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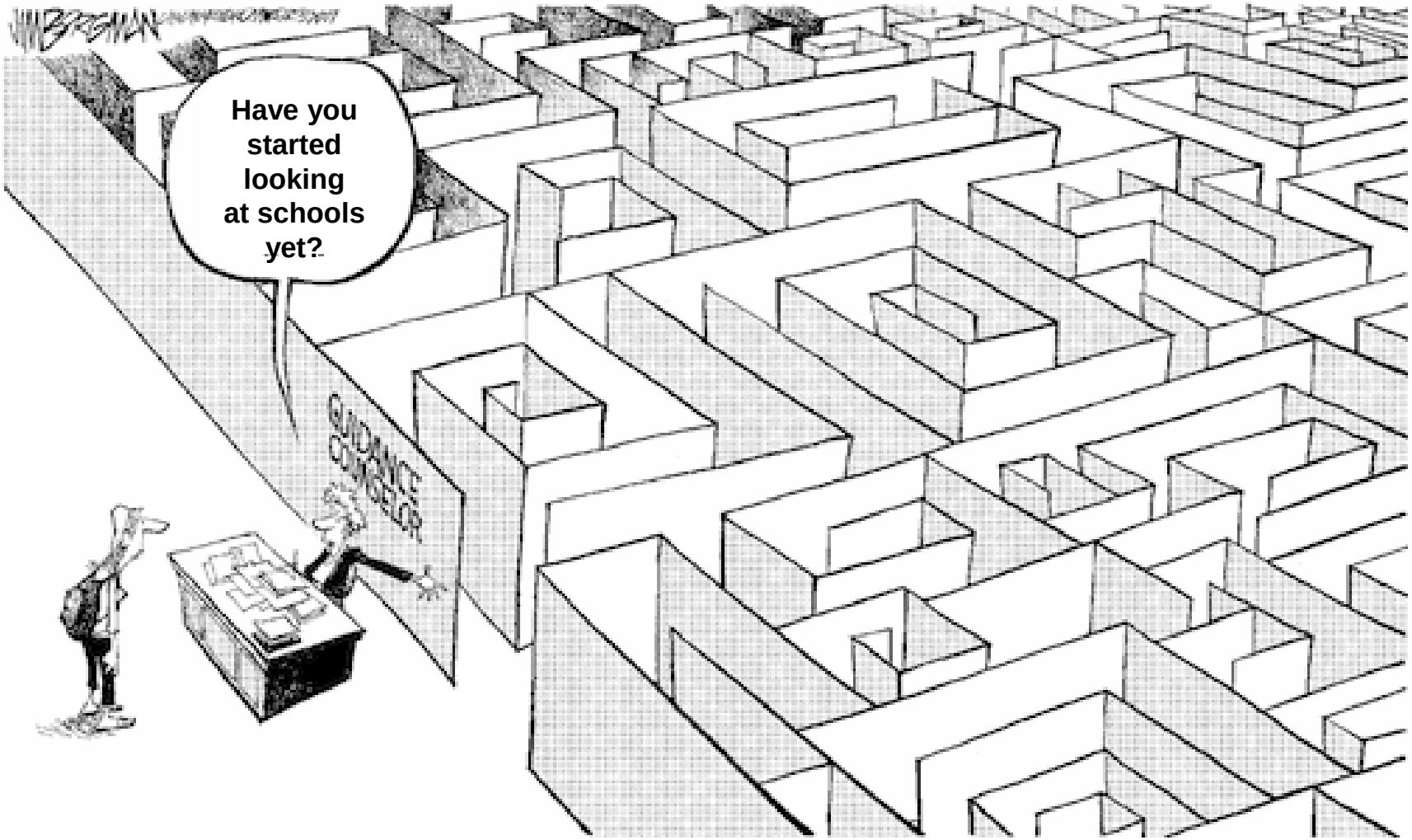

Choosing a school

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

Who can help me make that decision?

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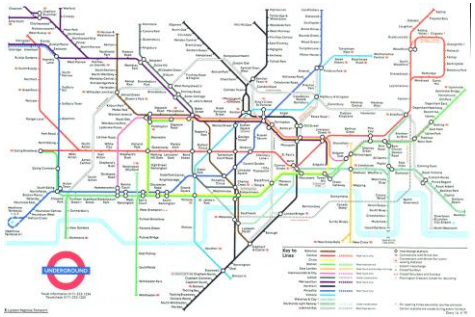
Talk to your child

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



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Visit the schools

Attend open evenings (schedule will be available soon)

Talk to the teachers

Talk to the pupils

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Look at the school's website

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**.

