

# Schools & Children's Services

## Applying for a Secondary School 2024

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# Types of Schools

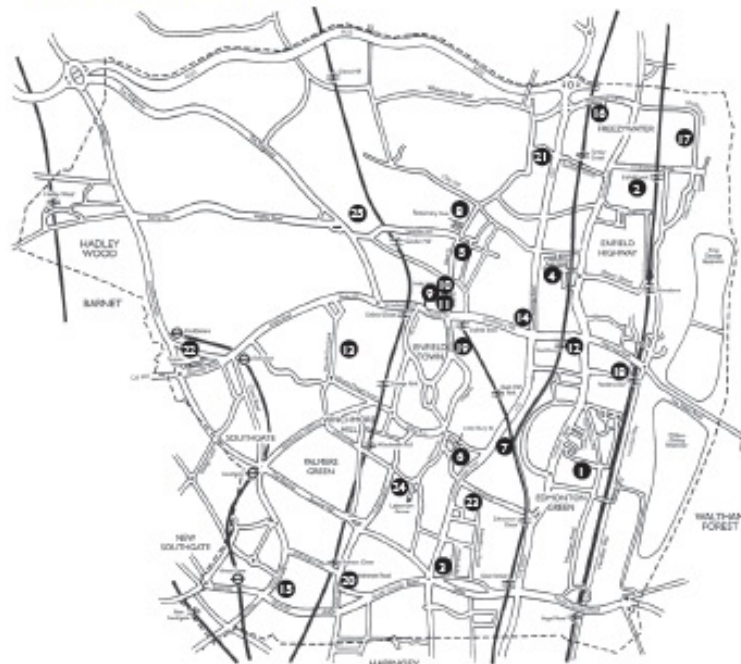
- **Community** – the Local Authority (elected Councillors) is responsible for deciding the admission arrangements for pupils
- **Foundation** – the School's Governing Body is responsible for deciding the admission arrangements for pupils
- **Voluntary Aided** - the School's Governing Body is responsible for deciding the admission arrangements for pupils
- **Academies and Free Schools**—publicly funded state schools. The Academy Council or School Governors are responsible for deciding the admission arrangements





# AT A GLANCE

## Borough School Map



### KEY

1. AIM North London
2. Ark John Keats Academy
3. Aylward Academy
4. Bishop Stopford's School
5. Chase Community School
6. Edmonton County - Bury Campus
7. Edmonton County - Cambridge Campus

8. Enfield County - Lower School
9. Enfield County - Upper School
10. Enfield Grammar - Lower School
11. Enfield Grammar - Upper School
12. Heron Hall Academy
13. Highlands School
14. Kingsmead School
15. Laurel Park School
16. Lea Valley Academy

17. Oasis Academy Enfield
18. Oasis Academy Hadley
19. St. Anne's - Lower School
20. St. Anne's - Upper School
21. St. Ignace College
22. Southgate School
23. The Latymer School
24. Windmore School
25. Wren Academy Enfield

