



**ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRENT  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FOR 2026/2027  
(including Schemes of Co-ordination)**

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**Brent Community Primary School Published Admission Numbers and Grid Reference Measuring Points for Admission in 2026/2027**

Name of School	Published Admission Number	Grid Reference Measuring Point	
		Easting	Northing
Anson Primary School	52	523552	185345
Barham Primary School	120	517506	184655
Brentfield Primary School	90	520541	184537
Carlton Vale Infant School	60	524938	182956
Chalkhill Primary School	60	520005	186210
Donnington Primary School	30	522577	184004
Elsley Primary School	120	518869	184738
Fryent Primary School	90	520385	187897
Harlesden Primary School	60	521141	183461
Kingsbury Green Primary School	90	520010	188549
Leopold Primary School	60	521640	184310
Lyon Park Primary School	120	518820	184115
Malorees Primary School*	60	523952	184011
Mitchell Brook Primary School	60	521010	184768
Mora Primary School	60	523141	185939
Mount Stewart Infant School	90	517785	187999
Mount Stewart Junior School	90	517785	187999
Newfield Primary School	60	521890	184050
Northview Primary School	30	521580	185500
Oliver Goldsmith Primary School	60	520809	188559
Park Lane Primary School	60	518380	185490
Preston Park Primary School	120	517930	187200
Roe Green Infant School	120	519772	189316
Roe Green Junior School	120	519772	189316
Salisbury Primary School	90	524528	183518
The Stonebridge School	90	520512	183844
Uxendon Manor Primary School	90	518023	188541
Wembley Primary School	120	518365	186130
Wykeham Primary School	60	521087	186286

\* This list has been updated as of 13/04/2026 to rename Malorees Infant School as Malorees Primary School.

## Oversubscription Criteria for Brent Community Schools in 2026/2027

The criteria set out below apply to the 29 Brent community schools listed on page 2.

Voluntary aided or religious faith schools, foundation schools, free schools and academies have their own admission policies. Parents/carers should visit the website of these schools for a copy of their admission arrangements or visit [www.brent.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.brent.gov.uk/admissions)

Applications for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) are made by Local Authority Special Educational Need (SEN) teams. The placement of such children is made after a process of consultation between parents/carers, the school and the Local Authority. Children with an EHCP receive priority over others for admission to the school named on their EHCP. An EHCP is a plan made by the Local Authority under Section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014 specifying the special education provision required for that child.

Schools should not admit more than 30 pupils in each class for Reception, Year One and Year Two. This is to enable the Local Authority to meet its statutory duty of having no more than 30 pupils in each class at Key Stage One. Where an offer has been made, children are entitled to a full-time place in the September following their fourth birthday. Three-year-old children should not be admitted to Reception classes.

Whenever and wherever possible, children are offered a school of their parents'/carers' preference and in practice the majority of children go to the school which their parents/carers select for them. Admissions criteria are clear, fair and objective. It is illegal for schools to discriminate against a pupil on the basis of his/her/their ethnicity.

Sometimes, however, there are more applications for a particular school than there are places available. This is described as oversubscription. Whenever this happens, pupils are offered places in the following order of priority:

### **1. Looked After Children or Previously Looked After Children (including Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Children)**

A looked after child or a previously looked after child, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

- A 'looked after child' (LAC) is a child who is in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions at the time of making an application to a school.
- A 'previously looked after child' (PLAC) is a child who was looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or a special guardianship order.
- An 'internationally adopted previously looked after child' (IAPLAC) is a child who appears to Brent Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

### **2. Linked infant school**

Children attending an infant school on the same site as a junior school.

- This criterion only applies to Year 3 applications to Mount Stewart Junior School (for children attending Mount Stewart Infant School) and Roe Green Junior School (for children attending Roe Green Infant School).

### **3. Medical or Social needs**

Exceptional circumstances to do with significant medical needs and or social needs which necessitate a child's placement at one particular school.

This criterion relates to the medical and/or social needs of the child or family members with caring or parental responsibility. The application must be supported by written evidence (see below) that sets out the particular reasons why the school in question is the most suitable and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school. The recommendation for this specific school should demonstrate knowledge of the school in terms of location, resources and organisation which deems it essential that the named pupil be admitted to the specific school. The Council will not give higher priority to children under this criterion if the required documents have not been submitted. Decisions on whether to allow the criterion will be made by an admission panel, based on all the evidence available, and will be consistent.

- *Medical Needs*

Applications made on medical grounds must be accompanied by compelling medical evidence from a GP/hospital consultant at the time of application. The letter from the GP/hospital consultant must provide information about the medical condition, the effects of this condition and why, in view of this, the child needs to attend the preferred school. If the school is not the closest to home, the consultant must set out in detail the wholly exceptional circumstances for attending this school and the difficulties that may exist if the child had to attend another school. Medical claims will only be considered for one school, and this should be named by the GP/hospital consultant. In assessing these applications, advice will be sought from relevant professionals as required.

- *Social Needs*

Applications made on social grounds must be accompanied by compelling evidence at the time of application. Social needs claims will be considered where there is involvement from a social worker, or other professional and where it can be demonstrated that the child has exceptional social needs that cannot be met at any other school than the named school. Parents'/carers' circumstances can have an impact on a child's social needs and evidence of this will be considered. In assessing these applications, advice will be sought from relevant professionals as required.

### **4. Children of staff**

Children whose parent/carer is a member of staff:

- who has been employed by the school and has worked predominantly on the school site for two or more years at the time of application; or
- who has been recruited to fill a vacancy at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

### **5. Siblings**

Brothers or sisters of a child who attends the school, or an infant or junior school on the same or adjoining site, and who will continue to do so on the date of admission.

- This includes half and step brothers and sisters and foster children so long as they live at the same address - but not cousins.

### **6. All other applicants.**

## **‘Tie-break’ Distance Measurement**

Where pupils meet the same criteria, places will be offered in order of the distance from home to school which will be measured by straight-line, from the address point in the property to the address point in the school, as determined by Local Land Property Gazetteer (LLPG) data. Those living nearer the school will have the higher priority. The measuring system is an integral part of the admission software produced by The Access Group Ltd, uses Ordnance Survey maps and LLPG data and is accurate to 1 centimetre.

Where two or more children share the same priority, live equidistant from a community school and only one place remains, the local authority will use a computerised random allocation to determine which child should be given priority.

