

Schools & Children's Services

Applying for a Secondary School 2027

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



Types of Schools

- **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



Schools in Enfield

AIM North London (A)	ARK John Keats Academy (A)
Bishop Stopford's CE (VA)	Chace Community (C)
Edmonton County (A)	Enfield County School for Girls(C)
Enfield Grammar (A)	Heron Hall Academy (A)
Highlands (C)	Kingsmead (A)
Laurel Park School (F)	Lea Valley Academy (A)
Lift Aylward	Oasis Academy Enfield (A)
Oasis Academy Hadley (A)	St Anne's Catholic High School for Girls (VA)
St Ignatius College (VA)	The Latymer (VA)
Southgate (A)	Wren Academy, Enfield (A)
Winchmore (C)	

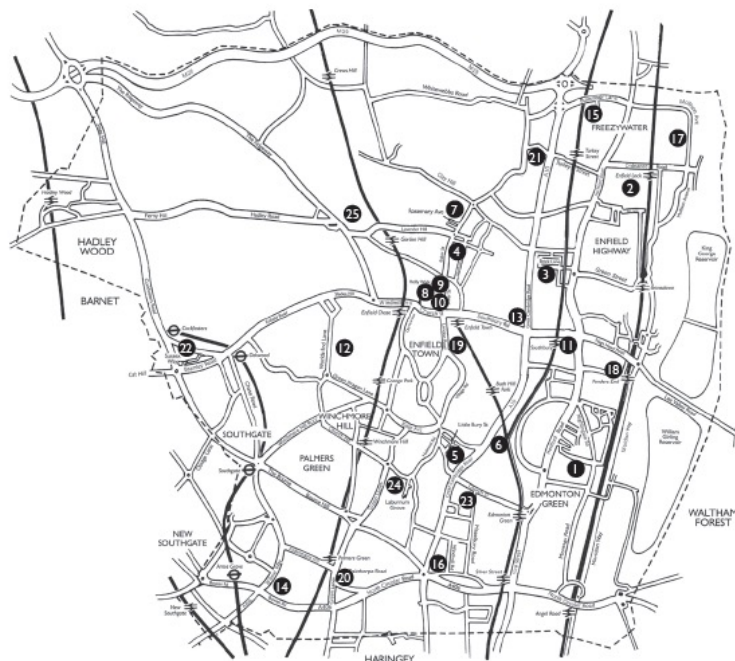
Key: A – Academy
F – Foundation

C – Community
VA Voluntary Aided



AT A GLANCE

Borough School Map



KEY

1. AIM North London
2. Ark John Keats Academy
3. Bishop Stopford's School
4. Chace Community School
5. Edmonton County - Bury Campus
6. Edmonton County - Cambridge Campus
7. Enfield County - Lower School
8. Enfield County - Upper School
9. Enfield Grammar - Lower School
10. Enfield Grammar - Upper School
11. Heron Hall Academy
12. Highlands School
13. Kingsmead School
14. Laurel Park School
15. Lea Valley Academy
16. Lift Aylward
17. Oasis Academy Enfield
18. Oasis Academy Hadley
19. St. Anne's - Enfield Campus
20. St. Anne's - Palms Green Campus
21. St. Ignatius College
22. Southgate School
23. The Lattimer School
24. Winchmore School
25. Wren Academy Enfield

