

# Starting school in 2026

## 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 2021** and **31 August 2022** are due to start in a reception class in the school year beginning September 2026. 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 2026](#)';
- contact schools to arrange a tour
- do your research, look at school websites for information;
- consider the home-to-school journey and how your child will get to school (by foot, public transport, cycling etc);
- 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, many schools have more applications than they have places available;
- talk to others but make your own choices; your child is unique;

### 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 six schools, in Barnet or elsewhere;
- it is important to list schools in the order you prefer them;
- 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 on-time applications is 15 January 2026.**

## 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 rank their list of applications;
- your preference order is not passed to schools;
- if more than one place can be offered, we will offer you a place at the school you ranked highest on your application form;
- all lower preferences will be withdrawn
- no child will be offered more than one place;
- your child will stay on the waiting lists for any higher preference schools that were unable to make you an offer;
- if it is not possible to offer you a place at one of your preferred schools, we will allocate a place at an alternative school (usually the closest school with a vacancy);
- you will receive an email during the evening of **16 April 2026**;
- click on the 'reply' button at the bottom of the email and log in to your eAdmissions account to accept or decline your offer;
- you must accept / decline your offer by **30 April 2026**.

## Visiting schools

- Most schools offer open days, evening events and guided tours in the autumn term (September to December);
- 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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