## **Home Address**

The address used must be the child’s permanent home address on the closing date for on-time applications or at the time of application for late or in-year applications.

This cannot be a business address, childminder or relative’s address, or any address other than child’s permanent home address. Only in circumstances where the relative or carer has legal guardianship, and is the main carer, will a different address be considered as the main residence. Evidence will be requested to support this arrangement.

Proof of address is not required to be sent with an application. The council tax reference number should be supplied on the application if the applicant is responsible for paying it. Brent Council will check internal council databases in order to verify the address. Where it is not possible to verify the address or the applicant has recently moved, the Council will write to the applicant to ask for two proofs of address.

Any offer of a place on the basis of address is conditional upon the child living at the appropriate address on the relevant date. Applicants have a responsibility to notify the local authority of any change of address.

Any applications received containing fraudulent or misleading information, or any offers made based on fraudulent or misleading information may be withdrawn, especially where other applicants have been disadvantaged as a result.

## **Twins, Triplets and other children of multiple births**

In the event that the school has one place to offer and the next child on the waiting list is one of twins, triplets or other children of multiple births, the Local Authority will offer both twins, all triplets or children of multiple birth a place even if this means temporarily going over the published admission number.

In the event that one child from a multiple birth has an Education, Health and Care Plan which names a particular community school, all other children from the same multiple birth will be considered under the third criteria for the same school – medical or social needs – unless a higher criteria should be applied.

## **Split residence**

Where a child lives with parents/carers with shared responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents/carers stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents/carers, then they will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If the residence is not split equally between both parents/carers, then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

If it is not possible to determine which residential address should be used through a joint declaration, then the address of the parent/carer who is in receipt of child benefit will be used for the purpose of the application. In cases where parents/carers are not eligible for child benefit the address will be that of the parent/carer where the child is registered with the doctor. In cases that still cannot be determined, or are open to dispute by parents/carers, an admission panel will determine how to proceed with the application in accordance with these arrangements, the Admissions Code and any other relevant legislation or guidance. This will not impact on parents'/carers' right to appeal against any decision not to offer a preference school.

## **Multiple applications**

Only one application can be processed for each child. In the event that the local authority receives more than one application for the same child, whether from the same parent/carer or not, the most recently received application will be processed. This includes applications that have been submitted online and by post.

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring only one application is received. If multiple applications are received and it is not possible to obtain a joint declaration from both parents/ carers (or those with parental responsibility) regarding which schools should be included as preferences, an admission panel will determine how to proceed with the application in accordance with these arrangements, the Admissions Code and any other relevant legislation or guidance. This will not impact on parents'/carers' right to appeal against any decision not to offer a preference school.

## **Applications from overseas**

Applications with an overseas address will not be accepted for processing by the local authority unless there is evidence of a link to an address in the area and evidence that a child will be living in the area on or before the date of admission.

Where an application is accepted, the address used on the application will be the overseas address until such time as there is evidence of the child's return to the linked address prior to the closing date (or the date for accepting applications as late for good reason). Such evidence received after the closing dates will be considered on the application after National Offer Day.

The local authority is only responsible for making offers for children currently living in the area. If it is not possible to make a preference offer prior to a child's arrival on the relevant offer days, an alternative offer will not be made.

Applications will not be accepted from overseas addresses for in-year applications with the exception of applications for Children of UK Service Personnel (UK Armed Forces) and Crown Servants.

## **Children of UK Service Personnel (UK Armed Forces) and Crown Servants**

Families of service personnel with a confirmed posting to the area, or crown servants returning from overseas to live in the area, can apply to the local authority in advance of their arrival provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address.

The address used on the application will be the postal address or quartering area address provided.

Offers will be made in advance of a child's arrival for in-year applications and on the relevant offer date for normal round applications.

### **How places will be allocated at Brent community schools for September 2026 in Reception (Primary and Infant schools) and Year 3 (Junior Schools)**

There is no automatic transfer from nursery to Reception class, or from Year 2 to Year 3 in a Junior School. Parents/carers wanting to apply for a place at Reception (or to a Junior School) must complete an application which is available online or a paper Common Application Form.

If more applications are received than there are places available, places are offered up to a school's planned admission number to applicants whose application is received by the closing date in accordance with the oversubscription criteria listed on page 3 using an equal preference system (see below).

#### **Equal preferences**

Each preference is treated as a separate application. Then using the oversubscription criteria each application is considered and ordered in a list based on how well it meets the oversubscription criteria (page 3).

If applicants qualify for a place at more than one school, a place is offered at the school given the highest ranking by the applicant.

Application forms will be available from September 2025 and the closing date for applications will be 15 January 2026. Offer letters and e-mails will be sent out on 16 April 2026.

#### **Deferred Entry**

Parents/carers can request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred until later in the year for which they apply or until the term in which the child reaches statutory school age. Statutory school age begins the first day of the term after a child's fifth birthday.

Parents/carers wishing to defer entry must contact the school to advise them of this after a place has been offered.

Parents/carers can also request that their child attends part-time until their child reaches statutory school age.

## **Applications for children outside the normal age group**

The Council's policy is for children to be educated within their correct chronological year group, with the curriculum differentiated as necessary to meet the needs of individual children. In general, children should be educated in their normal age group, with the curriculum differentiated as appropriate; they should only be educated out of their normal age group in very limited circumstances.

In addition, the parents of summer born children\* may choose not to send their child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted to Reception rather than Year 1. If parents/carers believe their child should be educated in a different year group they should submit an application for the 'normal' Reception round for their child. With the application they should provide supporting evidence from relevant professionals working with the child and family stating why it is in the child's best interest to be placed outside their normal age appropriate cohort.

For community schools, the Council as the admission authority will decide whether the application will be accepted on the basis of the information submitted. Decisions will be based on the individual circumstances of each case including the view of parents/carers, the relevant head teacher(s), the child's social, academic and emotional development and whether the child has been previously educated out of year group.

There is no guarantee that an application will be accepted on this basis. If the application is not accepted this does not constitute a refusal of a place and there is no right to an independent statutory appeal. Similarly, there is no right of appeal for a place in a specific year group at a school. The internal management and organisation of a school, including the placement of pupils in classes, is a matter for the headteacher and senior leadership of individual schools.