School	Headteacher/Principal	Type of School	Boys/Girls	Supplementary form required	Date and time of open evening session/s*
AIM North London (1) Turin Road, Edmonton, N9 8DQ	Mr P McGrath	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 8 Oct, 5pm-7pm
Ark John Keats Academy (2) Bell Lane, Enfield, EN3 5PA	Mr D Conant	Academy	Mixed	No	Wed 30 Sep, 5pm-7.30pm
Bishop Stopford's School (3) Brick Lane, Enfield, EN1 3PU	Mrs T Day	Voluntary Aided	Mixed	Yes	Tue 22 Sep, 6pm
Chace Community School (4) Churchbury Lane, Enfield, EN1 3HQ	Ms T Douglas	Community	Mixed	No	Mon 21 Sep, 5pm-7.30pm
Edmonton County Bury Campus (5) Little Bury Street, Edmonton, N9 9HZ	Mr P Miller	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 24 Sep, 5pm-8pm at the Bury Campus
Edmonton County Cambridge Campus (6) Great Cambridge Road, Enfield, EN1 1HQ					
Enfield County Lower School (7) Rosemary Avenue, Enfield, EN2 0SP	Ms J Gumbrell	Community	Girls	No	Mon 5 Oct, 5pm-7.30pm at the Lower School site
Enfield County Upper School (8) Holly Walk, Enfield, EN2 6QG					
Enfield Grammar Lower School (9) Enfield Court, Baker Street, EN1 3EX	Mr C Lamb	Academy	Boys	For Sport/Music only	Mon 5 Oct, 5.30pm-8pm at the Upper School site
Enfield Grammar Upper School (10) Market Place, Enfield, EN2 6LN					
Heron Hall Academy (11) 46 Queensway, Ponders End, EN3 4SA	Mr D Maytham	Academy	Mixed	No	Mon 28 Sep, 5.30pm-7.30pm
Highlands School (12) Worlds End Lane, Winchmore Hill, N21 1QQ	Mr V McInerney	Community	Mixed	No	Mon 12 Oct, 6pm-8pm
Kingsmead School (13) 196 Southbury Road, Enfield, EN1 1YQ	Ms C Batteson	Academy	Mixed	For Art/Drama/Music only	Thu 17 Sep, 5.30pm
Laurel Park School (14) Wilmer Way, Palms Green, N14 7HY	Ms A Christoff	Foundation	Mixed	No	Wed 7 Oct, 5pm-8pm
Lea Valley Academy (15) Bulmoor Lane, Enfield, EN3 6TW	Mr D Bucho	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 24 Sep, 5.30pm-8pm
Lift Aylward (16) Windmill Road, Edmonton, N18 1NB	Mr S Carrasco-Morley	Academy	Mixed	No	Mon 28 Sep, 4.30pm-7pm
Oasis Academy Enfield (17) 9 Kinetic Crescent, Innova Park, Mollison Avenue, Enfield, EN3 7XH	Mrs E Robinson	Academy	Mixed	No	Tue 29 Sep, 5.30pm-7.30pm
Oasis Academy Hadley (18) South Street, Ponders End, Enfield, EN3 4PK	Mrs Z Thompson	Academy	Mixed	No	Wed 23 Sep, 5.30pm-7.30pm
St. Anne's Enfield Campus (19) London Road, Enfield, EN2 6EL	Mrs E Loveland	Voluntary Aided	Girls	Yes	Mon 28 Sep, 6pm-8pm at the Enfield Campus
St. Anne's Palms Green Campus (20) Oakthorpe Road, Palms Green, N13 5TY					
St. Ignatius College (21) Turkey Street, Enfield, EN1 4NP	Ms N Socrates	Voluntary Aided	Boys	Yes	Tue 15 Sep, 5.30pm-8pm
Southgate School (22) Sussex Way, Cockfosters, EN4 0EL	Mr S Olusanya	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 1 Oct, 5pm-7pm
The Lattimer School (23) Haselbury Road, Edmonton, N9 9TN	Mr J Gifford	Voluntary Aided / Selective	Mixed	Yes	Check the school website for further information
Winchmore School (24) Laburnum Grove, Winchmore Hill, N21 3HS	Mr J Owen	Community	Mixed	No	Wed 23 Sep, 6pm
Wren Academy Enfield (25) 3 Chace Village Road, Enfield, EN2 8GH	Mr E Hussein	Academy	Mixed	No	Mon 14 Sep, 5.30pm-8pm

*Please check school's website for further information and to check if you need to register to attend.



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 with an Education Health and Care Plan.
- Children in public care or previously adopted.
- Children where 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 2027 ” brochure available
online from September 2026.*

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 on 31 October 2026.

Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) and Testing

If parents apply for any of the following schools in Enfield, they may also need to complete the school's own supplementary information form. Please check all schools carefully for up-to-date information.

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)
- Enfield Grammar – music/sport 10%
- Kingsmead – art/drama/music (10% of places)
- Wren Enfield

OUT OF BOROUGH

- QE Boys – academic entrance test
- 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
- Finchley Catholic (VA school)



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
- National closing date for the submission of forms – 31st October 2026.
- 6 preferences allowed in London (Hertfordshire will only accept four Hertfordshire schools – don't include more).
- Equal consideration given to each school asked for; eg a 6th preference is ranked higher than a 1st preference if you live closer and it comes to distance criteria.

What can Enfield parents expect?

- The LA will apply for schools outside the area on your behalf.
- They will only accept late applications or changes of preference after the deadline in exceptional circumstances
- If your child is eligible for more than one school, your preference order will be used to decide the final offer
- Single offer emailed on 1st March 2027 if you apply online



How to apply - www.edmissions.org.uk

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Existing Account

Sign into an existing account.



