

APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

for September 2027

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Location of Brent secondary schools

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| ① Alperton Community School | ⑨ Michaela Community School |
| ② Ark Academy | ⑩ Newman Catholic College (Boys) |
| ③ Ark Elvin Academy | ⑪ North Brent School |
| ④ Claremont High School | ⑫ Preston Manor High School |
| ⑤ E-Act Crest Academy | ⑬ Queens Park Community School |
| ⑥ Harris Lowe Academy Willesden | ⑭ St. Claudine's Catholic School for Girls |
| ⑦ JFS | ⑮ St. Gregory's Catholic Science College |
| ⑧ Kingsbury High School | ⑯ Wembley High Technology College |



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Section 1 – Apply

Apply for...

Secondary school for September 2027

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, you need to apply for them to start secondary school in September 2027.

Studio School and University Technical College (UTC) for September 2027

If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, you can apply for a place at a Studio School or University Technical College (UTC) in neighbouring authorities. More details can be found on page 33.

Sixth Form

Admissions to sixth form are dealt with directly by schools. Contact schools directly for further information.

In-Year Admissions

If your child does not currently have a school place or you wish to transfer them to a different school, you will need to make an 'In-Year' application. Please visit www.brent.gov.uk/inyearadmissions for more information.

Important Dates

Date	
September/October	School Open Events (see p6)
31 October 2026	Applications deadline
1 March 2027	National offer day (see page 14)
15 March 2027	Response deadline
15 March 2027	Deadline for applications and changes for the second round
Week ending 26 March 2027	Second round offers
2 April 2027	Second round response deadline
30 April 2027	Deadline for applications and changes for the third round
Week ending 21 May 2027	Third round offers
28 May 2027	Third round response deadline
September 2027	Children start school

Before you make your application

1	Are your preferences realistic? Consider how likely it is that your child will be offered a place at your preferred schools.	Read the admissions criteria for each school and look to see which criteria apply to your child. The admissions criteria for Brent schools are listed on pages 17 to 32.
2	Do you live close enough to get a place? Find out your home to school distance. Compare with cut-off distances from last year.	Find the distance to your preferred schools using the Direct Gov schools finder (www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables) The distance of the last child offered a place at Brent schools from last year is on page 16. Remember that although this information can be used to give you an idea of how likely it is that you will be offered a place, the 'last distance' will change every year. We can never guarantee any child will be offered a place at any school.
3	Visit schools	Open event details for Brent schools are available on page 6.
4	Read Ofsted reports	You can view reports at www.ofsted.gov.uk Brent has many 'Good' and 'Outstanding' schools.
5	How will your child travel to school?	A long journey to school on public transport may not be the best choice for a child.
6	Talk to your child and other parents	Remember that the right school for your friend's child may not be the right school for your child. Don't judge a school based on what others say – visit the school and see for yourself.

Myth busters – get the facts!

It is easy to make assumptions about how school admissions works. Here are some of the common myths and misunderstandings, as well as the facts.

Myth	The facts
My child has a right to a place at one of my preferred schools.	The local authority must offer your child a place at the highest preference school they qualify for. If your child does not qualify for any of your preferred schools (e.g. because your preferences were unrealistic), they will normally be allocated a place at the nearest school to your home with a vacancy.
I have an older child already at the school so I do not need to apply.	Everyone must apply for their child even if they have a brother or sister already at the school. Most schools give priority to siblings, but if you don't apply you could miss out on a place.
Listing one school will mean that you will have to offer me that school.	Listing only one school does not increase your child's chances of being offered a place. If your child does not qualify for that school, then they will normally be allocated a place at the nearest school to your home with a vacancy.
Listing the same school six times will improve my chances of being offered a place.	Your child can only be considered once for a school and any duplicated preferences will be deleted.
I live nearer to the school than the last child offered under the distance criterion last year so I'm guaranteed a place.	Although the information listed on page 16 can give you an idea of how likely it is that you will be offered a place at your preferred school, the 'last distance' will change every year. We cannot guarantee any child will be offered a place at any school.
Children in my road go to the school so my child will too.	The number of pupils offered under each criterion at each school can change every year, so just because you know pupils living near you go to a certain school, it does not mean that your child will be offered a place there.
If I apply to a school in another borough, their residents will have priority over me.	An admissions authority cannot give preference to its own residents and published admissions criteria cannot include the borough of residence. Brent does not discriminate between applicants who live in the borough and those who do not.
It does not matter if my form is late.	If you apply after 31 October 2026, we will look at your application after all those who applied on time and it is very unlikely that you will be offered one of your preferred schools.
I can only apply for Brent schools.	You can apply for both Brent and out of borough schools by listing them on the Brent application form.

School details and open events

We would recommend that you visit all the schools that you are thinking of applying for to find out more about the school. Information about school open events is available on the Brent website at www.brent.gov.uk/secondary, and directly from each school.