\* The term summer born children relates to all children born from 1 April to 31 August. These children reach compulsory school age on 31 August following their fifth birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on 31 August).

## **Late Applications and changes after the closing date**

Application forms must be received by Brent Council by the closing date of 15 January 2026.

Applications received after the closing date will be considered as late applications and will be processed after places have been allocated to applicants who applied on-time. However, in very exceptional circumstances applications received after the closing date may be considered as on time.

Applicants who consider they have exceptional circumstances that prevented them from applying between applications opening in September 2025 and the closing date of 15 January 2026 should provide independent written evidence explaining why the application was late no later than 5pm on Tuesday 3 February 2026.

Additionally, any changes to the application (e.g. order of school preference or change of preferences) received after the closing date will be treated in the same way as late applications.

## **Changes of Address after the closing date**

Changes of address will only be considered after applicants are resident at the new address and evidence to demonstrate this has been supplied. Applications will not be processed from an intended future address except in the case of Crown servants and UK service personnel.

Evidence must be received by 5pm on Tuesday 3 February 2026 for the new address to be used when processing the application and calculating home to school distances. Any change of address evidenced after 5pm on Tuesday 3 February 2026 will not be included until after National Offer Day 16 April 2026.

## **Waiting Lists**

If the school place allocated is not the first preference, the child's name will automatically be placed on the waiting list for schools which have been ranked higher than the offer made. Community school waiting lists will then be maintained by the Council whilst voluntary aided, foundation and academy schools' waiting lists will be maintained by the relevant schools.

Waiting lists are not maintained on a 'first come - first served' basis. Waiting lists are kept in the priority order as explained in the oversubscription criteria.

Places are offered from the waiting list throughout the year. When a place becomes available, it is offered to the first child on the list and, if it is accepted, all other children will move up the list. Children may also move down the waiting list if another family, with a higher priority under the oversubscription criteria, ask for their child's name to be added to the list.

Applicants, who ask for their child's name to be placed on the waiting list for another school after a school place has been allocated, are indicating they prefer this school to the other school already allocated. If at a later date a place is offered from the waiting list, this new offer will supersede any previous offer, which will then be withdrawn.

Looked after children and previously looked after children, and those allocated a place at the school in accordance with Brent's Fair Access Protocol, will take precedence over those on a waiting list.

Lists will be maintained throughout the school year. A child's position on the waiting list does not depend upon the time they have been on the list but will be determined by how they meet the oversubscription criteria.

This means that a child's position on the list can go down as well as up, depending upon the child's circumstances and those of other applicants.

The waiting list will be closed in mid-June each year and will not roll over. A new application will have to be made for a new academic year. New in-year applications can normally be made from the first full week in July each year. Details of opening and closing dates are available online.

## **Appeals**

Parents/carers can appeal against any decision made by Brent Council to refuse an offer at a community school where they would like their child to be educated. Brent Council is not responsible for appeals at foundation, voluntary aided, academy or free schools and any appeals need to be made directly to the schools as they are their own admissions authority.

When an appeal form is requested, the child's name is automatically placed on the waiting list for that school, if it is not already included.

A child admitted to a school as a result of a successful appeal will be admitted in precedence to those on the waiting list.

There is no right of appeal against any decision not to offer a place in a nursery.

Brent Council is not responsible for appeals at foundation, voluntary aided, academy or free schools. Requests for appeals at these schools should be made directly to the school.

## **Admission to community school nurseries**

The timeline and oversubscription criteria for a place in a nursery class in a community school are the same as for a Reception place. The council does not co-ordinate applications for nursery places. Applications for a nursery place in a community school must be made directly to the school by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Offers will be made on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 by the school. If the nursery is oversubscribed the Community Schools' Oversubscription Criteria will be applied.

## **In-Year Applications**

Applications received outside the normal admission round will be considered in line with the oversubscription criteria.

A place will be offered at the school requested provided there is a vacancy in the appropriate year group. Where the year group is full and it is not possible to meet the parental preference, a place will be offered at the nearest primary school with a vacancy in the year group, if the child does not already attend a suitable school.

The address used to process the application will be the address where the parent/carer and child normally live and they must be living there at the time of application.

Admission of one child to a primary school does not give a right of admission for brothers or sisters, if places are not available for all at the same time.

# **PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSION SYSTEM**

## **Brent Council Scheme for Co-ordination of Admissions to Year 7/Year 10 and Reception/Junior in Maintained Schools and Academies in 2026/27**

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## PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSION SYSTEM

### Brent LA Schemes for Co-ordination of Admissions to Year 7/Year 10 and Reception/Junior in 2026/27

#### Definitions used in the template schemes

“the Application Year”	the academic year in which the parent makes an application (i.e. in relation to the academic year of entry, the academic year preceding it).
“the Board”	the Pan-London Admissions Executive Board, which is responsible for the Scheme
“the Business User Guide (BUG)”	the document issued annually to participating LAs setting out the operational procedures of the Scheme
“the Common Application Form”	this is the form that each authority must have under the Regulations for parents to use to express their preferences, set out in rank order
“the Equal Preference System”	the model whereby all preferences listed by parents on the Common Application Form are considered under the over-subscription criteria for each school without reference to parental rankings. Where a pupil is eligible to be offered a place at more than one school within an LA, or across more than one participating LA, the rankings are used to determine the single offer by selecting the school ranked highest of those which can offer a place
“the Highly Recommended Elements”	the elements of the Template Scheme that are not mandatory but to which subscription is strongly recommended in order to maximise co-ordination and thereby simplify the application process as far as possible
“the Home LA”	the LA in which the applicant/parent/carer is resident
“the LIAAG Address Protocol”	the document containing the address verification policy agreed by LIAAG and the policy of each participating LA
“the Local Admission System	the IT module for administering admissions in

“(LAS)”	each LA and for determining the highest offer both within and between participating LAs
“the London E-Admissions Portal”	the common online application system used by the 33 London LAs and Surrey County Council
“the Maintaining LA”	the LA which maintains a school, or within whose area an academy is situated, for which a preference has been expressed
“the Mandatory Elements”	those elements of the Template Scheme to which authorities <b>must</b> subscribe in order to be considered as ‘Participating Authorities’ and to benefit from use of the Pan-London Register
“the Notification Letter”	the agreed form of letter sent to applicants on the Prescribed Day which communicates any determination granting or refusing admission to a primary or secondary school, which is attached as Schedule 2
“the Prescribed Day”	the day on which outcome letters are posted to parents/carers. 1 March (secondary) and 16 April (primary) in the year following the relevant determination year except that, in any year in which that day is not a working day, the prescribed day shall be the next working day.
“the Pan-London Register (PLR)”	the database which will sort and transmit application and outcome data between the LAS of each participating LA
“the Pan-London Timetable”	the framework for processing of application and outcome data, which is attached as Schedule 3
“the Participating LA”	any LA that has indicated in the Memorandum of Agreement that they are willing to incorporate, at a minimum, the mandatory elements of the Template LA Scheme presented here.
“the Qualifying Scheme”	the scheme which each LA is required to formulate in accordance with The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) Regulations 2012, for co-ordinating arrangements for the admission of children to maintained primary and secondary schools and academies.

