



# TRANSITION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENFIELD SENDIASS

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# ZOOM SESSION

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- We will send you the resources after the session, including any questions and answers from the session



# AIMS OF THE SESSION

- Provide information on how to look for a school for your child and signpost you to all the relevant information available, so that you can make informed decisions
- Provide information on mainstream and specialist settings and schools in Enfield
- Explain the online application process
- Explain how primary schools support children with additional needs
- Explain the application process for children who have Education health and Care Plans (EHCP's)



# What does transition mean?

Starting school for the first time or changing from one phase of education to another





# Finding out about schools in Enfield

- Enfield School Admissions Service website
- **Primary School booklet** – information on all schools in Enfield with telephone numbers and email addresses

and

- Information on the online application process and answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ's)
- All school websites have information on school visits, school tours (virtual in some schools) and open mornings/evenings.



# Applying for a Primary School in Enfield

## Information for Parents

September 2022







# How do schools give information to new parents?



Check on the **websites** of all the schools you are interested in



Read the school admissions policy on school website



Ofsted Reports will be available on school website



Details of open days and times parents can have a tour of the school etc



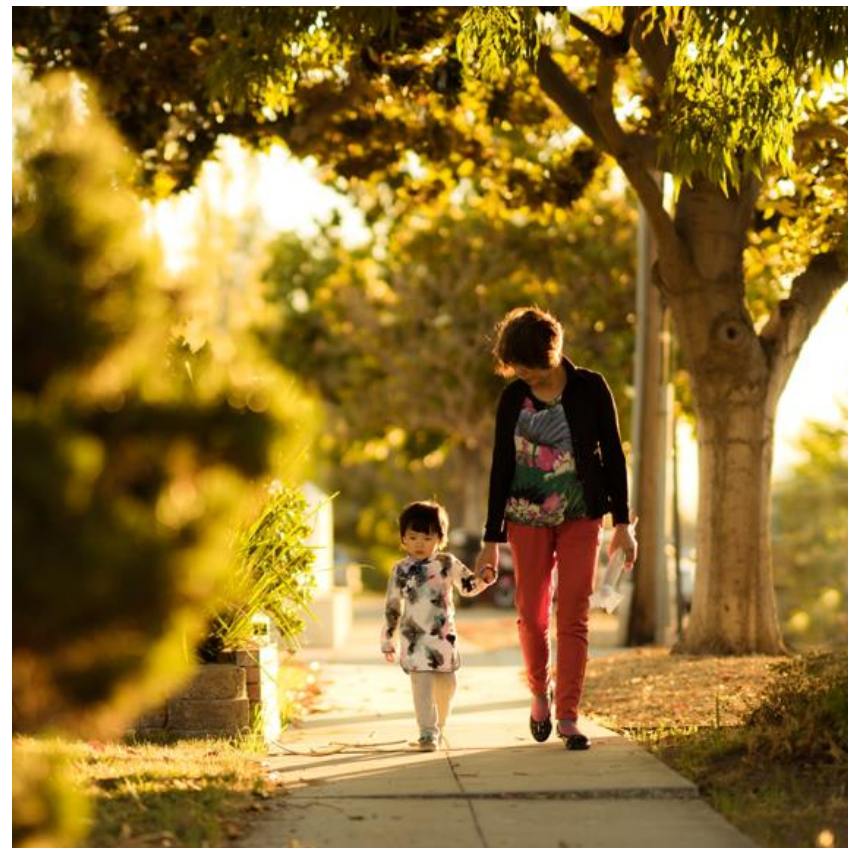
Schools may have a virtual Parent Tour and Video





# Applying for a school place

***If your child is attending a nursery attached to a school, you will need to apply online for a school place – attendance at the nursery does not guarantee a place in the school***







# Applications – key dates – from primary school booklet

15 January 2022	Closing date for the submission of an application
19 April 2022	Online applicants are able to access the outcome of their application during the evening
4 May 2022	Deadline for parents and carers to accept the school places offered
12 May 2022	Waiting list positions available for community schools and many of the own admission authority schools
23 May 2022	Closing date for lodging appeals for community schools
15 August 2022	Closing date for late online applications
June 2021-July 2022	Community school appeals heard by independent panels

- **15<sup>th</sup> January:** Closing date for submission of applications
- **19<sup>th</sup> April:** Offer of school places
- **4<sup>th</sup> May 2023:** Deadline to accept the school place offered



# Allocation of school places

- You will receive one offer of a school place regardless of the number of schools you have asked your child to be considered for
- If you have not been offered a place at a school of your preference, or you would prefer your child to attend an alternative school, you will be given information about waiting lists and appeals procedures.
- Your child's name will automatically be included on the waiting list for any Enfield school that was ranked as a *higher preference* than the school allocated



# Summer Born Children Delayed Admission to Reception

- Children will normally be admitted to the reception year in the September following their fourth birthday
- If your child was born between 1st April and 31st August, you may wish to delay your child's admission until the following year
- You will need to read the 'summer born guidance' on Enfield Admissions website and then complete the deferral request form for community schools in Enfield
- If you are applying for an academy school place, you will need to contact the individual school(s)
- Each school will be able to explain the provision on offer to children in the Reception Year



# Children with medical needs

- You can request for your application to be considered under the Medical Criterion
- You will need to complete the online application form
- You will also need to complete the request for medical priority form
- The information you provide must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the child's medical need and the school requested
- You can submit information from professionals



# How are children with SEN supported in primary school?

All mainstream schools have the necessary resources allocated to them, specifically to support children with SEND.

