

To the parents of children due to
start school in 2027

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Dear Parent

ADMISSION TO RECEPTION 2027

We are writing to you because you have a child who was born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023** and is due to start Reception during the academic year beginning September 2027. This letter explains how to apply online for a Reception school place.

Before you begin your application, please read the information published on [Barnet Council's website](#) and download the booklet [A Guide to Primary Education in Barnet](#). The guide provides all the information you need about the application process. In particular, you should carefully read the admissions criteria for each school, as these are the rules used to determine how places are allocated.

If you wish to apply for a school in another borough, you should also check the relevant local authority's website for details of the school's admissions criteria.

You must submit **one** application to your home Local Authority and include all your preferred schools on the same application form, regardless of whether the school is within or outside your home borough.

If you live in London, the application must be made online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you live in Hertfordshire, or another borough outside London, please check your Local Authority's website for information on how to apply.

An application must be submitted for your child even if they have an older brother or sister already attending your preferred school, or your child is attending the school's nursery. You should be aware that in most cases, children attending a nursery class will not be given priority for admission to the Reception class at the same school.

You must apply no later than **Friday 15 January 2027**. If you miss this deadline, your application will not be considered until school places have been allocated to applicants

who applied on time and **you will not receive an offer on National Offer Day, 16 April 2027.**

In previous years, high demand for places at some schools meant that some children were **not** offered a place at their sibling's school because their applications were submitted late and no places remained available. It is therefore very important that you submit your application on time.

If there is an exceptional reason why you are unable to submit your application by **15 January 2027**, it may still be treated as on time, provided that:

- it is received by **Thursday 11 February 2027**;
- the reason for the late submission is fully explained; and
- the local authority accepts that there is good reason for the delay.

Some schools, particularly faith schools, may also require you to complete a **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** to provide additional information, such as a faith leader's reference. These forms are available directly from the school, so please check the individual school's website for details.

Further information about the application process is available at www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Yours sincerely

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