools.

# Offers

## Will I be offered more than one school place?

- Where the applicant qualifies for a place at more than one school, a place will be offered at the school that was ranked higher on the application form
- any lower preferences will be withdrawn and offered to other children
- no child will be offered more than one school.

# Offers

## When will I hear?

- National Offer Day is **Wednesday 16 April 2025**
- outcome emails will be sent to all applicants in the evening of 16 April
- applicants who are not offered their first choice will be given further information about waiting lists and appeals in their offer letters

# Offers

## Accepting offers



- click on the 'Reply' button at the bottom of the offer email notification and log into your eAdmissions account and submit your response
- places must be accepted by **30 April 2025**

# 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 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

# Starting school in 2025