304 5405	Alperton Community School Stanley Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex HA0 4JE	No	Academy	www.alperton.brent.sch.uk office@alperton.brent.sch.uk 020 8902 2038
304 6906	Ark Academy Bridge Road, Wembley HA9 9JP	No	Academy	www.arkacademy.org info@arkacademy.org 020 8385 4370
304 4001	Ark Elvin Academy Cecil Avenue, Wembley HA9 7DU	No	Academy	www.arkelvinacademy.org info@arkelvinacademy.org 020 8902 6362
304 5400	Claremont High School Claremont Avenue, Kenton, Harrow HA3 0UH	No	Academy	www.claremont-high.org.uk admin@claremont-high.org.uk 020 8204 4442
304 6907	E-Act Crest Academy Crest Road, Neasden, London NW2 7SN	Yes, if claiming 'child of staff' priority	Academy	crestacademy.e-act.org.uk thecrestacademyinformation@e-act.org.uk 020 8452 4842
304 6905	Harris Lowe Academy Willesden Doyle Gardens, Willesden, London NW10 3ST	Yes (for sports or arts apititude places)	Academy	www.harrislowewillesden.org.uk info@harrislowewillesden.org.uk 020 8838 8700
304 4033	JFS The Mall, Kenton Harrow, HA3 9TE	Yes	Voluntary Aided	www.jfs.brent.sch.uk admin@jfs.brent.sch.uk 020 8206 3100
304 5402	Kingsbury High School Princes Avenue, Kingsbury, London, NW9 9JR	No	Academy	www.kingsburyhigh.org.uk school@kingsburyhigh.org.uk 020 8206 3000
304 4000	Michaela Community School North End Road, Wembley, HA9 0UU	No	Free School	www.michaela.education info@mcsbrent.co.uk 020 8795 3183
304 5407	Newman Catholic College Harlesden Road, London NW10 3RN	Yes	Voluntary Aided	www.ncc.brent.sch.uk office@ncc.brent.sch.uk 020 8965 3947

* SIF = supplementary information form

DfE Code	School	SIF* required	Type of School	Contact details
304 4003	North Brent School Neasden Lane, Wembley NW10 2UF	No	Free School	www.northbrentschool.co.uk reception@northbrentschool.co.uk 020 8373 6419
304 5410	Preston Manor School Carlton Avenue East, Wembley HA9 8NA	No	Academy	www.preston-manor.com info@preston-manor.com 020 8385 4040
304 5403	Queens Park Community School Aylestone Avenue, London NW6 7BQ	No	Academy	www.qpcs.brent.sch.uk info@qpcs.brent.sch.uk 020 8438 1700
304 5404	St. Claudine's Catholic School for Girls Crownhill Road, London NW10 4EP	Yes	Academy	www.stclaudines.co.uk office@stclaudines.co.uk 020 8965 2986
304 5406	St Gregory's Catholic Science College Donnington Road, Kenton, Harrow HA3 0NB	Yes	Academy	www.stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk schooloffice@stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk 020 8907 8828
304 4006	Wembley High Technology College East Lane, North Wembley HA0 3NT	No	Academy	www.whtc.co.uk reception@whtc.co.uk 020 8385 4800

* SIF = supplementary information form

Apply for your child's school place online

eadmissions.org.uk

Applying online for a school place is quick and easy. Follow the steps below and you are ready to start your child's online application.

- Each screen will explain what you need to do; there are guidance notes on the left hand side of the screen to help you.
- You can select any text that is underlined (usually a question/section of the form that needs to be completed) and this will open in a new window with an explanation of what is required.

Step 1: Getting started

- Before you start your online application, you will need to do some research.
- See the authority's website for details about how applications are processed.
- Visit schools.
- Check school websites.
- Read the admissions criteria for the schools you are interested in.
- Check how places were offered in previous years.
- You should check transport policies for local authorities (outside London).

Step 2: What to do if this is the first time you are applying online using eAdmissions

- If you have used the eAdmissions system in the last three years to apply for a school place for any of your children you do not need to register again. Instead please go to Step 3.
- If this is the first time you are using the eAdmissions website you must register to apply online.
- You will need an email address to register.
- If you already have an email address you should set your spam/junk mail filter to 'Standard' so that

emails from eAdmissions go straight to your inbox. You should check your spam/junk email folder now and then to make sure that messages from the eAdmissions website are not sent there by mistake.