## PAN LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SYSTEM

### Scheme for Co-ordination of Admissions to Year 7/Year 10 in 2026/27

#### Applications

1. Brent LA will advise home LAs of their resident pupils on the roll of Brent LA's maintained primary schools and academies who are eligible to transfer to secondary school in the forthcoming academic year.
2. Applications from residents of Brent LA will be made on Brent LA's Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted on-line. This will include all the fields and information specified in Schedule 1 to this LA Scheme. These will be supplemented by any additional fields and information which are deemed necessary by Brent LA to enable the admission authorities in the LA area to apply their published oversubscription criteria.
3. Brent LA will take all reasonable steps to ensure that every parent/carer who is resident in Brent LA and has a child in their last year of primary education within a maintained school or academy, either in Brent LA or any other maintaining LA, is informed how they can access Brent LA's composite prospectus and apply online. Parents/carers who do not live in Brent LA will have access to Brent LA's composite prospectus, which will advise parents/carers to contact their home LA if they are unable to apply online.
4. The admission authorities within Brent LA will not use supplementary information forms except where the information available through the Common Application Form is insufficient for consideration of the application against the published oversubscription criteria. Where supplementary information forms are used by the admissions authorities within Brent LA, the LA will seek to ensure that these are used to collect information required by the published oversubscription criteria only, in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of the School Admissions Code 2021.
5. Where supplementary information forms are used by admission authorities in Brent LA, they will be available on Brent LA's website. Such forms will advise parents that they must also complete their home LA's Common Application Form. Brent LA's composite prospectus and website will indicate which schools in Brent LA require supplementary forms to be completed and where they can be obtained.
6. Where an admission authority in Brent LA receives a supplementary information form, Brent LA will not consider it to be a valid application unless the parent/carer has also listed the school on their home LA's Common Application Form, in accordance with paragraph 2.3 of the School Admissions Code 2021.

7. Applicants will be able to express a preference for six maintained secondary schools or Academies within and/or outside the Home LA.
8. The order of preference given on the Common Application Form will not be revealed to a school within the area of Brent LA. This is to comply with paragraph 1.9 of the School Admissions Code 2021 which states that admission authorities must not give extra priority to children whose parents rank preferred schools in a particular order, including 'first preference first' arrangements. However, where a parent resident in Brent LA expresses a preference for schools in the area of another LA, the order of preference for that LA's schools will be revealed to that LA in order that it can determine the highest ranked preference in cases where an applicant is eligible for a place at more than one school in that LA's area.
9. Brent LA undertakes to carry out the address verification process as set out in its entry in the LIAAG Address Protocol. This will in all cases include validation of resident applicants against Brent LA's primary school data and the further investigation of any discrepancy. Where Brent LA is not satisfied as to the validity of an address of an applicant whose preference has been sent to a maintaining LA, it will advise the maintaining LA no later than **11 December 2025**.
10. Brent LA will confirm the status of any resident child for whom it receives a Common Application Form stating s/he is currently or previously a 'Child Looked After' and will provide any additional evidence on receipt of a reasonable request by the maintaining LA in respect of a preference for a school in its area by **14 November 2025**.
11. Brent LA will advise a maintaining LA of the reason for any application which is made in respect of a child resident in the area of Brent LA to be admitted outside of their correct age cohort and will forward any supporting documentation to the maintaining LA by **14 November 2025**.

## **Processing**

12. Applicants resident within Brent LA must return the Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted on-line, to Brent LA by **31 October 2025**.
13. Application data relating to all preferences for schools in the area of a participating LA, which have been expressed within the terms of Brent LA's scheme, will be uploaded to the PLR by **14 November 2025**. Supplementary information provided with the Common Application Form will be sent to maintaining LAs by the same date.
14. Brent LA will notify each school within its area, which is its own admissions authority, of all applications for their school. All relevant details from the Common Application Form and any supporting evidence will be forwarded to these schools by **2 January 2026**. Own admission authority schools within Brent LA's area will apply their

admissions criteria and return applicants ranked in order of priority in accordance with their admissions criteria by **23 January 2026**.

15. Brent LA will accept late applications only if they are late for a good reason, deciding each case on its own merits. The latest date for receipt of such applications from parents/carers is **8 December 2025**.
16. Where such applications contain preferences for schools in other LAs, Brent LA will forward the details to maintaining LAs via the PLR as they are received. Brent LA will accept late applications which are considered to be on time within the terms of the home LA's scheme.
17. The latest date for the upload to the PLR of late applications which are considered to be on-time within the terms of the home LA's scheme is **11 December 2025**.
18. Where an applicant moves from one participating home LA to another after submitting an on-time application under the terms of the former home LA's scheme, the new home LA will accept the application as on-time up to **8 December 2025**, on the basis that an on-time application already exists within the Pan-London system.
19. Brent LA will participate in the application data checking exercise scheduled between **15 December 2025 and 2 January 2026** in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3A.
20. All preferences for schools within Brent LA will be considered by the relevant admission authorities without reference to rank order to comply with paragraph 1.9 of the School Admissions Code 2021. When the admission authorities within Brent LA have provided a list of applicants in criteria order to Brent LA, Brent LA shall, for each applicant to its schools for whom more than one potential offer is available, use the highest ranked preference to decide which single potential offer to make. [This is the 'Equal Preference System'.]
21. Brent LA will carry out all reasonable checks to ensure that pupil rankings are correctly held in its LAS for all maintained schools and academies in Brent LA's area before uploading data to the PLR.
22. Brent LA will upload the highest potential offer available to an applicant for a maintained school or academy in Brent LA to the PLR by **2 February 2026**. The PLR will transmit the highest potential offer specified by the Maintaining LA to the Home LA.
23. The LAS of Brent LA will eliminate, as a Home LA, all but the highest ranked offer where an applicant has more than one potential offer across Maintaining LAs submitting information within deadline to the PLR. This will involve exchanges of preference outcomes between the LAS and the PLR (in accordance with the iterative timetable published in the Business User Guide) which will continue until notification

that a steady state has been achieved, or until **13 February 2026**. Where a management decision is made that additional iterations are necessary, these will continue no later than **17 February 2026**.

