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Starting School in Reception 2027

Barnet School Admissions Team

Welcome

What we'll cover today

- Choosing the right school
- How the admissions process works
- Completing your application
- Important dates and deadlines
- School offers and appeals
- Questions and answers

Choosing a school

Choosing a School - Every family is different

When considering schools, think about:

- School environment
- Travel arrangements
- Your child's needs
- Family circumstances
- School ethos and values

Choosing a school

Start Researching Early

Good sources of information

- Visit schools
- School websites
- School prospectuses
- Ofsted reports
- Performance information

Choosing a school

Talk to your child

Your child's views matter

You may wish to discuss:

- What they enjoy doing
- What helps them feel comfortable
- Their interests and strengths
- Any concerns about starting school

Choosing a school

Visit the schools

Make the most of open events

Consider:

- The learning environment
- Outdoor space and facilities
- Travel arrangements
- Wraparound care
- How the school feels for your child

Check individual school websites for current open event arrangements.

Choosing a school

Read the school prospectus

Find out more about each school

Look at:

- Curriculum
- School values
- School day arrangements
- Uniform
- Clubs and activities

Choosing a school

- **Explore School Websites**

Useful information includes

- Open day dates
- School policies
- Curriculum information
- Term dates
- Contact details

Choosing a school

Read the primary education brochure published by your home local authority

Download Barnet's Guide to Primary Education 2027 at www.barnet.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-admission-guides

Choosing a school

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

www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/schools

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Schools

Find by postcode Find by keyword

Find Schools closest to you.

Enter postcode

Select distance

Within 1 mile

Search

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

Looking at Ofsted reports

Ofsted information is only one factor

- Consider:
- ☑ Inspection outcomes
- ☑ Quality of Education
- ☑ Behaviour and Attendance
- ☑ Personal Development and Wellbeing

- 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

Every school has its own oversubscription criteria

Common priorities include:

- Children in Care / Previously in Care
- Siblings
- Faith criteria (where applicable)
- Distance from home

Always read the school's published admission arrangements

Barnet Community Schools Allocations April 2026

Name of School	Places Available	Total number of on-time applications	Sibling Offers	Children living in defined area	Children living outside defined area
				Furthest straight-line distance offers (miles)	
Barnfield Primary	60	163	23	All	ALL
Brookland Infant	90	216	32	All	All
Brunswick Park Primary	60	148	26	All	All
Chalgrove Primary	30	156	11	0.46	None
Church Hill Primary	30	103	6	All	All
Colindale Primary	90	208	29	All	0.976
Coppetts Wood Primary	30	38	8	All	All
Courtland Primary	30	135	5	All	0.794
Cromer Road Primary	60	152	15	All	0.722
Danegrove Primary	90	140	32	All	All
Deansbrook Infant	60	91	21	All	All
Edgware Primary	90	114	23	All	All
Fairway Primary	30	69	10	All	All
Foulds Primary	45	167	14	All	0.448
Frith Manor Primary	60	215	29	All	0.748
Garden Suburb Infant	90	127	21	All	All
Goldbeaters Primary	60	264	18	0.663	None
Holly Park Primary	60	74	17	All	All
Livingstone Primary	30	206	13	0.408	None
Manorside Primary	30	164	10	All	0.394
Martin Primary	90	161	39	All	All
Monkfrith Primary	60	212	23	All	1.019
Moss Hall Infant	90	278	42	All	0.463
Northside Primary	30	139	10	0.378	None
Queenswell Infant	60	95	13	All	All
Sunnyfields Primary	30	160	3	All	0.472
The Orion Primary	120	353	40	All	0.946
Tudor Primary	30	60	11	All	All
Underhill Primary	60	80	12	All	All
Wessex Gardens Primary	30	64	8	All	All
Whitings Hill Primary	60	205	27	All	0.768
Woodcroft Primary	60	95	20	All	0.672
Woodridge Primary	30	171	5	All	0.515