- You can also sign up to get notifications during the admissions process by text message.
- It is important that you register well before the deadline, in case there are any problems making your application. The closing date is: 31 October for Secondary and 14/19 (Studio Schools and UTCs) applications.
- If this is the first time you have applied choose 'First time visitors - create a new account' and follow the instructions on screen.
- You will then be asked to create your own password.
- Your username will be displayed on screen, make a note of it.
- Select 'Login to eAdmissions' and enter the password that you have just created. Please keep your username and password safe as you will need them to login and apply for any other children you have, and to see the outcome of your application.
- You must validate your email address before you can continue your application. Check your emails for the 'Email validation and username' email and follow the instructions in the email.
- The email will also contain a link which will take you to the eAdmissions login page to start your application. Please jump to Step 4

Step 3: What to do if you have applied before using eAdmissions or you have just registered and received your user name

- On the home page select 'Existing account' and enter your username and password.
- If you have forgotten your username or password we can re-send them to you when you select the 'Reset password / Forgotten username?' link and follow the instructions on screen.

- We will send you an email to the email address you used when you first registered (please check you spam/junk folder as it may have gone there).

Step 4: Adding your child's details

- The next page is your home page called 'Your home page'. If you can see your child's name listed on the page, select the 'Add schools' button below the child's name.
- If your child's name is not listed, select the 'Start an application' button at the top of the page. Enter the details requested about the child you are making the application for on the 'Child details' page and select the 'Save and continue' button.

Please remember

- Council tax account number: Brent Council ask you to provide this information for the address where your child lives.
- Child's current school: Please select the school from the drop down list. Only type the name of the school in the box if your child is at a independent school or you cannot see the current school name listed.
- Twins or triplets: If you have twins or triplets you must make an application for each child and tick the multiple birth box.

Step 5: Adding school preferences

- Click 'Add school' to complete the Preferences section. Change the local authority if the school is outside Brent.
- Make sure you include the details of any brothers or sisters who will be attending one of the schools or linked schools you have applied for. If you do not tell us, you may lose out on the sibling criterion.
- Please be aware that not all schools have a medical or social criteria, please check before selecting your schools.
- If the schools you have selected allow medical or social criteria and you would like your child to be considered under this criteria you must tick the relevant box and attach supporting evidence. You can attach documents once you have submitted your application. **If you do not provide the evidence to support your application, your request cannot be considered under that criterion.**

- Some schools ask you to fill in extra forms called supplementary information forms (SIF). If you do not fill in these forms and/or send them direct to the relevant school, you risk your chance of getting a place at these schools.

- It is your responsibility to check that your online application is fully completed and that you have entered all details correctly. If you do not tick certain boxes or enter relevant information (for example the sibling box) your application will not be considered under that criterion.
- Each time you fill in the information on a page, make sure that you select 'Continue' button or the information will not be registered. Select 'Add school' to add further schools to your application. When you have finished adding school to your application then select 'Confirm selection'.

Step 6: Submitting your application

- You can make changes to your online application up until the closing date. Each time you make a change you must resubmit your application.
- Check your application carefully. If you need to make changes use the 'Back' button at the top of the page. Then from the 'Your home page' you can edit the child's details by choosing the 'Edit details' option next to your child's name. You can edit the schools by choosing the 'Edit selected schools' option next to the schools list.
- Read and agree the declarations by clicking in the boxes then click 'Submit Application'.
- After you have submitted your application you will receive an email confirming details of your online application. The email will list an application reference number similar to this: 304-2027-09-E-654321.
- If you do not receive a number it means your application was not submitted successfully and you must login and select the 'Submit application' button again.
- If you have made changes to your details or your child's details, you will have to resubmit your application. Check the 'Your home page' page to confirm all changes have been submitted.

Step 7: Attaching documents

Many local authorities need you to send them information to support your application. You can find out what each local authority needs by reading their information booklet about applying for school places. Select 'Local Authority details' button on the left hand side bar. Documents you may need to attach:

- Confirmation of, your child's address and their date of birth.
- Information to support your application such as doctors letters if you have applied under the medical criterion.
- Information to confirm your child was looked after or previously looked after.
- Information to confirm that you are a member of the UK Services or a crown servant (see page 13).

Important information

If you have ticked any of the categories above and do not provide evidence to show this, the local authority is unlikely to take account of this when making allocations.

What happens next?

- If you submitted your application by the closing date, you will be sent the outcome of your application during the evening of the published national offer day.
- You should respond within 14 days. To accept or decline your offer you should log back in to your eAdmissions account and select the 'View outcome of application and respond' button.

Receipt details

Keep a record of your application reference number as you may need to refer to this at a later date.

How applications are considered

- All secondary schools in Brent are their own admission authority and admission decisions are made by the Governing Board or the academy trust according to their admission arrangements.
- The admission criteria are used to determine the order in which offers are made and will be used if more applications are received for any school than there are places available.
- Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names a specific school will be admitted to that school. The admission criteria are then applied to all other children.
- If a school receives fewer applications than places available, all children will be offered, where the school is the highest available preference.
- A summary of admission arrangements and detailed information for each school is available on pages 17 to 32. The full admission policies are available online at **www.brent.gov.uk/admissionarrangements**.
- All schools operate a tie break to distinguish between students in the same criteria with equal priority. Please check each school's full admission arrangements for details.

