

Proposed Admission Arrangements for Reception and Junior Transfer Admissions to Haringey Community and VC Schools in September 2026

Oversubscription criteria

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

1. Children Looked After

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, including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

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.

Tiebreakers

Children cannot be considered under more than one criterion. Within each criterion the sole tiebreaker to decide between two applications 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 tiebreaker 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. The random allocation process will be supervised by an independent body.

Multiple births

If only one place is available at the school and the next child(ren) 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. A business address, a childminder's address or any address including a family member's address other than the child's only or main residence will not be accepted.
- (ii) If parents are separated, 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, the exact arrangements must be made clear in a letter with a copy of any child arrangements order submitted with the application. It is the parents' responsibility to agree between themselves and make clear which address will be used and to provide supporting evidence in respect of that address. An application can only be processed from one address. The final decision about which address is to be used rests with Haringey Council.

- (iii) Previously looked after children include those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) 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.
- (vi) 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.

Waiting lists

Where a child does not receive an offer of their preferred school, parents can request that their name is placed on the waiting list for that school. Waiting lists are ordered, and places allocated as they become available, strictly in accordance with the school's admissions criteria.

Waiting list positions can change at any time and a child's position may go down as well as up if other applicants with higher priority join the waiting list. Being on the waiting list does not guarantee a place in the school.

Waiting lists are maintained throughout the year and are refreshed on an annual basis at the end of the summer term. At this time parents will be contacted to confirm if they wish for their child to remain on the waiting list.

Nursery and Infant Pupils

Admission to a nursery class in a school does not guarantee a place in the reception class at the same school. Similarly, admission to an infant school does not guarantee a place in the linked junior school.

All parents/carers must complete their home authority School Admissions Application Form for admission to reception or to junior school (where applicable) by 15 January in the academic year their child turns four (reception) or seven (junior).

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 School Admissions Code September 2021, 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.

Where the parents wish, children may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

Summer born children

Paragraph 2.18 of the School Admissions Code, September 2021, 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. Where this is the case the school will hold the place for that child and not offer it to another child. However, the school place cannot be held beyond the beginning of the final term of the Reception Year.

The parents of a summer born child may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to reception rather than year 1. Details of the process of making such requests are provided below.

Requests for children to be educated outside their chronological age group (For both summer born and non-summer born children)

Where families request that their child is educated outside their chronological age group the Council, as the admission authority for Haringey community and voluntary controlled (VC) schools, will make a decision 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 their chronological year or a different year group. 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
- where relevant, the potential impact on the child of being admitted to their chronological year group without first having completed the preceding 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 for a place in the agreed year group on a paper/pdf form. This application 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.

Requests will be considered by a panel of Haringey officers during the summer term before the September in which the child will be admitted to his or her correct age group. This panel will meet following the primary National Offer Day. For late or in-year requests the panel will meet to consider applications regularly throughout the school year. If 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 proposed published admission numbers for Haringey community and voluntary controlled (VC) primary schools for entry in September 2026 are as follows:

School	Admission number
Alexandra	60
Belmont Infant	56
Bounds Green	90
Bruce Grove	30
Campbourne Infant	60
Coldfall	90
Coleridge	120
Crowland	60
The Devonshire Hill	60
Earlham	30
Earlsmead	60
Ferry Lane	30
Highgate	60
Lancasterian	60
Lea Valley	60
Lordship Lane	90

School	Admission number
The Mulberry	60
Muswell Hill	60
Rhodes Avenue	90
Risley Avenue	60
Rokesly Infant	60
St Aidan's VC	30
Seven Sisters	30
South Harringay Infant	60
Stroud Green	60
Tetherdown	60
Tiverton	30
Welbourne	60
West Green	30
Weston Park	30
The Willow	60