School	Headteacher/Principal	Type of School	Boys/ Girls	Supplementary form required	Date and time of open evening sessions*
AIM North London (1) Turin Road, Edmonton, N9 8DQ	Mr P McGrath	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 12 Oct, 5pm-7pm
ARK John Keats Academy (2) Bell Lane, Enfield, EN3 5PA	Ms K Marshall	Academy	Mixed	No	Wed 4 Oct, 5.30pm-7pm
Aylward Academy (3) Windmill Road, Edmonton, N16 1NB	Mr D Rolini	Academy	Mixed	No	Mon 2 Oct, 4.30pm-7pm
Bishop Stopford's School (4) Brick Lane, Enfield, EN1 3PU	Mrs T Day	Voluntary Aided	Mixed	Yes	Tue 28 Sep, 8pm
Chase Community School (5) Churchbury Lane, Enfield, EN1 3HQ	Ms T Douglas	Community	Mixed	No	Mon 25 Sep, 5pm-7.30pm
Edmonton County Bury Campus (6) Little Bury Street, Edmonton, N9 9HZ	Dr S Twister	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 28 Sep, 4.30pm (Bury Campus)
Edmonton County Cambridge Campus (7) Great Cambridge Road, Enfield, EN1 1HQ					
Enfield County Lower School (8) Rosemary Avenue, Enfield, EN2 0SP	Ms J Gumbrell	Community	Girls	No	Mon 9 Oct, 5.30pm at the Lower School site
Enfield County Upper School (9) Holly Walk, Enfield, EN2 8QG					
Enfield Grammar Lower School (10) Enfield Court, Baker Street, EN1 3EX	Mr C Lamb	Academy	Boys	For Sport/ Music only	Mon 9 Oct, 5.30pm-8pm at the Upper School site
Enfield Grammar Upper School (11) Market Place, Enfield, EN2 6LN					
Heron Hall Academy (12) 46 Queensway, Ponders End, EN3 4SA	Mr A Barzey	Academy	Mixed	No	Tue 10 Oct, 5.30pm-7.30pm
Highlands School (13) Worlds End Lane, Windmore Hill, N21 1QQ	Mr V McInerney	Community	Mixed	No	Mon 16 Oct, 5pm-9pm
Kingsmead School (14) Southbury Road, Enfield, EN1 1YQ	Mr D Medway	Academy	Mixed	For Art/Drama/ Music only	Thu 21 Sep, 5.30pm
Laurel Park School (15) Wilmer Way, Palmers Green, N14 7HY	Ms A Christoff	Foundation	Mixed	No	Wed 4 Oct, 5pm-8pm
Lea Valley Academy (16) Bullmoor Lane, Enfield, EN3 6TW	Mr S J Knaon	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 28 Sep, 5.30pm-8pm
Oasis Academy Enfield (17) Kings Crescent, Inners Park, Millson Ave, Enfield, EN3 7QH	Mr A Williams	Academy	Mixed	No	Tue 3 Oct, 5.30pm-7.30pm
Oasis Academy Hadley (18) South Street, Ponders End, Enfield, EN3 4PX	Mrs Z Thompson	Academy	Mixed	No	Wed 20 Sep, 5.30pm-7.30pm
St Anne's Lower School (19) London Road, Enfield, EN2 6EL	Mrs E Loveland	Voluntary Aided	Girls	Yes	Mon 2 Oct, 8pm-8pm at the Lower School site
St Anne's Upper School (20) Oakthorpe Road, Palmers Green, N13 6TY					
St Ignace College (21) Turley Street, Enfield, EN1 4NP	Mrs M O'Keefe	Voluntary Aided	Boys	Yes	Tue 19 Sep, 5.30pm-8.30pm
Southgate School (22) Sussex Way, Cockfosters, EN4 6BL	Mr M Lavinle	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 12 Oct, 5pm-8.15pm
The Latymer School (23) Hazelbury Road, Edmonton, N9 9TH	Mrs M Cobbett	Voluntary Aided / Selective	Mixed	Yes	Check the school website for further information
Windmore School (24) Lazurum Grove, Windmore Hill, N21 3HS	Mr J Owen	Community	Mixed	No	Wed 27 Sep, 8pm
Wren Academy Enfield (25) 3 Chase Village Road, Enfield, EN2 8GH	Mr G Smith	Academy	Mixed	No	Mon 18 Sep, 5.30pm-7.30pm

\*Please visit the school's website for up to date information on opening evenings.