24. Brent LA will not make an additional offer between the end of the iterative process and **2 March 2026** which may impact on an offer being made by another participating LA.
25. Notwithstanding paragraph 24, if an error is identified within the allocation of places at a maintained school or academy in Brent LA, Brent LA will attempt to manually resolve the allocation to correct the error. Where this impacts on another LA (either as a home or maintaining LA) Brent LA will liaise with that LA to attempt to resolve the correct offer and any multiple offers which might occur. However, if another LA is unable to resolve a multiple offer, or if the impact is too far reaching, Brent LA will accept that the applicant(s) affected might receive a multiple offer.
26. Brent LA will participate in the offer data checking exercise scheduled between **16 (18\*) February and 23 February 2026** in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3A.  
\* Subject to end of iteration process
27. Brent LA will send a file to the eAdmissions portal with outcomes for all resident applicants who have applied online no later than **26 February 2026**.
28. The file should additionally contain offers to late applicants who can be offered a place on **2 March 2026**. Home LAs are required to make those offers, but they are not included in the report of on-time outcomes generated from the LAS.

## Offers

29. Brent LA will ensure that, if there are places available, each resident applicant who cannot be offered a preference expressed on the Common Application Form receives the offer of an alternative school place in accordance with paragraph 2.11 of the School Admissions Code 2021. Brent LA will seek to offer the nearest suitable school to the family home that still has vacancies.
30. Brent LA will inform all resident applicants of their highest offer of a school place and, where relevant, the reasons why higher preferences were not offered, whether they were for schools in the Home LA or in other participating LAs.
31. Brent LA's outcome notification will include the information set out in Schedule 2.
32. On **2 March 2026**, Brent LA will send notification of the outcome to resident applicants by email or first-class post.
33. Brent LA will provide primary schools with destination data of its resident applicants by the end of the summer term **2026**.

## Post Offer

34. Brent LA will request that resident applicants accept or decline the offer of a place by **16 March 2026**, or within two weeks of the date of any subsequent offer.
35. Where an applicant resident in Brent LA accepts or declines a place in a school within the area of another LA by **16 March 2026**, Brent LA will forward the information to the maintaining LA by **23 March 2026**. Where such information is received from applicants after **16 March 2026**, Brent LA will pass it to the maintaining LA as it is received.
36. Where a place becomes available in an oversubscribed maintained school or academy in Brent LA's area, it will be offered from a waiting list ordered in accordance with paragraph 2.15 of the School Admissions Code 2021.
37. When acting as a maintaining LA, Brent LA will place an applicant resident in the area of another LA on a waiting list of any higher preference school in Brent LA's area. (Where this process is not automatic, it will be done immediately following a request from the home LA).
38. Where a waiting list is maintained by an admission authority of a maintained school or academy in Brent LA's area, the admission authority will inform Brent LA of a potential offer, in order that the offer may be made by the home LA.
39. When acting as a maintaining LA, Brent LA will inform the home LA, where different, of an offer for a maintained school or Academy in Brent LA's area which can be made to an applicant resident in the home LA's area, in order that the home LA can offer the place.
40. When acting as a maintaining LA, Brent LA and the admission authorities within it, will not inform an applicant resident in another LA that a place can be offered.
41. When acting as a home LA, Brent LA will offer a place at a maintained school or Academy in the area of another LA to an applicant resident in its area, provided that the school is ranked higher on the Common Application Form than any school already offered.
42. When acting as a home LA, when Brent LA is informed by a maintaining LA of an offer which can be made to an applicant resident in Brent LA's area which is ranked lower on the Common Application Form than any school already offered, it will inform the maintaining LA that the offer will not be made.
43. When acting as a home LA, when Brent LA has agreed to a change of preferences or preference order, it will inform any maintaining LA affected by the change. In such cases, paragraphs 40 and 41 shall apply to the revised order of preferences.

44. When acting as a maintaining LA, Brent LA will inform the home LA, where different, of any change to an applicant's offer status as soon as it occurs.
45. When acting as a maintaining LA, Brent LA will accept a change of preferences or preference order (including reinstated or additional preferences) from home LAs for maintained schools and academies in its area.
46. Brent LA, when acting as a maintaining LA, will maintain waiting lists and allocate places, as they become available, in accordance with each admission authority's published admission and oversubscription criteria.
47. Brent LA, when acting as a home LA, will carry out the initial offer of places which become available after National Offer Day by the week ending **27 March 2026**.
48. Brent LA, when acting as a home LA, after preferences expressed in accordance with paragraph 7 above have been determined, will allow applicants to express additional preferences before the start of the school term. The order of preferences expressed will supersede any existing preferences without an offer.

