



London Borough
of Hounslow

A Simple Guide for Secondary School Transfer:

Essential information to support your child's transition

Secondary Transfer 2027

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Welcome and Context

Secondary School Transfer 2027

- Welcome to today's session
- We will guide you through the process
- Supporting you to make informed decisions

What We'll Cover

- Understanding the process
- Key dates and deadlines
- How to choose schools
- How to apply
- What happens after you apply
- Where to get help

The Five-Step Secondary Transfer Journey

1. Understanding Rules and Deadlines

Know who must apply, key deadlines, and how school places are allocated to avoid mistakes.

2. Researching Schools

Gather admissions info, visit open evenings, and consider family priorities to inform school choices.

3. Choosing Preferences in Order

Select up to six schools and rank them carefully to influence offer outcomes effectively.

4. Applying Online Correctly

Submit a complete and accurate application through the appropriate local authority website.

5. Receiving and Responding to Offers

Receive the school offer on national offer day and respond within the deadline to secure a place.

Key Dates

1 September

The online application system is open at

www.hounslow.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions



Sept – October

Schools will be holding open days and evenings for (see School website/our brochures for details)

31 October

11.59pm - the online system closes

1 March

Parents who applied on time will be sent an email with the outcome of their application

15 March

Last date to confirm acceptance of school place

Children with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)

- If your child has an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), **you do not need to make an online application.** Please contact the Special Educational Needs (SEN) team in your home Local Authority.
- If your child is in the process of being assessed, you **will** need to make an online application.
- If you are in any doubt about your child's SEN status, speak with the SENCO at your child's primary school.

Choosing Schools

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Researching Schools

- Attend open evenings
- Use school websites and prospectuses
- Read admissions criteria carefully-

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- Consider travel and suitability
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- If your child does not have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) but does have additional needs, they will not be able to access the school's specialist units.

Previous Statistics – 2026

- 68.66% of residents got their first preference school
- 89.93% got one of their 1-3 preference schools
- 95.37% got one of their 6 preference schools

- 138 residents were not offered one of their preferences – they were offered a school that had vacancies
- (use all your preferences!)

Understanding Admissions Criteria

- Each school has its own rules (admission criteria)
- Common criteria: siblings, distance,
- Faith schools prioritise faith evidence
- Always check each school individually
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The Heathland	Springwest Academy
1. Looked after and previously looked after children	1. Looked after or previously looked after children*
2. Exceptional medical/social need	2. Sibling*
3. Sibling	3. Sibling attending Co-Located Trust School Students with a sibling, including all blood, half, step, adoptive and foster brothers and sisters of the child (not cousins) who live at the same home of the child, at Logic School in September 2027. In order to meet the sibling criterion, your child's sibling must be attending the school at the time of application and be expected to still be attending at the time of admissions in September 2027.
4. Children of staff	4. Distance*
5. Distance	

Understanding Distance

- Distance is often misunderstood
- Cut-off distances change every year
- Living close does not guarantee a place
- Use historical data as a guide only

School	2025 distance (miles)	2026 distance (miles)
Bolder Academy	5.634	All offered
Brentford School for Girls	All offered	All offered
Chiswick School	1.576	1.465
Cranford Community College	1.335	1.279
The Heathland School	1.030	1.234
Heston Community School	2.215	All offered
Isleworth & Syon School	All offered	All offered
Lift Kingsley	All offered	All offered
Lampton School	1.175	1.081
Springwest Academy	All offered	All offered

Preference Vs Choice

- You can list up to 6 schools
- Schools do not see your order
- You get the highest preference you qualify for
- List schools in true order of preference

How to Apply

Make sure you apply by 31st October your application will not be processed until March 2027 if its late. Your child may miss out on the school/s you have requested.

Applications are made online via e-admissions –

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Hounslow residents

Must apply online using eAdmissions, even if the schools are in another council. This can be accessed via the Hounslow Council website.



Residents of other Councils

Must apply to your home Council, *even if* your child attends a Hounslow primary school.

1. Apply via your home local authority
2. Use eAdmissions system
3. Include all school preferences
4. Submit before deadline

Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) & Tests

- Some schools require extra forms
- Some require entrance tests (e.g. CATs)
- Must be completed directly with school
- **Deadlines are critical – 31st October**

- Note: If you are applying for Rivers Academy West London, you must also book for your child to sit their Cognitive Ability test (CAT). This is not pass/fail and your child will not be offered a place unless they have sat this test. Book the CAT with the school directly after you have made your application.

Grammar Schools

- Hounslow does not have any grammar schools.
- Ensure your child has passed the test to be eligible for a place. Don't waste a preference, if you are in any doubt contact the grammar school

Fraudulent Applications

- Applications are checked carefully
- False information can remove an offer
- Address verification takes place
- Always provide accurate details

Late Applications after 31st October

Consequences of late submission

- Late applications are processed after on-time applications
- Lower chance of preferred school
- Any changes to your application after the deadline also count as late
- **After 31 October = late**

After You Apply

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Offer Day, Common Mistakes, and Next Steps

- Offers released on **1st March** if you have applied on time (by **31st October**)
- You will receive one offer
- You must accept the place by the **15th March 2027**

What If I Don't Get My Preferred School?

- You will usually still receive a school place
- You can contact school admissions to discuss your options
- You have the right to appeal if your child is refused a place at one of the 6 preferred schools, and you believe the admissions criteria have not been correctly applied.

Waiting Lists

- Waiting lists are ranked by criteria
- Positions can go up or down
- Always accept your offered place –

▪ For example if you have chosen six preferences 

And you are offered a place at Isleworth and Syon – you will still remain on the waiting list for all choices 1-5

- However, if you are offered a place at The Healthland – you will not be on the waiting list for any schools as you received your first preference

1. The Healthland

2. Green School for Girls

3. St Marks

4. Spring West

5. Brentford School for Girls

6. Isleworth and Syon

Where to get help

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Where to Get Help and Ask Questions

- Contact the admissions team
- Use the council website
- Ask questions early

Q&A

- No question is too small
- We are here to support you

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