Your child's address

- The address used must be the child's permanent home address on 31 October 2026.
- Do not list an address of a relative or someone who provides temporary care for your child, a business address, a childminder's address or any address other than the child's permanent home address.
- If the family own a property but are living at and apply from a different address, the council will assume that the second address is temporary and that the property that you own is where the child ordinarily lives.

Proof of address

- We do not require proof of address to be sent in with your application.
- Please supply your council tax reference number on the application (e.g. from your bill). If you don't pay council tax directly, please leave this question blank.
- Brent Council will check internal council databases in order to verify your address.
- Where it is not possible to verify your address or you have recently moved, we may write to you asking for two proofs of address.

Children living at two addresses

- An application can only be processed from one address.
- The application should include the address the child normally lives at for the majority of the school week.
- If a child resides equally between two addresses, it is the parents' responsibility to agree between themselves which address will be used. One application should be submitted using the address agreed by both parents.

Change of address

- We can only accept changes of address after you have moved. We will not process your application from an intended future address.
- If you move address prior to the closing date (31 October 2026) you should update your address online and resubmit your application. If the closing date has passed, you must tell the council immediately by emailing **school.admissions@brent.gov.uk**.
- You must supply evidence of your change of address.
- Evidence must be received on or before Monday 7 December 2026 in order for your new address to be used when processing your application and calculating home to school distances.
- If we receive evidence of your change of address after 7 December 2026, we will update your home

to school distances after 1 March 2027 (national offer day).

Fraudulent applications

- Brent Council takes any attempt to obtain a school place through fraudulent means very seriously.
- We will verify addresses to ensure that places are allocated appropriately and fairly.
- Any address proof or supporting documentation which is false or deliberately misleading may lead to offers being withdrawn.
- Stringent checks will be carried out to ensure applications are not fraudulent.
- Home visits may be carried out to verify addresses.
- All reports of fraudulent activity will be investigated. An offer of a place obtained fraudulently may be withdrawn at any time, even after school starts in September 2027.

Children with special needs

- If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), please do not complete an application. See page 35 for more detailed information and advice.
- You should contact Brent Special Educational Needs Assessment Service (SENAS) on 020 8937 3229 or **sen.assessments@brent.gov.uk** who will manage your child's transition to secondary school.

Exceptional social/medical circumstances

- Some schools give higher priority to children with social or medical needs, even if they do not have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
- If you state a preference for a particular school because of the medical, social or special educational needs of your child you must demonstrate how only this school can meet your child's needs.
- To be considered on this basis you must submit independent, professional evidence which sets out the particular reasons why the school is the most suitable and the difficulties that could be caused if your child has to attend another school.
- Your evidence should be submitted directly to the school and attached to your online application. It will normally be in the form of a report from a suitably qualified, independent professional like a doctor.
- Evidence should be submitted by 31 October 2026 (the closing date for on time applications). Evidence submitted after this date may not be considered until after national offer day (1 March 2027).

- See individual schools' admission criteria for further information (pages 17 to 32).

Looked after and previously looked after children

- If you are completing the application for a looked after child or a child who was previously looked after (including adopted from state care outside England), please indicate this on the application.
- Applicants must name the council who looks after the child and provide a letter from the social worker confirming that the child is in care.
- Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order, or who were adopted from state care abroad.
- If the child was adopted immediately after being in care, please provide a copy of the child arrangements order, special guardianship order or proof of adoption from your child's home authority.

All-Through schools

- Ark Academy and Preston Manor are "All-Through" schools which educate children aged between four and 18. Primary school students in Year 6 continue directly into the secondary school, with a guaranteed place in Year 7.
- Ark Academy admits 180 students to Year 7 in 2026 of whom 60 may be students progressing from Year 6 within the school. Similarly Preston Manor School admits 252 students to Year 7 in 2026 of whom 60 may be students progressing from Year 6 within the school.
- If your child currently attends Year 6 at Ark Academy or Preston Manor School
 - If you want to stay at Ark Academy/Preston Manor School for Year 7 and you are not interested in any other schools you will be offered a place automatically. You do not need to apply.
 - If you wish to change school for Year 7 you must apply. List the schools you want more than Ark Academy/Preston Manor School in the order you prefer them. The first preference is the school you want the most.
 - If you list your current school as a preference, that preference will be withdrawn and only your other preferences will be considered. If a preference school cannot be offered, an alternative school will not be offered, as your child already has a place for Year 7.

Supplementary Information Forms (SIFs)

- Some schools require an additional or Supplementary

Information Form (SIF) to be completed in addition to the normal application.