## PAN- LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SYSTEM

### LA Scheme for Co-ordination of Admissions to Reception/Junior in 2026/27

#### Applications

1. Applications from residents of Brent LA will be made on Brent LA's Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted on-line. This will include all the fields and information specified in Schedule 1 to this LA Scheme. These will be supplemented by any additional fields and information which are deemed necessary by Brent LA to enable the admission authorities in the LA area to apply their published oversubscription criteria.
2. Brent LA will take all reasonable steps to ensure that every parent/carer who is resident in Brent LA and has a child in a nursery class within a maintained school or academy, either in Brent LA or any other maintaining LA, is informed how they can access Brent LA's composite prospectus and apply online. Parents/carers who do not live in Brent LA will have access to Brent LA's composite prospectus, which will advise parents/carers to contact their home LA if they are unable to apply online.
3. The admission authorities within Brent LA will not use supplementary information forms except where the information available through the Common Application Form is insufficient for consideration of the application against the published oversubscription criteria. Where supplementary information forms are used by the admissions authorities within Brent LA, the LA will seek to ensure that these are used to collect information, which is required by the published oversubscription criteria only, in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of the School Admissions Code 2021.
4. Where supplementary information forms are used by admission authorities in Brent LA, they will be available on Brent LA's website. Such forms will advise parents that they must also complete their home LA's Common Application Form. Brent LA's composite prospectus and website will indicate which schools in Brent LA require supplementary forms to be completed and where they can be obtained.
5. Where a school in Brent LA receives a supplementary information form, Brent LA will not consider it to be a valid application unless the parent/carer has also listed the school on their home LA's Common Application Form, in accordance with paragraph 2.3 of the School Admissions Code 2021.
6. Applicants will be able to express a preference for up to six maintained primary schools or academies within and/or outside the Home LA.
7. The order of preference given on the Common Application Form will not be revealed to a school within the area of Brent LA to comply with paragraph 1.9 of the School

Admissions Code 2021. However, where a parent resident in Brent LA expresses a preference for schools in the area of another LA, the order of preference for that LA's schools will be revealed to that LA in order that it can determine the highest ranked preference in cases where an applicant is eligible for a place at more than one school in that LA's area.

8. Brent LA undertakes to carry out the address verification process set out in its entry in the LIAAG Address Protocol. This will in all cases include validation of resident applicants against Brent LA's maintained nursery and primary school data and the further investigation of any discrepancy. Where Brent LA is not satisfied as to the validity of an address of an applicant whose preference has been sent to a maintaining LA, it will advise the maintaining LA no later than **12 February 2026**.
9. Brent LA will confirm the status of any resident child for whom it receives a Common Application Form stating s/he is currently or previously a 'Child Looked After' and will provide any additional evidence on receipt of a reasonable request by the maintaining LA in respect of a preference for a school in its area by **5 February 2026**.
10. Brent LA will advise a maintaining LA of the reason for any application which is made in respect of a child resident in the area of Brent LA to be admitted outside of their correct age cohort, and will forward any supporting documentation to the maintaining LA by **5 February 2026**.

## **Processing**

11. Applicants resident within Brent LA must return the Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted online, to Brent LA by **15 January 2026**.
12. Application data relating to all preferences for schools in the area of a participating LA, which have been expressed within the terms of Brent LA's scheme, will be up-loaded to the PLR by **5 February 2026**. Supplementary information provided with the Common Application Form will be sent to maintaining LAs by the same date.
13. Brent LA will notify each school within its area, which is its own admissions authority, of all applications for their school. All relevant details from the Common Application Form and any supporting evidence will be forwarded to these schools by **23 February 2026**. Own admission authority schools within Brent LA's area will apply their admissions criteria and return applicants ranked in order of priority in accordance with their admissions criteria by **11 March 2026**.
14. Brent LA will accept late applications only if they are late for a good reason, deciding each case on its own merits.
15. Where such applications contain preferences for schools in other LAs, Brent LA will forward the details to maintaining LAs via the PLR as they are received. Brent LA will

accept late applications which are considered to be on time within the terms of the home LA's scheme.

16. The latest date for the upload to the PLR of late applications which are considered to be on-time within the terms of the home LA's scheme is **13 February 2026**.
17. Where an applicant moves from one participating home LA to another after submitting an on-time application under the terms of the former home LA's scheme, the new home LA will accept the application as on-time up to **12 February 2026**, on the basis that an on-time application already exists within the Pan-London system.
18. Brent LA will participate in the application data checking exercise scheduled between **16 and 23 February 2026** in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3B.
19. All preferences for schools within Brent LA will be considered by the relevant admission authorities without reference to rank order to comply with paragraph 1.9 of the School Admissions Code 2021. When the admission authorities within Brent LA have provided a list of applicants in criteria order to Brent LA, Brent LA shall, for each applicant to its schools for whom more than one potential offer is available, use the highest ranked preference to decide which single potential offer to make. [This is the 'Equal Preference System'.]
20. Brent LA will carry out all reasonable checks to ensure that pupil rankings are correctly held in its LAS for all maintained schools and academies in Brent LA's area before uploading data to the PLR.
21. Brent LA will upload the highest potential offer available to an applicant for a maintained school or academy in Brent LA to the PLR by **19 March 2026**. The PLR will transmit the highest potential offer specified by the Maintaining LA to the Home LA.
22. The LAS of Brent LA will eliminate, as a Home LA, all but the highest ranked offer where an applicant has more than one potential offer across Maintaining LAs submitting information within deadline to the PLR. This will involve exchanges of preference outcomes between the LAS and the PLR (in accordance with the iterative timetable published in the Business User Guide) which will continue until notification that a steady state has been achieved, or until **23 March 2026 for Junior and 25 March for Reception**. Where a management decision is made that additional iterations are necessary, these will continue no later than **25 March for Junior and 27 March 2026 for Reception**.
23. Brent LA will not make an additional offer between the end of the iterative process and the **16 April 2026** which may impact on an offer being made by another participating LA.
24. Notwithstanding paragraph 23, if an error is identified within the allocation of places at a maintained school or academy in Brent LA, Brent LA will attempt to manually resolve the allocation to correct the error. Where this impacts on another LA (either as a home or

maintaining LA) Brent LA will liaise with that LA to attempt to resolve the correct offer and any multiple offers which might occur. However, if another LA is unable to resolve a multiple offer, or if the impact is too far reaching, Brent LA will accept that the applicant(s) affected might receive a multiple offer.

25. Brent LA will participate in the offer data checking exercise scheduled between **26 (30\*) March and 8 April 2026** in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3B. \* Subject to end of iteration process.
26. Brent LA will send a file to the eAdmissions portal with outcomes for all resident applicants who have applied online no later than **13 April 2026**.
27. The file should additionally contain offers to late applicants who can be offered a place on **16 April 2026**. Home LAs are required to make those offers, but they are not included in the report of on-time outcomes generated from the LAS.

