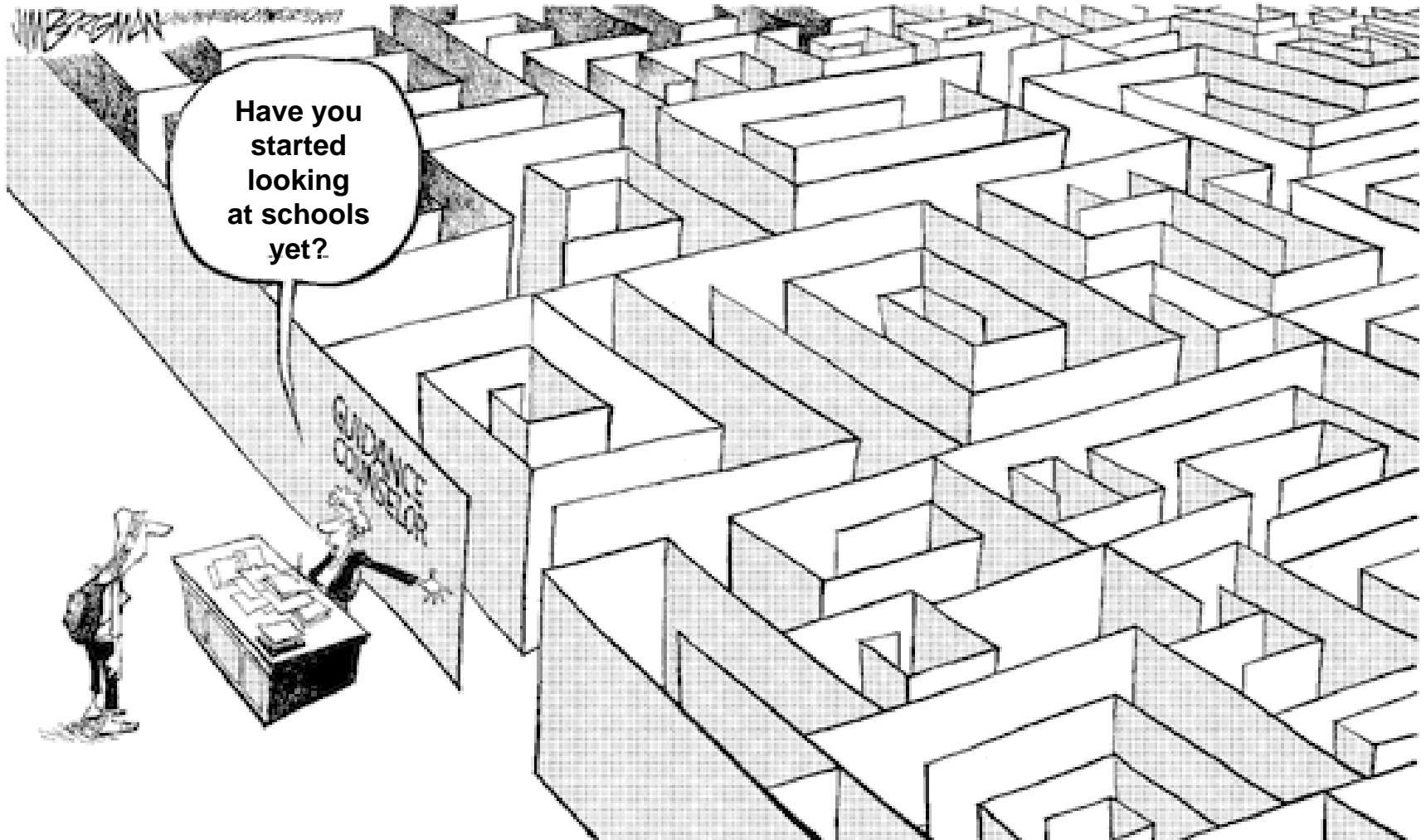




Transfer to Secondary School September 2024

Choosing a school



Choosing a school

How do I know
which school is
right for my
child?

Who can help
me make that
decision?

