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Barnet Education & Learning Service

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL 2027
A guide for parents

Introduction

Moving from primary to secondary school is an important milestone, and we want to support you by providing clear, helpful information about the process and about Barnet's secondary schools. All Barnet secondary schools hold open evenings, and we encourage you to visit as many as you can. These events are a great opportunity to see the school in action, meet staff, and ask questions to help you decide which schools feel right for your child.

Each school's website also provides detailed information, including admissions criteria, key admissions data, and guidance on appeals. It is very important to read the admissions criteria for every school you are considering so you understand how places are offered and can make informed choices once you have an idea of your chances of receiving an offer.

You will receive more information from your child's primary school in September when the online application system opens. Barnet's website will be updated at this time for the 2027 intake, and you will be able to download a copy of the 2027 secondary transfer booklet.

How do I apply for a school place?

- All London boroughs work together to coordinate the secondary transfer process. This means you only need to complete **ONE online application**, even if you choose schools in different boroughs.
- If you live in London, you must submit your application online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. Your application will automatically be sent to the local authority where you live.
- If you live **outside London** (for example, in Hertfordshire), you should check your own local authority's website for details of how to apply.
- You will also be asked to provide **proof of your child's home address**.
- In addition to the online application, all voluntary aided (faith) schools and some **foundation schools**, **free schools and academies** require a **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** and/or a **Certificate of Religious Practice (CRP)**. These may be needed for things like religious references or arranging aptitude tests. These forms, and applications for selective school tests, will be available on the school's website.
- You can apply for up to **six** schools and rank them in order of preference.
- The closing date for applications is **Saturday 31 October 2026**.
- You should be given the results of selection tests **before** 31 October 2026, where applicable.

What happens next?

- We will let other local authorities know about any applications you have made for schools in their area.
- The admission authority for your preference schools is responsible for ranking your application against their published admission criteria.
- Each of your preferred schools will rank your child separately according to their own criteria. This determines your child's position on each school's ranked list.
- Your preference order is **not** passed to the schools.
- The ranked positions for each of your preferences are then returned to your home local authority.
- If your child qualifies for a place at more than one school, we will look at the order in which you ranked the schools and offer the highest-ranked school for which your child is eligible.
- Any schools you ranked lower than the one offered will automatically be withdrawn from your application.
- Because lower preferences that could have been offered will then be released to other applicants, it is very important that you list your schools in **genuine order of preference**.
- You can change your preference order on your application as many times as you wish, until the deadline **31 October 2026**.
- The process is the same whether you live in Barnet, or any other borough.

When will I get the result of my application?

- National Offer Day is **Monday 1 March 2027**.
- You will be sent an email with the result of your online application in the **evening of 1st March.**
- You can then login into your eAdmissions account for further information.
- You must accept or decline your offer by **Monday 15 March 2027.**
- If you are offered a school that is not your first preference, your child's name will remain on the waiting list(s) for any higher-ranked school(s), and a place may be offered later in the process if one becomes available.

What happens if I'm not offered a place at any of the schools I selected?

- Your child will be allocated a place at the nearest eligible school with a vacancy.
- Your child will automatically be placed on the waiting lists for your schools of preference.
- You will have the right of appeal against the refusal of your child's admission to your preferred school(s).
- You can add your child's name to the waiting lists for other schools.

Please note

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), you will follow a different process and any queries you have about your child's transfer to secondary school should be addressed to the SEND Team. For more information visit www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk/.

If you have any queries about the process that your child's primary school is unable to answer, please contact your home local authority. If you live in Barnet, you can visit our website or contact the School Admissions Team Customer Service line: **020 8359 7651**.