### **Offers**

28. Brent LA will ensure that, if there are places available, each resident applicant who cannot be offered a preference expressed on the Common Application Form, receives the offer of an alternative school place in accordance with paragraph 2.12 of the Schools Admissions Code 2021. Brent LA will seek to offer the nearest suitable school to the family home that still has vacancies.
29. Brent LA will inform all resident applicants of their highest offer of a school place and, where relevant, the reasons why higher preferences were not offered, whether they were for schools in the Home LA or in other participating LAs.
30. Brent LA's outcome notification will include the information set out in Schedule 2.
31. Brent LA will, on **16 April 2026**, send notification of the outcome to resident applicants by email or first-class post.
32. Brent LA will provide nursery and primary schools with destination data of its resident applicants by the end of the Summer term 2026.

### **Post Offer**

33. Brent LA will request that resident applicants accept or decline the offer of a place by **30 April 2026**, or within two weeks of the date of any subsequent offer.
34. Where an applicant resident in Brent LA accepts or declines a place in a school maintained by another LA by **30 April 2026**, Brent LA will forward the information to the maintaining LA by **7 May 2026**. Where such information is received from applicants after **30 April 2026**, Brent LA will pass it to the maintaining LA as it is received.

35. Where a place becomes available in an oversubscribed maintained school or academy in Brent LA's area, it will be offered from a waiting list ordered in accordance with paragraph 2.15 of the School Admissions Code 2021.
36. When acting as a maintaining LA, Brent LA will place an applicant resident in the area of another LA on a waiting list of any higher preference school. Where this is not done automatically, it will be done immediately following a request from the home LA.
37. Where a waiting list is maintained by an admission authority of a maintained school or academy in Brent LA's area, the admission authority will inform Brent LA of a potential offer, in order that the offer may be made by the home LA.
38. When acting as a maintaining LA, Brent LA will inform the home LA, where different, of an offer for a maintained school or Academy in Brent LA's area which can be made to an applicant resident in the home LA's area, in order that the home LA can offer the place.
39. When acting as a maintaining LA, Brent LA and the admission authorities within it, will not inform an applicant resident in another LA that a place can be offered.
40. When acting as a home LA, Brent LA will offer a place at a maintained school or Academy in the area of another LA to an applicant resident in its area, provided that the school is ranked higher on the Common Application Form than any school already offered.
41. When acting as a home LA, when Brent LA is informed by a maintaining LA of an offer which can be made to an applicant resident in Brent LA's area which is ranked lower on the Common Application Form than any school already offered, it will inform the maintaining LA that the offer will not be made.
42. When acting as a home LA, when Brent LA has agreed to a change of preferences or preference order, it will inform any maintaining LA affected by the change. In such cases, paragraphs 39 and 40 shall apply to the revised order of preferences.
43. When acting as a maintaining LA, Brent LA will inform the home LA, where different, of any change to an applicant's offer status as soon as it occurs.
44. When acting as a maintaining LA, Brent LA will accept a change of preferences or preference order (including reinstated or additional preferences) from home LAs for maintained schools and academies in its area.
45. Brent LA, when acting as a maintaining LA, will maintain waiting lists and allocate places, as they become available, in accordance with each admission authority's published admission and oversubscription criteria.
46. Brent LA, when acting as a home LA, will carry out the initial offer of places which become available after National Offer Day by the week ending **15th May 2026**.

47. Brent LA, when acting as a home LA, after preferences expressed in accordance with paragraph 7 above have been determined, will allow applicants to express additional preferences before the start of the school term. The order of preferences expressed will supersede any existing preferences without an offer.

**PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME**

**SCHEDULE 1**

**Minimum Content of Common Application Form for Admissions to Year 7/Year 10 and Reception/Junior in 2026/27**

**Child's details:**

Surname

Forename(s)

Middle name(s)

Date of Birth

Sex

Home address

Name of current school

Address of current school (if outside home LA)

**Parent's details:**

Title

Surname

Forename

Address (if different to child's address)

Telephone Number (Home, Daytime, Mobile)

Email address

Relationship to child

**Preference details (x 6 recommended):**

Name of school

Address of school

Preference ranking

Local authority in which the school is based

**Additional information:**

Reasons for Preferences (including any medical or social reasons)

Does the child have an Education, Health and Care Plan Y/N\*

Is the child a 'Child Looked After (CLA)'? Y/N

Is the child formerly CLA but now adopted or subject of a 'Child Arrangements Order' or 'Special Guardianship Order'? Y/N

If yes, name of responsible local authority

Surname of sibling

Forename of sibling

DOB of sibling

Sex of sibling

Name of school sibling attends

**Other:**

Signature of parent or guardian

Date of signature

\*Where an LA decides not to request this information on the CAF, it must guarantee that no details of a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan will be sent via the PLR.

# PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME

## SCHEDULE 2

### Template Outcome Letter for Admissions to Year 7/Year 10 and Reception/Junior in 2026/27

From: Home LA

Date: **2 March 2026 (sec) / 16 April 2026 (prim)**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Application for a Secondary / Primary School

*I am writing to let you know the outcome of your application for a secondary/primary school. Your child has been offered a place at X School. The school will write to you with further details.*

I am sorry that it was not possible for your child to be offered a place at any of the schools which you listed as a higher preference on your application form. For each of these schools there were more applications than places, and other applicants has a higher priority than your child under the school's published admission criteria.

*Offers which could have been made for any schools which you placed lower in your preference list, were automatically withdrawn under the co-ordinated admission arrangements, as a higher preference has been offered.*

If you would like more information about the reason that your child was not offered a place at any higher preference school, you should contact the admission authority that is responsible for admissions to the school within the next few days. Details of the different admission authorities for schools in the borough of X are attached to this letter. If the school is outside the borough of X, the admission authority will either be the borough in which the school is situated, or the school itself.

You have the right of appeal under the School Standards & Framework Act 1998 against the refusal of a place at any of the schools for which you have applied. If you wish to appeal, you must contact the admission authority for the school within the next few days to obtain the procedure and the date by which an appeal must be received by them.

*Please would you confirm that you wish to accept the place at X School by completing the reply slip below. If you do not wish to accept the place, you will need to let me know what alternative arrangements you are making for your child's education.*

You must contact this office if you wish to apply for any other school, either in this borough or elsewhere.

[You can also request that your child's name is placed on the waiting list for a school which was a higher preference on your application form than the school you have been offered. Please use the enclosed reply slip and return it to this office]. OR

{Your child's name has been placed on the waiting list for any school which was a higher preference on your application form than the school you have been offered. If you need to find out your child's position on the waiting list please contact the admission authority or the borough in which the school is situated}.

