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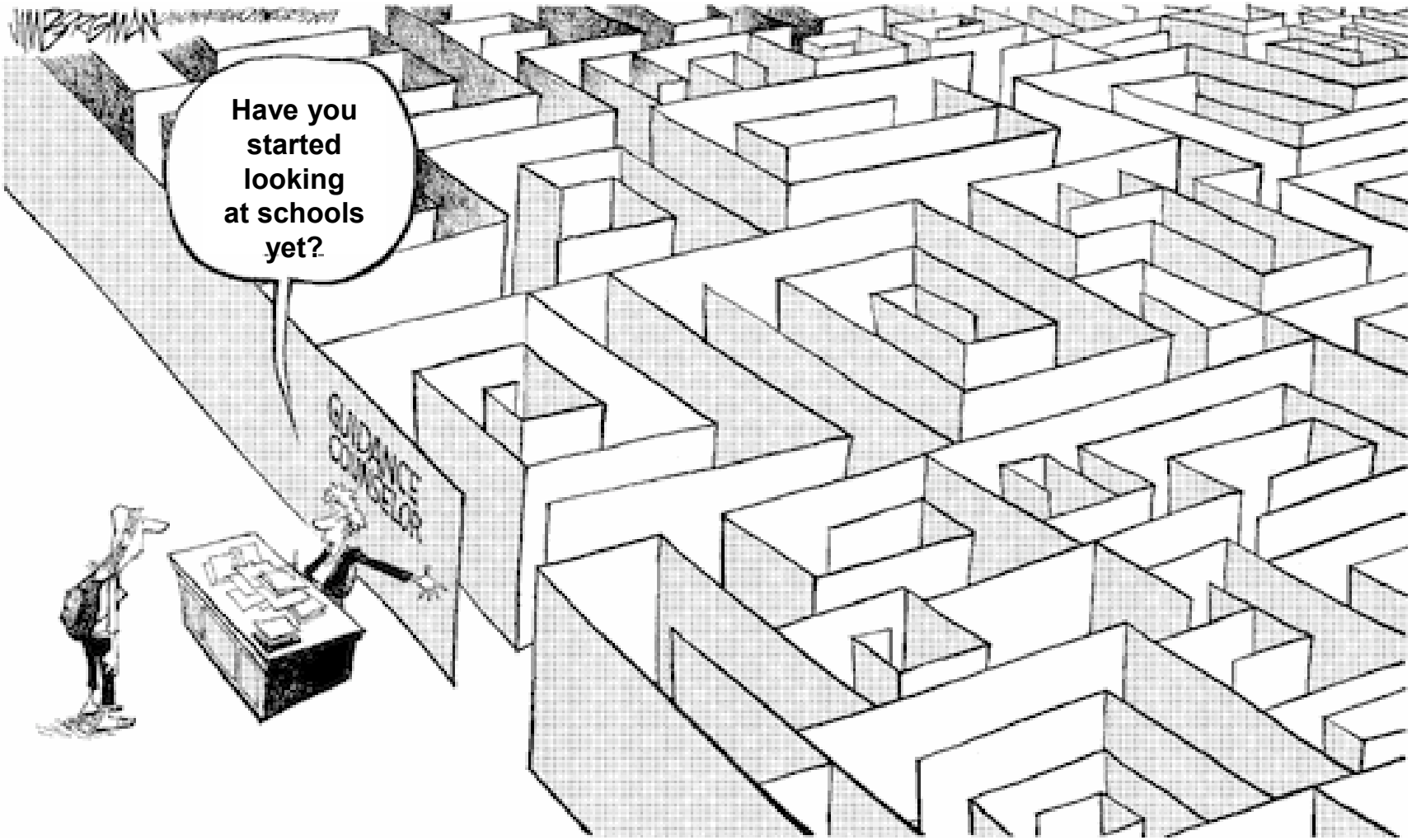

Choosing a school

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

Who can help me make that decision?