Please note: Accounts on the eAdmissions website may be archived / deleted if not used in the last 3 years. Sign in to see if your account is still available.

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Find schools

In your area.



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Important information

From the 1st September 2026 you can apply here for a school place for September 2027.

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)

If you require a school place for your child now (In Year) please contact your home Local Authority.

Online 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 2027 and then either accept and decline your offer online

Making your application

Make sure you include in your application...

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



Making your application

- Provide supporting documentation 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



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.

Children with an EHCP

Children with an EHCP - If a child is in the process of applying for an Education Health and Care place (EHCP) they should still apply through this process.

However, this is not appropriate for any child with an EHCP. Both schools and parents will be advised of the separate process which is led by the SEN Service.

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.
- Some schools do not have a medical criterion.

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

Be realistic

Ask questions

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

School Preferences



- You must indicate your true order of preference. Your preference information is not given to any of the Secondary Schools.
- It is 'unlawful' for LAs to operate a 'first preference first' system.
- You will not be able to change your preferences after 31st 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.
- You are strongly encouraged to consider your preferences very carefully and include some/at least one school they are likely to gain admission to.

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.
- If a child is eligible for a place at more than one school, ESAS (and in the case of out borough applications, the PAN London Register) will establish which school has been indicated as a higher preference. A place will then be offered at the higher preference school.
- 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 1st March 2027. 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 can check with the LA for your position in the waiting lists and to ensure you remain on the waiting list for as long as you want to.
- You should accept your offer by the deadline provided (usually mid-March). Accepting the offer will not affect your waiting list position or appeal outcome.
- **Right of appeal** : Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. (CAUTION: very few appeals are successful.)

Enfield Schools - What happened this year

The furthest distance a place was offered for admission in September 2026 on national offer day (2 March 2026).



- ARK John Keats - 0.538 miles
- Highlands - 0.765 miles
- Kingsmead – 1.617 miles
- Southgate – 2.943 miles
- Winchmore – 0.733 miles

Please see the information booklet for further details on historical distances

Bowes children have moved on to the following schools in previous years

Southgate	East Barnet
Laurel Park	Ark John Keats
St Andrew the Apostle	Forest School
St Thomas More	Ashmole
Friern Barnet	Hornsey
Fortismere	St Anne's
APS	Wilmington Academy
Heartlands	Park View
Enfield Grammar	Broxbourne
Totteridge Academy	Wren

21+ 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 and distances at:

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

Things to remember...



www.eadmissions.org.uk
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 previous years admissions data 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 as it may be different to Enfield's
- Check if you need to complete a supplementary information form
- Complete all applications in full
- Nominating only one school will not improve your chance of getting a place. Nor will putting the same school multiple times – if you do this your application will only be considered after all other application have been processes
- Be aspirational but also realistic



Things to remember

- Make an informed decision. Consider first hand, accurate and up to date information
- Speak to your child's primary school



► **Fact or fiction – Answers to playground questions:**

Fiction

My child has a right to a place at one of my choices

Fact

The schools listed on your application are preferences. We will offer your child the highest preference possible but if your child does not qualify for a place at any of your preferred schools, we will allocate a place at the nearest school that still has a vacancy.

Fiction

It does not matter if my application is late

Fact

Yes it does. Most applications submitted after 31 October will not be processed until after all those submitted on time. It is very unlikely that your child will be offered one of your preferred schools.

Fiction

Listing one school will give me a better chance of getting that school.

Fact

No. If you only list one school and your child does not qualify for a place we will offer a place at the nearest school with a vacancy.

Fiction

I can only apply for Enfield Schools

Fact

You can apply for schools in Enfield and out of borough schools by listing them on your online application

Fiction

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

Fact

The number of children offered a place under each criterion changes every year so just because you know children living near you go to a certain school, this does not mean that your child will be offered a place.

Fiction

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

Fact

An admissions authority cannot give priority to its own residents.

Fiction

I have an older child already at the school so my other child will automatically get a place

Fact

Everyone must apply for a school place even if there is an older child at the school. Many schools give priority to siblings, but this does not guarantee a place if there are other children who qualify under a higher criterion.

Fiction

Listing the same school six times will improve my chances of being offered a place.

Fact

No.

Fiction

I live nearer to the school than the last child offered under the distance criterion last year, so my child is guaranteed a place.

Fact

Information is published to let you know the furthest distance that has been offered in the past, but the furthest distance changes every year. We cannot guarantee that any child will be offered a place at any school.



Any questions?