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Talk to your child

- find out what they want
- consider how they will travel to school



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Visit the schools



Attend open evenings



Talk to the teachers



Talk to the pupils

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Read the school prospectus

It will have detailed information about:

- how the school is run
- which subjects are taught
- the admissions criteria

The prospectus will be **available at the open evenings.**

You can also **download from the school website.**



School Prospectus

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Read the secondary education guide

(published by your home local authority)



The 2024 guide will be available online, in **September 2023**

Download Barnet's guide from the Local Authority's [website](#)

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Talk to the Customer Service Team

- the team can offer you advice and answer your questions
- how do I contact them?
 - **tel: 020 8359 7651**
 - **[Contact Us online](#)**

If you live outside Barnet, visit your Local Authority's website



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Look at performance information online

the latest Ofsted reports are available from the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk

achievement and attainment tables are available at www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables

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Look carefully at the admission criteria for each school

- selection by aptitude
- faith criteria
- siblings
- distance



Remember most schools get more applications than they have places available.....

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Geographical distance for most schools that were unable to offer to all applicants			
Name of School	Furthest distance offered (Miles)		
Archer Academy	0.255 (N2)	0.992 (N3)	1.062 (NW11)
Ark Pioneer	1.409		
Ashmole Academy	0.517		
Christ College, Finchley	1.109		
The Compton School	0.744		
East Barnet	1.072		
JCoSS	1.749		
London Academy	2.099		
Mill Hill High	1.343		
Queen Elizabeth's Girls'	3.141		
Saracens High	0.915		
The Totteridge Academy	1.646		
Wren Academy	0.247		

Full Secondary 2023 Allocation Table can be viewed at:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-secondary-school/transferring-secondary-school>

How do I apply?

How soon can I apply?

The application process begins on
1 September 2023



Where do I apply?

apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk



How do I apply?

How many schools can I apply for?

You can apply for up to **six** schools

You must rank the schools in your order of preference

It is important to think carefully about the order as you will not be able to change it after the closing date

Can I apply to schools outside Barnet?

Yes, you should include all your preferred schools, whether inside or outside the borough where you live

How do I apply?

Choosing school preferences sensibly

- if you only list one school, it will not increase your chances of getting a place at the school and your child will be considered for that one school only
- if this is unsuccessful, you may miss out on an offer which could have been made at another school which may no longer be available
- it is important to make realistic school choices to avoid disappointment
- check how places were offered last year, but remember the cut-off distances are just a guide and will change every year
- just because you live nearer to the school than the last child offered a distance place last year, it doesn't mean your child is guaranteed a place.



How do I apply?

Do I need to fill in any other forms?

All voluntary aided schools and some foundation schools, free schools & academies will ask you to complete a **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)**

- the SIF will ask for additional information, for example
 - faith schools will ask about church attendance and require a priest's reference
 - selective schools may ask about any medical condition that needs to be taken into account at the test and they may also require a photograph
- Jewish schools will also ask you to complete a **Certificate of Religious Practice (CRP)**, which must be signed by a Rabbi
- SIFs and CRPs **must** be returned to the individual schools

How do I apply?

What else do I need to provide?

Proof of address

- your child's **main address** must be used on the application form
- you **must not** use a temporary address or an address of convenience, such as a child minder's address, a business address or the address of a relative or friend
- if you own a property previously used as a home address and apply from another address, the second address may be treated as an address of convenience
- if you have moved within the last two years you may be asked to provide proof of the new address and proof that you have disposed of the previous property
- any address suspected of being used to gain advantage of securing a place at a preferred school, will be investigated and may be rejected.

Fraudulent addresses

Each year a small number of parents provide a false address to get a school place

In doing so they could be **depriving your child** of their rightful place

Providing false information is a **criminal offence**

If you know someone who intends to use a false address, you can **report this in confidence**

Report it online to the **Corporate Anti-Fraud Team** at www.barnet.gov.uk/anti-fraud

call the **fraud hotline on 020 8359 2007**

Selection Tests

Schools must give parents the test results before the closing date for applications

- applications to sit the tests should be made directly to the individual school



Selection Tests

When will the tests be held?

