

Admission Criteria for Reception and Junior Admissions 2016

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

Children with a brother or sister already attending the school and who will still be attending on the date of admission. This category includes foster brothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters, stepbrothers and sisters or adopted brothers and sisters. Parents should note that in all these cases, the brother or sister must be living at the same address as the child for whom the application is being made.

5. Distance

Children living closest to the preferred school.

Tie breakers

The tie breaker for all criteria is: children living closest to the school measured in a straight line from the post office address point for the child's home, to the post office address point of the school, supplied by the Royal Mail using a computerised mapping system.

The tiebreak for two or more applications that live exactly the same distance from the school 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 siblings, we will ask community schools to go over their published admission number.

DEFERRED PLACES - before compulsory school age

Paragraph 2.16 of the School Admissions Code (2014) states that admission authorities must provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. The authority must make it clear in their arrangements that, where they have offered a child a place at a school:

- a) that child is entitled to a full-time place in the September following their fourth birthday;
- b) the child's parents can defer the date their child is admitted to the school until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which it was made; and
- c) 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 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. Any application for a summer born child to be educated outside their chronological age group will be considered by the admission authority on an individual basis.

The admission authority must make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will require the admission authority to take 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 potential impact on the child of being admitted to year one without first having completed the reception year. The views of the head teacher will be an important part of this consideration.

Parents should write to the admission authority, giving reasons for their request and providing compelling professional evidence. This should be accompanied by a paper application form for that child's actual age group. The application will be processed and a school place will be secured. This place can later be withdrawn if the request for delayed admission is approved by the admission authority. Parents who are granted their request must then make a fresh application for 2017. The decision will be reviewed once the child has started school at intervals agreed by the family and the school.

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.

Admission Numbers

The admission numbers for Haringey community primary and infant schools (and St Aidan's VC Primary) for the 2016/17 school year will be as follows:

School	Admission number	School	Admission number
Alexandra	60	Mulberry	90
Belmont Infants	56	Muswell Hill	60
Bounds Green	60*	North Harringay	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 Harringay Infant	60
Devonshire Hill	60	Stamford Hill	30
Earlham	60	Stroud Green	60
Earlsmead	60	Tetherdown	60
Ferry Lane	30	Tiverton	60
Highgate	56	Welbourne	90
Lancasterian	58	West Green	30
Lea Valley	60	Weston Park	30
Lordship Lane	90	The Willow	60

**On the 17th March 2015, the Council's Cabinet will make a decision on whether or not to permanently expand Bounds Green Infant and Junior School. If the Council's Cabinet agrees that the school should be expanded, the PAN (published admission number) will increase to 90 in September 2016.*

The admission numbers for Haringey community junior schools for the 2016/17 school year will be as follows:

School	Admission number
Belmont Junior	56
Rokesly Junior	90
South Harringay Junior	60

The governing bodies at the following schools have asked Haringey to set any apply their admission arrangements on their behalf:

School	Admission number
Brooke House Primary	60
Harris Primary Academy Coleraine Park (formally Coleraine Park Primary)	60
Harris Primary Academy Philip Lane (formally Downhills Primary)	60
Harris Academy Tottenham	60
Noel Park Primary	60
Trinity Primary (formally Nightingale Primary)	60