- Use the information on pages 17 to 32 find out which Brent schools require a SIF.
- Completed SIFs must be submitted directly to the school by the closing date, 31 October 2026.
- SIFs can be obtained directly from school or downloaded from the school website.
- Failure to complete a SIF may result in your application to that particular school being given a lower priority.

Twins and multiple births

- Parents with multiple birth children must complete a separate application form for each child.
- Most schools have admission arrangements that ensure multiple birth children will be offered places together, even if this means the school will admit more than their published admission number.
- The full admission arrangements for each school are available on the school or Brent Council's website.

Children educated outside their normal age group

- In some cases a child may currently be educated a year group below or above their chronological year group.
- If this applies to your child you should submit a letter with your application from your child's current head teacher explaining why they are being educated outside their chronological age group.
- Each secondary school you list will receive a copy of the letter and the head teacher or chair of governors will decide whether your child can be admitted outside their chronological age group.
- Email **school.admissions@brent.gov.uk** for further information.
- Delayed entry applications for Brent schools can be made when your child reaches Year 6 (the academic year in which they turn 12 years old), however some local authorities and schools outside Brent may request that initial applications are made in the academic year in which your child turns 11 years old. You should carefully review the information provided by other local authorities if you are considering applying for a school outside Brent.
- If you are applying for a child outside their normal cohort, you will need to contact the Brent Admissions Team to ask us to set up your e-Admissions account so that you can make an application outside the normal date of birth range. Contact us on 020 8937 3110 or at **school.admissions@brent.gov.uk**.

Late applications

- Applications received after 31 October 2026 will be considered as late.
- If there are exceptional circumstances why your application was received after the deadline, please provide independent written evidence by Monday 7 December 2026 (from someone who is impartial) explaining why the application was late.
- The evidence you provide will be considered by Brent school admissions who will decide if your application will be processed as late or on time.
- Late applications will only be considered after all the other applications that were received on time have been offered a place. For this reason late applicants are very unlikely to be offered one of their preferred schools.

Changing preferences

- If you wish to change your preferences before the closing date (31 October 2026) you should login to the online application system, edit and resubmit your application.
- If you wish to change your preferences after 31 October 2026 use the online form at **www.brent.gov.uk/changeapplicationdetails**. Changes of preference cannot be accepted over the telephone.
- Regardless of the circumstances, changes requested after the closing date can only be included for the second and subsequent rounds of offers after national offer day, 1 March 2027 (see page 14).

In-Year Admissions

An in-year application is any application for a school place made outside the normal admissions rounds (reception and year 7 and, where applicable, year 3 and year 10).

The normal admissions rounds are for entry into school in September; whereas, the in-year applications are for parents who either wish for their child to change schools, or who have moved to the area and need their child to start a new school during the academic year.

Parents wishing to apply for an in-year transfer to a Brent school can apply by completing the in-year application form available at **www.brent.gov.uk/inyearadmissions**, which also has full details about the application process. Some schools accept their own applications directly and information about where to submit your application is provided in the guidance notes available online or on request.

Brent residents wishing to apply for an in-year transfer to a school that is not in the borough need to apply to the relevant local authority or school directly. We would suggest that parents contact the local authority first to find out about the individual admission arrangements in their area.

Where a school is full, its published admission criteria will be used to decide the order in which applicants will be added to the waiting list (if applicable). Where a school has vacancies, a place will be offered for the child.

In-Year Fair Access Protocol

The School Admissions Code requires that all local authorities must have an in-year fair access (IYFA) protocol. This is to ensure that children without a school place – especially the most vulnerable – are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible. The operation of the Brent IYFA protocol is triggered when a parent of an eligible child has not secured a place under in-year admission arrangements.

Children of UK Service Personnel

For families of UK service personnel with a confirmed posting to the area (or crown servants returning from overseas) admissions can be allocated in advance of arriving in Brent.

This is to ensure that children of UK service personnel are not disadvantaged when applying for schools as a result of their mobility. These rules were introduced as a contribution to the Government's commitment to the Military Covenant; however, they do not give automatic priority to service children over other children.

If you are moving to the borough of Brent as a result of a posting, please complete a common application form by the closing date, using your posting address. The application must be accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date, a unit postal address or quartering area address.

Your application will be processed using your posting address and in accordance with each individual school's criteria.

Sixth form admissions (Year 12-13)

Each secondary school in Brent has a sixth form provision for children in Years 12 and 13. Admissions to the sixth form are not co-ordinated by the local authority. If you have a child eligible to apply for post-16 education or you would like information about open evenings and admissions procedures, please contact each school directly. Contact details for secondary schools can be found on pages 17 to 32.

14-19 applications

Children currently in Year 9 can apply to attend Studio Schools and University Technical Colleges which offer education for children aged 14-19 years old. Further information about the establishments within a reasonable travelling distance from Brent can be found on page 33.

