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A Simple Guide for Starting Primary School

Essential information to support your child's transition

Reception 2027

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Welcome and Context

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Primary School Applications 2027

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

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What We'll Cover

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

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The Five-Step Starting School Journey

1. Understanding Rules and Deadlines

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

2. Researching Schools

Gather admissions info, visit open days, and consider school choices.

3. Choosing Preferences in Order

Select up to six schools and rank them in order of preference.

4. Applying Online Correctly

Submit a complete 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 2026 The online application system is open at



https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions/apply-primary-school-place

Sept – October Schools will be holding open days (see School website for details)

15th January 2027 11.59pm - the online system closes

16th April 2027 Parents who applied on time will be sent an email with the outcome of their application

30th April 2027 Last date to confirm acceptance of school place via the e-admissions portal

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.

Delayed Admission – Summer Born

- Children Born from **1st April 2023 - 31st August 2023 are** summer born children and do not legally need to start school until September 2028.
- Parents of summer born children can request to delay their child's admission until September 2028 for them to be educated out of year group in Reception instead of Year 1

Delayed Admission – Summer Born Application

How to Apply:

1. **Apply for a Reception place in the normal admissions round** for the child's chronological age group. This keeps open the option of starting school at age 4 if the request is not agreed.
2. **When applying – there will be a section to submit a written request for delayed admission (out of the normal age group)** at the same time as the Reception application
3. **Include reasons and any supporting evidence**, which may include:
    1. the parents' views
    2. information about the child's academic, social and emotional development
    3. relevant medical evidence
    4. evidence of premature birth where relevant.

- **Outcome will be received before 16th April 2027**

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Choosing Schools

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Researching Schools

- Attend open days
- Use school websites and prospectuses
- Read admissions criteria carefully-
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- Consider travel and suitability

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/downloads/file/11506/map-of-hounslow-primary-schools

Click Here

- 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

- 89% of residents got their first preference school
- 97% got one of their 1-3 preference schools
- 98% got one of their 6 preference schools

- 33 (1.16%) 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
- School admission arrangements | London Borough of Hounslow



Springwell Primary School	St Michael and St Martin RC Primary School	
1. Looked after children (as defined in the Children Act 1989) or a child who was previously looked after and has left care under a Child arrangements order, special guardianship order or who was adopted.	1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children* 2. Baptised Catholic children with an original Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) who have a sibling at the school at the time of admission	8. Children of Christians of other denominations whose application is supported by a letter from their minister confirming membership of their faith community.
2. Exceptional Medical/Social need – Applicants whose child's medical or social circumstances require attendance at a particular school rather than any other school	3. Baptised Catholic children with an original CCP who resident in the Parish of St Michael and St Martin 4. Other baptised Catholics with an original CCP who do not reside in the parish of St Michael and St Martin 5. Other baptised Catholics without a CCP	9. Children of other faiths whose application is supported by a letter from their religious leader confirming membership of the faith community
3. Sibling - Children who will have a brother or sister, including all blood half-, step-, adoptive and foster brothers and sisters of the child (not cousins) who live at the same home as the child, in the infant, linked junior or primary school in September 2026. This would not apply if the sibling were due to leave in the July before the younger child would be admitted.	6. Other looked after and previously looked after children*	10. Any other children. Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order. (i) Exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school. (ii) Sibling* - The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category.
4. Children of staff – children of any member of staff, regardless of role in the school where a) The member of staff has been directly employed by the school for two or more years at the time of application or b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage	7. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.	
5. Distance - Where there are more applications that meet this criterion than there are places in the school, priority will be given to those children who live nearest to the school, with the distance from home to school being measured using a computerised mapping system		

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Understanding Distance

- Distance is often misunderstood
- Last distance offered changes every year
- Living close does not guarantee a place
- Use historical data as a guide only

	Acad Yr	
	2026	2025
School Name - Pref	Distance	Distance
Bedfont Primary School	0.779	0.817
Belmont Primary School	0.438	0.374
Cranford Primary School	All offered	All offered
Edison Primary School	1.863	All offered
Edward Pauling Primary School	All offered	All offered
Fairholme Primary School	All offered	All offered
Feltham Hill Infant and Nursery School	All offered	All offered
Ivybridge Primary School	All offered	All offered
Marlborough Primary School	All offered	All offered
Nishkam School West London	5.154	2.366
Orchard Primary School	0.551	All offered
Oriel Academy West London	All offered	All offered
Reach Academy Hanworth Park	1.086	0.431
Southville Primary School	0.775	0.902
Spring Grove Primary School	0.384	0.316
Springwell School	All offered	All offered
St Paul's CofE Primary School	0.432	0.504
Strand-on-the-Green Infant and Nursery School	1.191	0.708
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Preference Vs Choice

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

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How to Apply

Make sure you apply by 15th January 2027 your application will not be processed until June 2027 if its late. Your child may miss out on the school/s you have requested.

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Applications are made online via e-admissions –

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions/apply-primary-school-place



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. Use all 6 school preferences available
4. Submit before deadline

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Supplementary Information Forms (SIF)

- Some schools require extra forms
- Must be completed directly with school
- **Deadlines are critical – 15th January 2027**

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Fraudulent Applications

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

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Late Applications after 15th January

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 15th January = late**

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After You Apply

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Offer Day, and Next Steps

- Offers released on **16th April 2027 if you have applied on time (by 15th January 2027)**
- You will receive one offer
- You must accept the place by the 30th April 2027

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What If I Don't Get My Preferred School?

- You will still receive a school place at a school which has vacancies and may not be your local school.
- You can contact school admissions to discuss your options
- If your child is refused a place at any of your six preferred schools, you have the right to appeal the decision where you believe there are grounds to do so.

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Waiting Lists

- Waiting lists are ranked by criteria and not by date you applied.
- 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 Town– you will still remain on the waiting list for all choices 1-3. Options 5 – 6 are no longer required and withdrawn.

- However, if you are offered a place at St Mary's Catholic School – you will not be on the waiting list for any schools as you received your first preference.



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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

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Q&A

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

School Admissions

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