# Schools in Enfield

**AIM North London (A)**

**Aylward Academy (A)**

**Edmonton County (A)**

**Enfield Grammar (A)**

**Highlands (C)**

**Laurel Park (F)**

**Lea Valley Academy (A)**

**Oasis Academy Hadley (A)**

**St Ignatius College (VA )**

**Southgate (A)**

**Winchmore (C)**

**The Latymer (VA)**

**ARK John Keats (A)**

**Bishop Stopford's CE (VA)**

**Chace Community (C)**

**Enfield County School for Girls(C)**

**Heron Hall Academy (A)**

**Kingsmead (A)**

**Oasis Academy Enfield (A)**

**St Anne's Catholic High School  
for Girls ( VA )**

**The Latymer (VA)**

**Wren Academy, Enfield (A)**

# Some popular neighbouring schools in Barnet and Haringey

## **BARNET**

Ashmole

Compton

East Barnet

Finchley Catholic Boys\*

Friern Barnet

Henrietta Barnett\*

Mill Hill

QE Girls

QE Boys\*

St Andrew the Apostle

St Michaels Girls\*

Wren

\* Selective

## **HARINGEY**

Alexandra Park

Fortismere

Greig City

Heartlands

Highgate Wood

Hornsey School for Girls

Woodside

... and more

You must apply for all schools  
(except independent) on the same  
admissions application

# Admission Criteria

- Rules used to decide which children are offered places when there are more applications than places available.
- Rules may differ between local authorities and types of schools.
- Check school and local authority websites in case there are any changes to the information in LA booklets





# Community School Admission Criteria (summary - see booklet for full details)



- children in public care or previously adopted
- children for whom a particular school is appropriate on exceptional medical grounds
- children with a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission (living at the same address)
- children of members of staff
- children living nearest to the school measured as the “crow flies”

# Exceptions

- Chace Community – priority zone for nominated roads
- Enfield County School for Girls has a quota system of allocation

Full details in

*“Your Guide to Secondary Schools in Enfield 2024 ” brochure available online from September 2023.*





# Partially or Fully Selective Schools

- Selective schools will test children before the closing date for applications.
- Children must be registered directly with the schools to be entered for the relevant selective tests/trials/auditions
- Schools will let parents have the results of the tests/trial/audition before the closing date for the Borough application.

# Partially or Fully Selective Schools

- Include selective schools on your eadmissions application if your child is successful in the first round of tests.
- If results are not available before 31st October closing date, you will still need to include the school in your application
- If, after receiving information about the outcome of the test, you want to change your preferred schools, you should make this request as soon as possible and no later than 8<sup>th</sup> December.
- Further details on Enfield's website

# Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) and Testing

For example:

- Bishop Stopford's (VA school)
- St Anne's (VA school)
- St Ignatius College (VA school)
- Latymer – academic entrance test (register July for testing September)
- Ashmole – musical aptitude (20 places)
- Friern Barnet – enhanced arts (16 places)
- Henrietta Barnett – academic entrance test
- Mill Hill – dance/music/aptitude
- Dame Alice – academic entrance exam
- Enfield Grammar – music/sport 10%
- Kingsmead – art/drama/music (10% of places)
- Palmers Green High School – ability and aptitude

**PLEASE CHECK ALL SCHOOLS CAREFULLY FOR  
UP TO DATE INFORMATION**

# Medical criteria

- You must provide information about any medical issues for your child that you would like considered in relation to your application.
- Very few children are given priority under this criterion as schools can generally meet the needs of the majority of children.
- There is a form on the Enfield website and on the Bowes website (or other local authorities) that you should use when applying under the medical criterion.
- The information you give must state why one particular school/s is more able to meet your child's needs than another. (Some schools do not have a medical criterion.)
- You can provide supporting evidence from professionals
- Medical circumstances of parents are not considered.

# Before you apply

How will your  
child get to  
school?

Think about  
where  
would suit  
your child

Keep to the  
deadlines

Talk to staff

Visit the  
schools

Read the  
school  
prospectus

Ask questions

Be realistic

Do your  
research

Look at Ofsted  
reports

Check how  
admission  
decisions are  
made?