Section 2 – Offers

How we process your application

Brent school admissions work closely with schools and other local authorities so that every child is offered a place at the highest preference school for which they qualify. The process involves the following stages:

1. Exchange information

Applications are processed and addresses checked, and your details are sent to schools. The schools do not know the order of your preferences.

Additional information

Supporting documentation for your application should be sent to the schools directly as well as to the Brent school admissions team via the online application system. Some schools require you to return a SIF (Supplementary Information Form) directly to the school. Check your preferred schools, pages 17 to 32.

2. Rank applications

Schools rank applications according to their published admission criteria to determine which children have priority for places. Brent schools decide whether your child qualifies for a place, not the council.

Which criteria relate to your child?

Check the admission criteria for your preferred schools, pages 17 to 32.

3. Offer places

Every school has a maximum number of children that can be admitted. The ranked lists for each school are used to determine the highest preference your child can be offered. If your child qualifies for more than one school, the order of your preferences determines which school is offered.

What if the offer isn't any of my preferred schools?

The council will offer every Brent child a place. If your child does not qualify for a place at any of your preferred schools, a place is offered at the nearest school to your home with an available place at that time.

Offers

- National offer day is Monday 1 March 2027.
- Offer emails are sent in the evening of 1 March 2027.
- The online application system is updated with offers and applicants can respond from the evening of 1 March 2027.
- Offer letters are only posted to applicants who were unable to use the online system. Letters are posted on national offer day. If you have not received notification of your offer by Wednesday 3 March 2027, contact Brent school admissions.

Responding to offers (accepting/rejecting)

- Please respond to your offer by 15 March 2027.
- You must respond to the offer online by logging into the online application system (www.eadmissions.org.uk) using your email address or username and password.
- You are strongly advised to accept the place offered. Accepting the offer secures the school for your child, so you have a back-up, in case you're unsuccessful in seeking a higher preference in the second or third rounds or if you appeal, and your appeal is not upheld.
- Accepting the place does not affect your waiting list position or right to appeals.
- If you do not accept the offer, the place may be offered to another applicant, and subsequent offers may be further away from your home.

Further Offers

- After national offer day Brent school admissions continue to process applications and make offers on behalf of schools until the end of August. Schools do not offer places directly.
- Two additional rounds of offers will be sent out according to the timetable below.
- Offer notifications will only be sent in the second or third rounds to late applicants who have not already received an offer and other applicants where we are able to offer a higher preference.

Further offers timetable	Second Round	Third Round
Deadline Last date for changes to be included in the round (e.g. changed address/preferences)	15 March 2027	30 April 2027
Offer Offers will be sent by first class post to successful applicants only	Week ending 26 March 2027	Week ending 21 May 2027
Response Successful applicants must respond by this date	2 April 2027	28 May 2027

Waiting lists

- If we cannot offer your first preference on national offer day, then your child will be automatically added to the waiting list for each school you ranked as a higher preference than the school offered.
- Any vacancies available in the second and third round will be offered to applicants on the waiting list.
- Priority on the waiting list is determined by the admission criteria for each school. There is no guarantee that a place will be offered for your child off the waiting list.
- When an applicant on a waiting list is offered a place any previous offer will be automatically withdrawn. You will not be given a choice between your current offer and the new offer. If you are happy with your current offer then you must advise Brent school admissions to remove your child from waiting lists.
- Your child's position on the waiting list can go up as well as down when applicants are offered a place or join the list.
- Waiting lists are not operated on a first come, first served basis. The length of time your child is on the waiting list will not give them priority over other applicants.
- **Please note:** Waiting lists for Brent schools will be maintained until at least the end of December 2027. Some schools may have different arrangements for maintaining waiting lists after this period. To ensure that your child remains on the waiting list and in consideration after the end of the year you must make a separate 2027/28 In-Year application online. In-Year applications for 2027/28 will open on Monday 5 July 2027, visit www.brent.gov.uk/inyearadmissions. The local authority will not contact you to remind you to re-apply.

Appeals

- If your child is not offered a place at one of the schools you listed on your application, you can appeal against this decision to an independent appeal panel.
- Appeals are heard by a panel of three members of the public who are independent of the school and the local authority.
- Brent secondary schools manage their appeals directly, Brent Council is not involved.
- You must approach each school directly if you wish to appeal for a place.
- Your offer letter will give information about how to appeal.
- The deadline for submitting an appeal is set by each school and must be at least 20 school days after National Offer Day.
- Appeals must be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals.

