

Admission Criteria for Reception and Junior Admissions 2020

Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan or statement of special educational needs naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Children in Care/ Looked After Children

Children who are looked after by a local authority or were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order.

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

2. Social Medical

Children who the Authority accepts have an exceptional medical or social need for a place at one specific school. Applications will only be considered under this category if they are supported by a written statement from a doctor, social worker or other relevant independent professional. The information must confirm the exceptional medical or social need and demonstrate how the specified school is the only school that can meet the defined needs of the child.

3. Linked school

This rule applies only to junior school admissions. Applicants attending an infant school will be prioritised under this rule for admission to the linked junior school. The Linked infant and junior schools in Haringey normally share the same names (e.g. Rokesly Infant School is linked to Rokesly Junior School) with the exception of St Peter-in-Chains Infant School and St Gildas' Junior School.

4. Brother or Sister (sibling)

Children with a brother or sister already attending the school or linked infant/junior school and who will still be attending on the date of admission.

If a place is obtained for an older child using fraudulent information, there will be no sibling connection available to subsequent children from that family.

5. Children of staff

Children of teaching staff of the school where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application and/or children of a member of staff who has been recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

6. Distance

Children whose home address is closest to the preferred school.

Distance will be measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, calculated using a computerised mapping system.

Tie breakers

The tie breaker to decide between two applications that cannot otherwise be separated is children whose home address is closest to the school, measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, calculated using a computerised mapping system.

The tiebreak for two or more applications whose home address is exactly the same distance from the school (and who are not from multiple births) will be random allocation using a computerised system.

Multiple births

If only one place is available at the school and the next child who qualifies for a place is one of multiple birth, we will ask community schools to go over their published admission number.

Notes

- (i) Home address is defined as the child's only or main residence.
- (ii) A sibling is a full brother or sister, a step/half brother or sister, a foster brother or sister or an adopted brother or sister living at the same address as the child for whom the application is being made.
- (iii) Priority for children of teaching staff will be limited to one place for each form of entry in any year. Exception to this will apply to children of multiple birth or those born in the same academic year. All such applications must be submitted to the local authority and must be accompanied with the relevant paperwork supporting an application on these grounds. The applicant must take sole responsibility to provide such paperwork. Without the provision of the relevant papers, priority will not be given on these grounds.
- (iv) Haringey measures distance in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, calculated using a computerised mapping system. Measurements by alternative systems or to other points will not be taken into account in any circumstances. Where applicants have identical distance measurements, priority amongst them will be determined at random using a computerised system.

Deferred entry - before compulsory school age

Children will normally be admitted to the reception year in the September following their fourth birthday. In line with the Admissions Code (2014), parents can defer their child's entry to the reception year until later in the school year, where they have been offered a place at a school to start before they are of compulsory school age. Where entry is deferred, the school will hold the place for that child and not offer it to another child. However, entry cannot be deferred beyond the point the child reaches compulsory school age nor beyond the beginning of the final term of the Reception Year. Parents can also request that their child attends part-time until he/she reaches compulsory school age.

Summer born – Children educated outside their chronological age group

Paragraph 2.17 of the School Admissions Code (2014) states that the parents of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to reception rather than year 1.

The Council, as the admission authority for Haringey community and voluntary controlled (VC) schools will make a decision regarding summer born requests on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the child's individual needs and abilities and to consider whether these can best be met in Reception or Year one. It will also involve taking account of -

- the parents' views
- information about the child's academic, social and emotional development
- where relevant their medical history and the views of a medical professional
- whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group
- whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely, and
- the potential impact on the child of being admitted to year one without first having completed the reception year.

The views of the headteacher will be an important part of this consideration.

Parents should write to the Council giving reasons for their request. This should be accompanied by an application for the child's actual year group. The application will be processed and a school place will be secured in the child's actual year group. This place can later be withdrawn if the request for delayed admission is approved. Parents who are granted their request must then make a fresh application on paper which will be considered in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria in the event of oversubscription. The decision will be reviewed once the child has started school at intervals agreed by the family and the school.

Consideration to these requests will be taken by a panel of Haringey officers in the summer term of the year in which the child will be admitted to his or her correct age group. The panel will meet following the primary National Offer Day. If the parents would like to make an application for an own admission authority school, they will need approach the relevant school with their request.

Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

Published Admission Numbers (PAN)

The published admission numbers for Haringey community primary schools (and St Aidan's VC Primary) for the 2020/21 school year will be as follows:

| School | Admission number | School | Admission number |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Alexandra | 60 | Mulberry | 90 |
| Belmont Infants | 58 | Muswell Hill | 60 |
| Bounds Green | 90 | North Haringay | 60 |
| Bruce Grove | 60 | Rhodes Avenue | 90 |
| Campsbourne | 60 | Risley Avenue | 90 |
| Chestnuts | 60 | Rokesly Infant | 90 |
| Coldfall | 90 | St Aidan's VC | 30 |
| Coleridge | 120 | Seven Sisters | 60 |
| Crowland | 60 | South Haringay Infant | 60 |
| Devonshire Hill | 60 | Stamford Hill | 30 |
| Earlham | 30 | Stroud Green | 60 |
| Earlsmead | 60 | Tetherdown | 60 |
| Ferry Lane | 30 | Tiverton | 30 |
| Highgate | 60 | Welbourne | 60 |
| Lancasterian | 60 | West Green | 30 |
| Lea Valley | 60 | Weston Park | 30 |
| Lordship Lane | 90 | The Willow | 60 |