Look at school  
websites

Read the  
Local  
Authority  
Booklet

Involve  
your child



# Booklets (all on the LA websites)

[www.enfield.gov.uk](http://www.enfield.gov.uk)



[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)  
[www.enfield.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/admissions)



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



[www.haringey.gov.uk](http://www.haringey.gov.uk)



# What can Enfield parents expect?

- one local authority application for all maintained schools (community, foundation, voluntary aided, free school and academy) regardless of where the school is located
- common closing date across England for the submission of forms – 31st October 2023
- 6 preferences across London (Hertfordshire will only accept four Hertfordshire schools – don't include more)
- equal consideration given to each school asked for

# What can Enfield parents expect?

- Admissions will apply for schools outside the area on your behalf. (Schools are not involved at this stage.)
- Admissions can only accept late applications or changes of preference after the deadline in exceptional circumstances
- If your child is eligible for more than one school, the preference order will be used to decide the final offer
- Single offer emailed on 1st March 2024



# How to apply - [www.edmissions.org.uk](http://www.edmissions.org.uk)

## Welcome to eAdmissions

### First time visitors

Create a new account.



[Register](#)

### Returning visitors

Sign into an existing account.



[Sign in](#)

### Find schools

In your area.



[Find](#)

## Important information

From the 1st September 2020, you can apply for a school place for the year starting September 2021. You can apply for a place in:

- A Primary school (Reception)
- A Junior school (Year 3)
- A Secondary school (Year 7)

In some areas you can apply for a place in:

- A Nursery class or school (Age 3+)
- A University Technical College (Year 10)

This website is funded and supported by 33 London authorities and Surrey County Council.

# On Line Applications

- It is quick and easy to do – just register and follow the instructions
- You will get an email confirmation once you submit your application
- The online system checks that you are completing all the right sections of the application
- The online system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until midnight on the closing date
- You can get your result on the evening of 1 March 2024 and either accept and decline your offer on line





# Making your application

Make sure you say ...

- If the child is looked after or adopted?
- Are there brothers or sisters attending any of the schools applied for?
- Does a parent work at any of the schools listed on your form?



# Making your application

- Provide supporting information with your application if you are asking for medical priority
- Be sure the address you use is the child's usual place of residence. Attach details if not
- Include your council tax reference number in your application.
- Complete any supplementary forms and send them directly to the schools
- Meet all the deadlines



# School Preferences

- You must indicate your true order of preference. This information is not given to any of the Secondary Schools.
- It is 'unlawful' for LA's to operate a 'first preference first' system.
- You will not be able to change your preferences after 31<sup>st</sup> October unless there are very exceptional circumstances.
- If you change address after the deadline or change primary school you can complete a form to submit to Admissions.

# How schools are allocated

- Each school you list is considered at the same time, including schools in other local authorities.
- The published admissions criteria are applied to every school you list.
- The computer system works out who can be offered a place at the schools.
- Each school has a set number of places (published admission number) and places are offered until they are full.
- If a child can be offered more than one place they will be offered the highest possible preference on the list.

# What happens if you are not offered any of your preferred schools?

- Sometimes you are not offered any school you have listed because other applicants met the admissions criteria better, e.g. other applicants lived closer to the school.

- If this happens you will be offered a place at the nearest school with an available place.

Preference	List preferences	Does my child qualify for this school?	Which school is offered
1	School A	✗	
2	School B	✓	✓
3	School C	✗	
4	School D	✓	
5	School E	✗	
6	School F	✗	



# Offers and Waiting Lists

- You will be sent an email with the outcome of your application after 7pm on the evening of 1 March 2024. You will be directed to the on-line website to view your offer letter.
- Waiting list information and information about appealing are included in your letters.
- You will automatically be put on the waiting list for schools with a higher preference on your list.
- You should accept your offer by 16<sup>th</sup> March. Accepting the offer will not affect your waiting list position or appeal outcome.

# Enfield Schools - What happened this year

The furthest distance the LA offered places for admission in September 2023 on national offer day (1 March 2023).

Please see the information booklet for further details about schools in Enfield.