Section 3 – Brent secondary schools

How places were allocated at Brent secondary schools – September 2026

Data as at 2 March 2026 (National Offer Day). EHCP – Education, Health and Care plan

School Name (Admission Number)	Criteria/ Band	Number of applications	Number of offers	Max distance in metres	Status
Alperton Community School (324)	EHCP Looked After Children/ Previously Looked After Sibling Feeder School Distance TOTAL	694	3 1 112 132 76 324	7228.01 4081.35 1584.73	Oversubscribed
Ark Academy (180)	EHCP Looked After Children/ Previously Looked After Reserved for children in Year 6 Sibling Distance TOTAL	790	2 1 47 47 893 180	4084.53 1427.74	Oversubscribed
Ark Elvin Academy (210)	EHCP Looked After Children/ Previously Looked After Sibling Distance TOTAL	603	5 1 61 143 210	4913.27 2646.8	Oversubscribed
Claremont High School (270)	EHCP Looked After Children/ Previously Looked After Sibling Children of Staff Feeder School Aptitude In Music Distance TOTAL	973	10 1 103 2 125 27 2 270	6278.48 4929.37 7549.53 325.1	Oversubscribed
E-ACT Crest Academy (330)	Sibling Feeder School Distance Nearest school with a vacancy TOTAL	144	13 25 24 44 106	2127.91 8634.76 3174.95 6289.41	Undersubscribed
Harris Lowe Academy Willesden (210)	Sibling Distance Nearest school with a vacancy TOTAL	285	49 65 44 158		Undersubscribed
JFS (300)	EHCP Sibling with C P R Feeder Sinai Feeder Nwljds All Other Crp Priority Applicants TOTAL	772	12 188 26 8 116 350	14673.12 20482.47 11356.52 25201.99	Oversubscribed
Kingsbury High School (336)	EHCP Sibling Children of Staff Feeder School Distance Nearest school with a vacancy TOTAL	539	6 123 2 81 80 44 336	5592.67 4900.78 34503.04 5014.14	Fully subscribed
Michaela Community School (120)	EHCP Looked After Children Siblings At The School Children Who Live Within A 5 Mile Radius TOTAL	925	8 2 36 74 120	12536.92 6532.43	Oversubscribed
Newman Catholic College (120)	EHCP Practising Catholic, Priest Ref, With Sibling Practising Catholic, Priest Ref, Distance Nearest school with a vacancy TOTAL	89	3 10 25 27 65	2875.22 2449.2 4152	Undersubscribed
North Brent School (180)	Looked After Children/ Previously Looked After Sibling Distance - Zone A Distance - Zone B TOTAL	557	1 37 129 43 210	7798.16 4894.51 705.19	Oversubscribed
Preston Manor School (252)	EHCP Looked After Children/ Previously Looked After Reserved for children in Year 6 Sibling Distance Nearest school with a vacancy TOTAL	452	12 2 60 44 97 37 252	6914.97 4789.53 1721.4	Fully subscribed
Queens Park Community School (216)	EHCP Looked After Children/ Previously Looked After Sibling 12 Distance Feeder School TOTAL	563	4 1 70 12 129 216	4010.19 814.29 1687.11	Oversubscribed
St Claudine's Catholic School for Girls (180)	EHCP Practising Catholic Applicants Christian, Bapt, Reg Church Att, Minister Support, Parent Cath Edu Other Baptised Catholics With Sibling Other Baptised Catholics Other Applicants With Siblings All Other Applicants Nearest school with a vacancy TOTAL	150	1 1 1 1 6 6 54 27 97	624.48 3616.79 3008.52 8642.21 4412.17 5662.24 6362.41	Undersubscribed
St Gregory's Catholic Science College (192)	EHCP Catholic - L A C/ Adopted Bapt Cath With Certificate Of Catholic Practice, All Saints Trust Bapt Cath With Certificate Of Catholic Practice, Sibling Bapt Cath With Certificate Of Catholic Practice, Staff Bapt Cath With Certificate Of Catholic Practice Catechumens And Bapt Children, All Saints Trust Catechumens And Bapt Children, Sibling Catechumens And Bapt Children Other Baptised Catholics, All Saints Trust Other Baptised Catholics Children From Christian Families, All Saints Trust Children From Christian Families, Sibling Other Children With Sibling TOTAL	536	3 1 26 50 3 88 3 2 8 1 4 1 2 1 193	9409.04 7615.35 7857.27 3340 1750.02 5078.01 1543.84 7454.75 877.53 3178.68 3103.71	Oversubscribed
Wembley High Technology College (210)	Looked After Children/ Previously Looked After Social/Medical Sibling Children of Staff Feeder School-East Lane Primary School Feeder School TOTAL	1124	1 1 102 1 44 81 230	1266.72 8218.6 14296.62 1153.47	Oversubscribed