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Read the secondary education guide

(published by your home local authority)

The 2026 guide will be available online, in **September 2025**

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 on Secondary National Offer Day 2025	
Name of School	**Furthest distance offered (Miles)**
Archer Academy	0.408 (N2) 1.018 (N3) 0.965 (NW11)
Ark Pioneer	1.132
Ashmole Academy	0.618
Christ College, Finchley	1.214
The Compton School (Geographical)	0.684
East Barnet	0.769
JCoSS (18 Distance places)	1.726
Mill Hill High	1.23
Queen Elizabeth's Girls'	5.386
The Totteridge Academy	1.273
Wren Academy (Geographical)	0.315

Full Secondary 2025 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 2025

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 they are or outside the borough where you live

Only ONE application must be submitted listing all your preferred schools; this MUST be submitted to the local authority for your home borough

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 Mary's & St John's CE, St Michael's Catholic Grammar)*, will be held from **June to October 2025**

- **Applications are already open for some schools and will start closing from 8 May**

Selection Tests (Barnet Schools)

(please check individual school websites for updated information)

School	Entrance / Aptitude Test	Application Dates (2025)	Test dates (2025)
Ashmole Academy	Musical Aptitude	**Applications open:** 6th January **Closing date:** Friday 16th May	Musical Aptitude Listening Test: Sunday 8th June Musical Aptitude Auditions Tuesday 1st – Thursday 3rd July
Friern Barnet	Enhanced Arts Programme	*Check school website for updates*	
The Henrietta Barnett	Academic Selection Test	**Applications open:** Tuesday 1st April **Closing date:** Friday 11th July (5:00pm)	Round One: Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd September Round Two: Early October

Selection Tests (Barnet Schools)

(please check individual school websites for updated information)

School	Entrance / Aptitude Test	Application Dates (2024)	Test dates (2024)
Mill Hill County High	Technology Aptitude Test	**Applications open:** Friday 21st March **Closing date:** Friday 9th May (3pm)	Saturday 143h September
	Music Aptitude Test		Saturday 7th June, Saturday 14th June, Sunday 22nd June and Sunday 29th June
	Dance Aptitude Test		Sunday 98h June Saturday 28th June
Queen Elizabeth Boys	Academic Selection Test	**Applications open:** Thursday 1st May **Closing date:** Friday 11th July (12pm)	Wednesday 17th September Thursday 18th September
St Mary's & St John's CE	Music Aptitude test 1	**Applications open:** Friday 4th April **Closing date:** Friday 4th June (5pm)	Wednesday 11th June
	Music individual Assessment for Aural test		Thursday 19th June
	Dance Aptitude test		Thursday 12th June
	Drama Aptitude test		Friday 13th June
St Michael's Catholic Grammar	Academic Selection Test	**Applications open:** Wednesday 23rd April **Closing date:** Tuesday 8th July	Friday 12th September

Selection Tests (Other Boroughs)

(please check individual school websites for updated information)

School	Entrance / Aptitude Test	Application Dates (2024)	Test dates (2024)
Dame Alice Owen's (Hertfordshire)	Musical Aptitude Test	**Applications open**: Thursday 1st May **Closing date:** Tuesday 12th June	Part 1: Monday 1st September Tuesday 2nd September (if required) Part 2: Monday 22nd to Friday 26th September
	Academic Selection Test		Part 1: Monday 1st September Tuesday 2nd September (if required) Part 2: Saturday 27th September
The Latymer (Enfield)	Academic Selection Test	**Applications open:** Monday 17th March **Closing date:** Friday 2nd June	Wednesday 3rd September Saturday 6th September Sunday 7th September

Closing Date?

The closing date **is 31 October 2025**

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 **Monday 8 December 2025.**

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 Local Authority makes annual plans to ensure there are enough school places for every Barnet applicant
- every child will be provided with a school place
- however, it may not always be possible to offer a preference school.

Offers

National Offer Day is

Monday 2 March 2026

You will receive an email with the outcome of your application **during the evening of 2 March**

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

Offers

Accepting offers

Places must be accepted or declined online by **Monday 16 March 2026**

No Preference Offer?

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

Your child will be allocated a place at a 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 with compelling evidence**

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