

Choice Advice

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Helping Brent parents and carers understand the secondary school transfer admissions process



Where to Start?

Choosing a school place is an important decision and the Choice Advice Service is available to help parents and carers..

The process to apply for school places has changed and admissions to both secondary and primary schools are now co-ordinated by the council to make it easier for parents and fairer for children. This system does not apply to independent schools.

The success of a school application is based on how closely your child meets the admissions criteria for that particular school.

Detailed information is available from our choice adviser team who will help you understand these criteria and provide the information to help you decide which school to apply to.

Exactly what does the Choice Adviser do?

A Choice Adviser can offer parents and carers impartial, independent advice about the secondary school admission process. The Choice Adviser can advise parents, but will not make any decisions for them. Choice Advisers want to ensure parents have full access to, and understand the information available so they are able to express their preference for schools and complete the secondary school Common Application Form.

How will the Choice Adviser help me?

The Choice Adviser can provide parents and carers with information so that you can decide which secondary schools you would prefer your child to attend.

The Choice Adviser will make sure you have a full understanding of all the information including:

- How the secondary transfer and admissions process works
- Information about schools
- Admissions criteria for different schools
- Assistance with transport
- How to appeal if your application isn't successful.

The choice advisor offers:

- Impartial, neutral advice
- Support for parents and carers to help them make decisions about their children

What 'choice' do parents have?

Although we talk about choice, parents only have the right to express a preference. This means that parents can state up to six preferred secondary schools. A place will be offered if they meet the criteria set out in the Brent Secondary School Guide. All parents of children in Year 6 should receive a copy of this booklet in the autumn term before the secondary transfer process begins.



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