- **Selection tests** for Barnet schools (*Ashmole Academy, Friern Barnet, The Henrietta Barnett, Mill Hill County High, Queen Elizabeth Boys', St Michael's Catholic Grammar*), will be held from **May to September 2023**
- **Banding tests** (*St Mary's & St John's CE, Hendon*) are likely to be held in **October / November 2023** (dates to be confirmed)

Selection Tests (Barnet Schools)

(please check individual school websites for updated information)

School	Test	Deadline to apply (2023)	Test date (2023)
Ashmole Academy	Musical Aptitude	Fri 26 May	Sun 11 June
	Musical Auditions		Tues 4 to Thurs 6 July
Friern Barnet	Enhanced Arts Programme	TBC	Please check school website
The Henrietta Barnett	Academic Selection Test (Round One)	Fri 14 July (5pm)	Mon 4 and Tues 5 September
	Academic Selection Test (Round Two)		Mon 2 October
Mill Hill County	Technology Aptitude Test	Fri 12 May (3pm)	Sat 9 September
	Music Aptitude Test		Sat 10 , Sat 17 and Sun 25 June; Sun 2 July
	Dance Aptitude Test		Sun 18 June and Sat 1 July
Queen Elizabeth Boys	Academic Selection Test	Fri 14 July (12pm)	Wed 20 and Thurs 21 September
St Michael's Catholic	Selection Test	Tues 4 July (4pm)	Fri 15 September

Selection Tests (Other Boroughs)

(please check individual school websites for updated information)

School	Test	Deadline to apply (2023)	Test date (2023)
Dame Alice Owen's (Hertfordshire)	Musical Aptitude Test (Part 1)	Thurs 9 Jun (5pm)	Mon 4 Sep
	Music Aptitude Test (Part 2)		W/c Mon 25 Sep
	Academic Selection Test (Part 1)		Mon 4 Sep
	Academic Selection Test (Part 2)		Sat 23 Sep
The Latymer (Enfield)	Academic Selection Test	Fri 16 Jun	Fri 1, Sat 2 and Sun 3 Sep

Closing Date?

The closing date is **31
October 2023**

The online system will
close at **12 midnight on
31 October**



Late applications

What happens if I miss the deadline?

- Late applications **will not** be considered until after all 'on time' applicants have been offered a place
- if there is an **exceptional reason** for a late application, it may be treated as on-time
- you must let the Admissions Team know your reason by **Friday 12 December 2023**.



What happens next?

Co-ordinated admissions

- all **33 London boroughs and surrounding county councils** are included in the co-ordinated admissions process
- application lists are exchanged
- offer lists are drawn up
- offer lists are exchanged



What happens next?

How will places be allocated?

- If the school receives more applications than places available, the **published admissions criteria** will be applied to decide who can be offered a place
- each school listed on the application form is **equally considered** against the school's admissions criteria regardless of the preference order
- your **ranking order is not passed on** to the individual schools.

Offers

Will I be offered more than one school place?

- All children will be offered **one** school place
- if your child qualifies for more than one school place, you will be offered the school which you **ranked higher** on your application form
- any school ranked lower than the one you have been offered will **automatically be withdrawn** and offered to another child.

Offers

Are there enough school places available?

- Yes
- the increased demand for secondary school places was expected
- Barnet has planned for the additional places needed
- every child will be provided with a school place
- it may not always be possible to offer a preference school.

Offers

National Offer Day is
Friday 1 March 2024

You will receive an email with the
outcome of your application
during the evening of 1 March

You can then **login into your
eAdmissions** account for further
information

Offers

Accepting offers

places must be accepted or declined online
by **Friday 15 March 2024**

No Preference Offer?

What happens if I don't get any of my preferred schools?

Your child will be allocated a place at school with a vacancy

Their name will remain on the waiting lists for your selected schools

You will have the right to appeal

Your child's name can be added to additional school waiting lists

Appeals

Every parent has the **right of appeal**

Appeals are heard by an **independent panel**

You will have the opportunity to **present your case** in person

You will need to convince the panel that your **child's needs are more important** than the school's need to limit the admission number

Appeals are unlikely to be successful unless there are **exceptional grounds**



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