- AIM North London - All offered
- ARK John Keats – 0.244 miles
- Aylward – all offered
- Bishops Stortford – all offered
- Broomfield – all offered
- Chase Community – 3.117 miles
- Edmonton County - 1.844 miles
- Enfield County- quota system
- Heron Hall - 2.585 miles
- Highlands - 0.851 miles
- Kingsmead - 0.889 miles
- Lea Valley – all offered
- Oasis Academy (both) – all offered
- St Anne's – 2.045 miles
- Southgate – 2.459 miles
- The Latymer – children ranked up to number 308 in the first round
- Winchmore – 0.751 miles
- Wren – VA school criteria

# Distances for some out of borough schools (2023)

- The furthest distance the LA offered places for admission in March 2023 – national offer day. Places were offered after March if there was ‘movement’.
- Ashmole – 0.517 miles
- Alexandra Park - 0.515 miles
- Compton – 0.744 miles
- East Barnet – 1.072 miles
- Fortismere – 0.634 miles
- Heartlands – 0.8479 miles
- Highgate Wood – 0.982 miles
- St Thomas More – 1.789
- Totteridge Academy – 1.646 miles
- Woodside – 1.6422
- Wren – 0.787 miles

# Where did Bowes children go in 2023

Southgate	17	Oasis	1
Friern Barnet	16	Dame Alice	1
Broomfield	14	Enfield County	1
St Andrew the Apostle	6	Christ College	1
St Anne's	4	Enfield Grammar	1
St Thomas More	2	Fortismere	1
Alexandra Park	2	Aylward	1
Ashmole	1	Mount House	1
East Barnet	1	Greig City	1

18 DIFFERENT  
SCHOOLS

# Distances

- The vast majority of school places are offered under the distance criterion. Distances are measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home address to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, using a computerized mapping system. Where applicants have identical distance (to thousandths of a mile) priority will be determined at random.
- Local authority websites have a distance calculator.
- There is data and information on schools at:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables>



# Things to remember...



[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)  
[www.enfield.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/admissions)



- Find out more about all the schools you are interested in, especially those in your local area.
- Check out school websites for up to date information about opportunities to visit – open evenings are planned but schools may have to make changes at short notice.
- Look at the pattern of admissions in previous years and criteria.
- Distance counts for many schools and will often be a deciding factor if there are more applications than places available.



# Things to remember

- If you are considering schools outside Enfield, look at other authority websites for details
- Check if you need to complete a supplementary information form
- Complete all applications in full



# Things to remember

- Make an informed decision. Consider first hand, accurate and up to date information
- Speak to your child's primary school
- Be realistic.
- Admissions will check with the school the child's home address at the time of admission. If fraud is suspected Admissions will investigate.



# Main residence

## What is a 'main residence'?

This is your child's only or main residence on the closing date of application. This is the place where your child sleeps and spends most of their time, Monday to Friday. This cannot be a temporary address, business address, childminder's address, family member address.

If you own a property but are living at and apply from a different address, the council will consider that the second address is temporary and that the property you own is where your child normally lives.

If parents live separately the application should be made by the parent the child normally lives with. Where a child spends equal time during the school week with each parent you can choose the most appropriate address for school days. This should be a permanent address.

A future 'intended' address will not be accepted.

# MYTH BUSTER

If I apply to a school in another borough, their residents will have priority over me.

I have an older child already at the school so I don't need to apply.

All my friends are going to the school I want so I should be able to go.

I have a right to be given a school of our choice.

Children in my road go to the school so my child will too.

If I only put one school on the application they have to give me that school.

If I put the same school 6 times I will have a better chance of getting that school.

# More myths!

- It does not matter if my form is late.
- If I don't apply they'll give me a school anyway.
- They have to give me one of the schools on my list of preferences.
- If I put the nearest school in last place because I don't really want it they will give it to me anyway.
- I can only apply for schools in my local authority.
- I live nearer to the school than a child offered a place last year so I'll get a place.

# Timeline for Secondary Transfer

- 1<sup>st</sup> September • Online applications open
- By end October • Visits to Secondary schools' open evenings
- • Parents advised of selective tests outcome
- 31<sup>st</sup> October • Closing date for applications
- 1<sup>st</sup> March • Offer day/outcome. Online applicants receive email
- 15<sup>th</sup> March • Acceptance of school offer deadline - accept online
- Mar-Sep 2024 • Further offers from waiting lists
- April – July • Appeals take place