(One of the above bracketed paragraphs should be used depending on whether the LA automatically places children on a waiting list for higher preference schools).

*Please return the reply slip to me by **16 March 2026 (sec) / 30 April 2026 (prim)**. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me on \_\_\_\_\_.*

Yours sincerely

*(First preference offer letters should include the paragraphs in italics only)*

**PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME**

**SCHEDULE 3A**

**Timetable for Admissions to Year 7/Year 10 in September 2026**

<b>Date &amp; working days</b>	<b>Process</b>
<b>Fri 31 Oct 2025</b> <i>10 days</i>	Statutory deadline for receipt of applications
<b>Fri 14 Nov 2025</b> <i>20 days</i>	Deadline for the transfer of application information by the Home LA to the PLR (ADT file).
<b>Mon 8 Dec 2025 *</b>	Deadline for receipt of late applications considered as "on-time" by parents to Home LA.
<b>Thurs 11 Dec 2025</b>	Deadline for the upload of late applications considered as "on-time" to the PLR.
<b>Mon 15 Dec 2025 – Fri 2 Jan 2026</b>	Checking of application data
<b>December 2025 to Friday 23 January 2026</b>	Ranking of applications, checking of ranked lists and local allocation of school places
<b>Mon 2 Feb 2026</b> <i>10 days</i>	Deadline for the transfer of potential offer information from Maintaining LAs to the PLR (ALT file)
<b>Fri 13 Feb 2026</b>	Final ALT file to PLR**
<b>Mon 16 to Tues 17 Feb 2026</b>	**Additional iterations if needed
<b>Mon 16 to Fri 20 Feb 2026</b>	<i>Half Term</i>
<b>Mon 16 (Wed 18) – Mon 23 Feb 2026</b> <i>6 days</i>	Checking of offer data
<b>Thurs 26 Feb 2026</b> <i>2 days</i>	Deadline for on-line ALT file to portal
<b>Mon 2 Mar 2026</b> <i>10 days</i>	Offer notifications sent.
<b>Mon 16 Mar 2026</b> <i>5 days</i>	Deadline for acceptances
<b>Mon 23 Mar 2026</b>	Deadline for transfer of acceptances to maintaining LAs

**\*7 December is the agreed date by LIAAG November 2023 (moved to 8 December as 7 December falls on a Sunday in 2025)**

**PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME**

**SCHEDULE 3B**

**Timetable for Admissions to Reception/Junior in September 2026**

<b>Date &amp; working days</b>	<b>Process</b>
<b>Thurs 15 Jan 2026</b> <i>15 days</i>	Statutory deadline for receipt of applications
<b>Thurs 5 Feb 2026</b> <i>5 days</i>	Deadline for the transfer of application information by the Home LA to the PLR (ADT file)
<b>Thurs 12 Feb 2026</b>	Deadline for receipt of late applications considered as "on-time" by parents to Home LA.
<b>Fri 13 Feb 2026</b>	Deadline for the upload of late applications considered as "on-time" to the PLR.
<b>Mon 16 – Mon 23 Feb 2026</b>	Checking of application data
<b>Mon 16 to Fri 20 Feb 2026</b>	<i>Half Term</i>
<b>February 2026 to Wednesday 11 March</b>	Ranking of applications, checking of ranked lists and local allocation of school places
<b>Thurs 19 Mar 2026</b> <i>6 days</i>	Deadline for the transfer of potential offer information from the Maintaining LAs to the PLR (ALT file).
<b>Mon 23 Mar 2026</b> <b>Wed 25 Mar 2026</b>	Final ALT file to PLR for Junior* Final ALT file for Reception**
<b>Tues 24 &amp; Wed 25 Mar</b> <b>Thurs 26 and Fri 27 Mar</b>	*Additional iterations for Junior if needed **Additional iterations for Reception if needed
<b>Thurs 26 (30) Mar – Wed 8 Apr 2026</b>	Checking of offer data
<b>Mon 30 Mar to Fri 10 April</b>	<i>Easter Holidays</i>
<b>Mon 13 Apr 2026</b>	Deadline for on-line ALT file to portal
<b>Thurs 16 April 2026</b> <i>10 days</i>	Offer notifications sent.
<b>Thurs 30 Apr 2026</b> <i>5 days</i>	Deadline for acceptances
<b>Thurs 7 May 2026</b>	Deadline for transfer of acceptances to maintaining LAs

**Easter Weekend 2026 – Friday 3 April to Monday 6 April**

## **Parental Dispute Protocol**

Any parent can make an application for a school place for their child and can express up to six preferences for their preferred school(s). Anyone with parental responsibility may submit an application, however, the child's address on the application should be recorded as the place they spend the majority of the week. Unless a maintained school or academy uses its own definition, this will be considered to be the definition used in Brent Council's Admission Arrangements for Community Schools 2026/2027.

If parents believe that there may be disagreements over which school preferences should be named or which address should be used we recommend starting the following process as early as possible as national closing dates are fixed and cannot be extended under any circumstances.

We urge parents to work together in the best interests of their child; it is advised that the applicant should inform all other parties who have parental responsibility before submitting the application.

All parties should agree with the school preferences to be applied for and/or the home address to be used. Any disagreements should be resolved before submitting an application. If parents are unable to reach an amicable agreement, then both parents should seek their own legal advice or recourse through the Family Courts.

You should note that the Local Authority will only process one application per child and will only make one offer of a school place.

Where more than one application is received with different preferences the Local Authority (or Local Authorities if parents submit applications to more than one) will contact both applicants to advise that more than one application has been received and advise them to complete one application with one set of preferences for their child.

We will not mediate between parents if there is a dispute or when two applications are submitted. Only one application will be accepted, and the final decision will rest with the Local Authority after all submitted evidence has been considered. Further information about the process which will be followed by the local authority is set out in Brent Council's Admission Arrangements for Community Schools 2026/2027.

All evidence must be received by published closing dates, at which point a decision will be made as to which application will be processed. The Local Authorities concerned may contact early years or education settings noted in the application, or other professionals working with the child where applicable, to assist in their decision making. Any evidence provided after the closing date which affects the content or processing of the application, may render the application late, and delay an offer of a school place.