

# Starting school 2021

## Applying for a school place

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

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



## Who is this for?

Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are due to start in a reception class in the year beginning September 2021. If your child is due to start school next year you should apply for a place online now.



## Before you start

### Choosing a school

**You need to decide which schools you want to apply to**

To help you do this, visit

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

- download 'A guide to primary education in Barnet 2021'
- arrange to visit the schools
- do your research, look at exam results, Ofsted reports, school websites and school prospectuses
- consider how your child will get to school, by public transport, cycling, walking
- check the admissions criteria to see if your child is likely to be offered a place and look at how places were allocated last year
- think about how realistic your choice is, most schools have more applications than they have places available
- don't listen to gossip, what's right for other children may not be the same for your child

## How to apply

- apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)
- you can register your mobile phone number to receive reminder alerts
- you can apply for up to 6 schools, in Barnet or elsewhere
- it is important to list schools in the order you prefer
- attach supporting documents to your application
- some schools, usually faith schools, will also require you to complete a Supplementary Information Form – this should be returned directly to the school
- **the closing date for applications is 15 January 2021**

## What happens next?

- we will let other local authorities know about any applications you have made for schools in their area
- schools will use their admissions criteria to decide who should be offered a place
- your preference order is not passed to schools
- if more than one place can be offered, we will look to see which school you have listed as your higher preference
- all lower preferences will be withdrawn
- no child will be offered more than one place
- your child will stay on the waiting lists for higher preference schools
- if it is not possible to offer you one of your preferences, we will allocate a place at an alternative school
- you will receive an email during the evening of **16 April 2021**
- login to your eAdmissions account to accept or decline your offer
- you must respond within 14 days



## Visiting schools

- social distancing measures issued by the Government are currently in place
- this means you may not be able to visit schools
- please check individual school websites for the latest information

## Further support and advice

### Help completing the application form:

Choose 'Help & Tutorials' from your eAdmissions Home Page

### Help with anything else:

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

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