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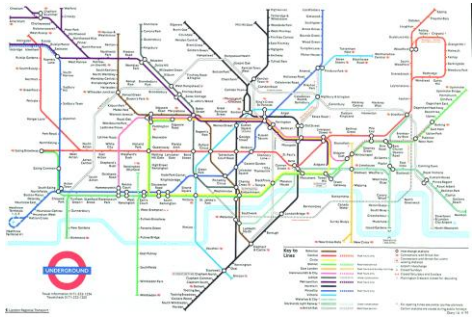
Talk to your child

- 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 admissions guide

(published by your home local authority)

The 2027 guide will be available online, in **September 2026**

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 2026	
Name of School	**Furthest distance offered (Miles)**
Archer Academy	0.304 (N2) 0.984 (N3) 1.34 (NW11)
Ark Pioneer	1.64
Ashmole Academy	0.543
Christ College, Finchley	1.167
The Compton School (Geographical)	0.882
East Barnet	0.841
JCoSS (18 Distance places)	1.607
Mill Hill High	1.013
Queen Elizabeth's Girls'	3.925
The Totteridge Academy	1.968
Wren Academy (Geographical)	0.323

Full Secondary 2026 Allocation Table is available 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 2026

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 **May to October 2026**

- **Applications are already open for some schools and will start closing from 1 May**

Selection Tests (Barnet Schools)

(please check individual school websites for updated information)

School	Entrance / Aptitude Test	Application Dates (2026)	Test dates (2026)
Ashmole Academy	Musical Aptitude Test	**Applications open:** 5th January **Closing date:** Friday 1st May (3:30pm)	Musical Aptitude Listening Test: Sunday 17th My Musical Aptitude Auditions Tuesday 7th – Thursday 9th July
Friern Barnet School	Enhanced Arts Programme	*Check school website for updates*	
The Henrietta Barnett School (Girls)	Academic Selection Test	**Applications open:** Wednesday 1st April **Closing date:** Wednesday 1st July (5:00pm)	Round One: Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September Round Two: Early October

Selection Tests (Barnet Schools)

(please check individual school websites for updated information)

School	Entrance / Aptitude Test	Application Dates (2026)	Test dates (2026)
Mill Hill County High School	Technology Aptitude Test	**Applications open:** Friday 20th March **Closing date:** Friday 8thMay (3pm)	Saturday 12^{3h} September
	Music Aptitude Test		Saturday 6th June, Saturday 13th June, Saturday 20th June and Sunday 28th June
	Dance Aptitude Test		Sunday 7^{8h} June Saturday 27th June
Queen Elizabeth's School (Boys)	Academic Selection Test	**Applications open:** Friday 1st May **Closing date:** Wednesday 8th July (12pm)	Wednesday 16th September Thursday 17th September
St Mary's & St John's CE School	Music Aptitude Test One and Two	**Applications open:** Monday 23rd February **Closing date:** Wednesday 3rd June (5pm)	Wednesday 10th June Thursday 18th June
	Dance Aptitude Test		Thursday 11th June
	Drama Aptitude Test		Friday 12th June
St Michael's Catholic Grammar School (Girls)	Academic Selection Test	**Applications open:** Tuesday 14th April **Closing date:** Tuesday 7th July (4pm)	Friday 11th September

Selection Tests (Other Boroughs)

(please check individual school websites for updated information)

School	Entrance / Aptitude Test	Application Dates (2026)	Test dates (2026)
Dame Alice Owen's School (Hertfordshire)	Musical Aptitude Test	**Applications open**: Wednesday 29th April **Closing date:** Wednesday 10th June	Part 1: Tuesday 1st September Part 2: 28th September to 1st October
	Academic Selection Test		Part 1: Tuesday 1st September Part 2: Saturday 26th September
The Latymer School (Enfield)	Academic Selection Test	**Applications open:** Tuesday 17th March **Closing date:** Tuesday 2nd June	Thursday 3rd September Friday 4th September Saturday 5th September

Closing Date?

The closing date **is 31 October 2026**

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 7 December 2026.**

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 1 March 2027

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

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

Offers

Accepting offers

Places must be accepted or declined online by **Monday 15 March 2027**

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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