All schools/ settings have a special educational needs coordinator (SENCO)

The Senco is responsible for supporting and monitoring children with SEND.

All schools must publish a policy on the school website with information on how they support children with additional needs

The SEND Information Report will have information about how the school will identify, assess and make provision for children and young people with SEN and disabilities



# Child with additional needs – looking at schools

- You can speak to the school about your child and give them any extra information you may have e.g. professional report
- You can ask to speak to the Senco about the kind of support the school can give your child
- Find out how the school communicates with parents and with all school staff, so that everybody who works with your child is aware of their support needs.





# Sharing information with the school

- School staff may visit families at home before your child starts school or have a telephone conversation with parents
- You can tell the teacher/member of staff about your child's interests as well as any concerns you have about their development, social skills, independence, confidence, language and physical ability
- This can be the starting point of building a good relationship with the school and the school will have a better understanding of your child
- Ask about opportunities for your child to visit the school or watch a video of the classroom setting – there will be information on the schools' websites about what each school offers, so that children feel confident and safe and ready to learn



# Enfield Local Offer for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

- Enfield's Local Offer provides help and support to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and their families.
- The Local Offer has information on how schools in Enfield can support children with SEN
- The Local Offer has information on all Enfield services and organisations who offer support to families
- Enfield Sendiass gives independent advice and information to parents and can signpost parents to further information and support.



# Children with an Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP)

- There are a small number of children with SEND who may require additional support above what a mainstream school can offer
- In these cases a statutory assessment of their special educational needs may need to be undertaken in order to determine whether additional resources are required
- Parents can discuss concerns with the school Senco and class teacher who will have information on the progress of your child at school
- Eligibility for a statutory assessment is assessed by Enfield Council's Special Education Needs (SEN) Service, in conjunction with professionals.
- If your child has an EHCP, your SEN Case Coordinator will advise you on the application process for your child
- The application date for children with an EHCP is 30th November and parents will be informed by 15th February of the allocated School.



# Schools in Enfield with specialist provision

- Most children in Enfield will be supported in a mainstream school with universal or targeted services
- Where children have been identified as needing more support than can be provided in a mainstream classroom, they may be offered a place in a local authority additionally resourced provision(ARP).
- These are part of mainstream schools in order to allow some integration with mainstream peers. ARPs are small scale learning environments with limited places that have a specialist focus.
- Places in Local Authority ARPs are allocated by Enfield SEN Services and applications are managed by SEN Services team at the LA



# ARP's & Units in Enfield

- The following schools have additionally resourced provision (ARP) or a designated unit attached to the mainstream school
- Brimsdown (Deaf Resource Base), Chesterfield, Eastfield, Eldon, Firs Farm, Galliard, Highfield, Raynham and Starksfield
- Brimsdown, De Bohun and Lavender have specialist Units
- These settings have a specialist focus on a range of needs including Autism, hearing impairment and complex needs



# Special Schools with reception classes

- Children with an Education Health and Care Plan may attend a special school in Enfield
- Russet House is a special primary school for children with Autism, with a satellite provision at Suffolk's Primary school for children in Key Stage 2
- West Lea School is for pupils with moderate or severe learning difficulties
- Waverley School is for pupils with profound and moderate learning difficulties. They also have an Early years and KS1 provision for children with Autism at their Bell Lane satellite provision.
- There are 2 speech and language resource bases in Enfield schools which a small number of children may attend for specialist input, before returning full time to their mainstream school – more information can be found on Enfield Local Offer





# Links to information on application process

Enfield primary school booklet:

[enfield-primary-booklet-2022-education.pdf](#)

Enfield School Admissions website:

[School admissions applications · Enfield Council](#)

Step by Step Guide to completing online application:

[step-by-step-guide-to-applying-online-2022-education.pdf \(enfield.gov.uk\)](#)

Summer born children and deferred entry:

[summer-born-guidance-2021-22-education.pdf \(enfield.gov.uk\)](#)

Deferral Request Form:

[summer-born-children-deferred-request-form-education.pdf \(enfield.gov.uk\)](#)

Requesting a school place under medical criterion:

[Communications and Consultation Unit \(enfield.gov.uk\)](#)



# SEN information

Enfield Local Offer:

[Enfield's Local Offer for SEND · Enfield Council](#)

Enfield Sendiass – website is currently being updated and additional information will be sent to attendees:

[Enfield SEND IASS – Enfield Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Information Advice & Support Service](#)

Information flow chart if child has additional needs (Enfield Local Offer):

[local-offer-information-process-flowchart.pdf \(enfield.gov.uk\)](#)

Mainstream schools with specialist provision:

[Mainstream schools and specialist provision · Enfield Council](#)

Contact – for families with children who have special educational needs and disabilities:

[Contact - for families with disabled children | Contact](#)

Enfield Advisory Service for autism(EASA):

[Enfield Advisory Service for Autism - Home \(enfieldasa.org.uk\)](#)

BBC Bitesize – starting school if child has SEND:

[Starting primary school with SEND - BBC Bitesize](#)



# Tips for starting primary school

Early years Alliance:

[5 tips to help your child get ready for Reception | Family Corner](#)

Ideas for transition to primary school:

[Transitioning from nursery to reception - Big ideas for Little Learners \(sensationaltutors.co.uk\)](#)

Transition Ideas – moving from pre-school to primary:

[suggested-transition-activities-for-preschools.pdf \(ncca.ie\)](#)

Top tips for transition from nursery to primary school:

[Transition - 9 top tips for managing transition from nursery to school \(tts-group.co.uk\)](#)



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