Allocations at Voluntary Aided , Foundation, Free Schools & Academies

Name of School	Places Available	Number of on-time applicants	Criterion under which final place offered (furthest straight-line distance in miles shown where applicable)
Akiva Jewish	60	175	Meets top faith priority (0.565)
All Saints' CE School (N20)	30	104	Demand met
All Saints' CE School (NW2)	30	42	Demand met
Annunciation Catholic Infant	30	83	Demand met
Alma Primary	60	85	Demand met
Ashmole Primary	60	318	Straight-line distance (0.496)
Beis Yaakov Jewish	58	74	Other Orthodox Jewish girls (lottery)
Beit Shvidler Jewish	30	54	Orthodox Jewish attending other synagogue (0.428)
Blessed Dominic Catholic	60	167	Other Faiths (0.159)
Childs Hill	60	83	Demand met
Christ Church CE School	30	98	Demand met
Claremont Primary School	60	67	Demand met
Dollis	60	65	Demand met
Etz Chaim Jewish Primary	28	76	Demand met
Hasmonean Primary School	30	55	Demand met
Hollickwood School	30	31	Demand met
Independent Jewish Day	30	58	Demand met
London Academy	28	74	Certificate of religious practice (Lottery)
Mathilda Marks Kennedy	30	68	Geographical Distance (0.165)
Menorah Foundation Jewish	30	87	Demand met
Menorah Primary, Boys	30	58	Others who do not meet the religious criteria (lottery)
Menorah Primary, Girls	29	52	Orthodox Jewish Who Are 'First Children' (lottery)
Millbrook Park	26	42	Other Orthodox Jewish Children (Lottery)
Monken Hadley CE	20	155	Children Within 2 Miles & Worship at a Holy Trinity Church
Osidge	60	183	Demand met
Our Lady of Lourdes RC	30	72	Demand met
Pardes House Jewish	50	67	Other Orthodox Jewish Children Within 2.5m (1.353)
Parkfield Primary	60	107	Demand met

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

Name of School	Places Available	Number of on-time applicants	Criterion under which final place offered (furthest straight-line distance in miles shown where applicable)
Rimon Jewish	30	106	Faith Band: GG Synagogue Attendance Level 1 (0.490) Straight-line distance (0.139)
Rosh Pinah Jewish	30	92	Priority Children Attending Orthodox Synagogue In Catchment (Lottery)
Sacks Morasha Jewish	60	155	Demand met
Sacred Heart RC School	60	52	Demand met
Saracens Bell Lane	90	96	Demand met
Saracens Broadfields	30	92	
Shalom Noam Primary	30	62	Other Orthodox Jewish (Lottery)
St Agnes' RC	60	127	Any Other Children (0.450)
St Andrew's CE	30	125	All Others Living In The Parish (0.639)
St Catherine's Catholic	60	149	Any other applicant (0.321)
St John's CE (N11)	30	75	Demand met
St John's CE (N20)	30	147	Faith Band: Worship At Other Christian Church (0.456) Community Band: Within 2km /1.243miles (0.072)
St Joseph's Catholic	60	109	Demand met
St Mary's and St John's CE	90	149	Demand met
St Mary's CE (EN4)	30	118	Resident of the 4 Eligible Parishes (0.332)
St Mary's CE (N3)	60	147	Any other applicant Geographically (0.884)
St Paul's CE (N11)	30	36	Demand met
St Paul's CE (NW7)	30	87	Demand met
St Theresa's RC	30	65	Demand met
St Vincent's RC	45	88	Demand met
Summerside	60	81	Demand met
The Hyde	60	212	Inside Catchment area (0.511)
Trent CE	30	105	Any other applicant Geographically (0.265)
Watling Park	60	105	Demand met
Wren Academy	60	251	Faith Band: Other Christian denomination (0.792) Community Band: Straight-line distance (0.268)

Choosing a school

Consider All Available Information

Make informed decisions

Use a combination of:

- ☑ School visits
- ☑ School information
- ☑ Ofsted reports
- ☑ Admission criteria
- ☑ Allocation data and number of places available

How do I apply?

How soon can I apply?

The online application system opened on **1 September 2026**

Where do I apply?

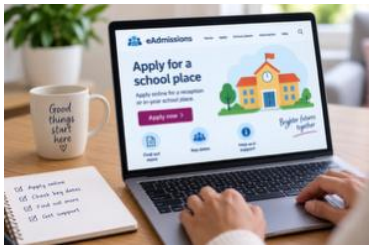
You need to apply online at **www.eadmissions.org.uk**

(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** (you can amend it as many times as you wish, before the deadline)

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?

How preferences are considered

Equal Preference System

- Every school you list is considered according to its admission criteria.
- Schools do not know where you ranked them.
- Your highest eligible preference school will be offered

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**
- Call the fraud hotline on 020 8359 2007

How do I apply?

When is the closing date for on-time applications?

- **15 January 2027**
- 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 **Thursday 11 February 2027** (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 <u>not</u> 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 **Friday 16 April 2027**
- 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 2027**

Offers

Accepting offers

After Accepting Your Offer

Next steps

- ☑ Wait for information from the school
- ☑ Prepare for transition activities
- ☑ Look out for future communications

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

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