Alperton Community School

www.alperton.brent.sch.uk

DfE number: **3045405**

Head teacher: **Mr Christopher Dixon**

Stanley Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 4JE

Tel: **020 8902 2038**

Email: **office@alperton.brent.sch.uk**

Supplementary information form needed? **No**

Denomination: **None**

Age range: **11-18 years**

Type: **Academy**

Specialism: **None**

Published admission number (Year 7): 324

Number of pupils at the school in January 2026: **1929**

Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions: **694**

Physical accessibility **Full**

Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC) **BC and ASC**

Admission Criteria

1. Looked-after children and all previously looked-after children who apply for a place at the school, including internationally adopted previously looked after children.
2. Children with siblings at the school on the date of admission. Siblings include half and step brothers and sisters and foster children so long as they live at the same address - but not cousins. Pupils transferring to the sixth form or pupils on roll in roll in the sixth form are not considered as sibling connections.
3. Children attending one of following Feeder primary schools at the time of application: Lyon Park, Barham, Vicar's Green and Oakington Manor.
4. Special medical or social needs. These reasons must relate to the student and does not apply to family members. Parents applying under this criterion must provide supporting evidence from a professional e.g. a consultant, stating why Alperton Community School is the most suitable school and the difficulties caused if the child attends another school.
5. Children living nearer the school at the time of application. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the pupil's permanent address to the school gate on Ealing Road.

Tie Breaker

If two or more applications that cannot be separated by the admission criteria outlined above priority will be given to children who live closest to the school.

Distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to the school's front gates on Ealing Road.

Where the distance between two or more children's homes and the school is the same, random allocation will be used to decide who has priority for admission.

Head teacher: Mrs Delia Smith OBE	
Bridge Road, Wembley, HA9 9JP	
Tel: 020 8385 4370	
Email: info@arkacademy.org	
Supplementary information form needed?	No
Denomination:	None
Age range:	3-18 years
Type:	Academy
Specialism:	Mathematics and Citizenship
Published admission number (Year 7):	180
Year 7 external places	120
Number of pupils at the school in January 2026:	1639
Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions:	790
Physical accessibility:	Full
School is on three levels. There is a lift and there are also wheelchair accessible toilets.	
Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC)	No

Ark Academy will admit up to a total of 180 students to Year 7 in 2027 of whom 60 may be students progressing from Year 6 within the school. See page 12 for further information about All-Through schools.

Admission Criteria

1. 'Looked After Children' and children who have previously been a 'Looked After Child' but immediately following this became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, including those who appear (to Ark Schools) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children of staff at the school where the member of staff has been recruited to a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Priority will be limited to one place for each form of entry in any year (e.g. 3 places in each 3-form year group).
3. Children who, at the time of admission, have a sibling who attends the school in Reception to Year 13. Sibling means a whole, half or step brother or sister or an adopted child resident at the same address.
4. Children of staff in the school who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time the application is submitted. Priority will be limited to one place for each form of entry in any year (e.g. 3 places in each 3-form year group).
5. Children who live closest to the school based on straight line distance between the child's home and the school.

Tie Breaker

If Ark Schools is unable to distinguish between applicants using the published admission criteria, random allocation will be used to decide who has priority for admission.

Head teacher: **Mr Peter Cook**

Cecil Avenue, Wembley, HA9 7DU

Tel: **020 8902 6362**

Email: **info@arkelvinacademy.org**

Supplementary information form needed? **No**

Denomination: **None**

Age range: **11-18 years**

Type: **Academy**

Specialism: **Secondary School with Sixth Form**

Published admission number (Year 7): 210

Number of pupils at the school in January 2026: **1314**

Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions: **603**

Physical accessibility: **Full**

Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC) **BC and ASC**

Admission Criteria

1. 'Looked After Children' and children who have previously been a 'Looked After Child' but immediately following this became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, including those who appear (to Ark Schools) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children of staff at the school where the member of staff has been recruited to a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Priority will be limited to one place for each form of entry in any year (i.e. 8 places in each 8-form year group).
3. Children who, at the time of admission, have a sibling who attends the school. Sibling means a whole, half or step-sibling or an adopted child resident at the same address.
4. Children of staff in the school who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time the application is submitted. Priority will be limited to one place for each form of entry in any year (i.e. 8 places in each 8-form year group).
5. Children who live closest to the school based on straight line distance between the child's home and the school.

Tie Breaker

If Ark Schools is unable to distinguish between applicants using the published admission criteria, random allocation will be used to decide who has priority for admission.

Claremont High School

www.claremont-high.org.uk

DfE number: **3045400**

Head teacher: **Mrs Nicola Hyde-Boughey**

Claremont Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, HA3 0UH

Tel: **020 8204 4442**

Email: **admin@claremont-high.org.uk**

Supplementary information form needed? **No**

Denomination: **None**

Age range: **11-18 years**

Type: **Academy**

Specialism: **Performing Arts**

Published admission number (Year 7): 270

Number of pupils at the school in January 2026: **1695**

Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions: **973**

Physical accessibility: **Restricted**

Ground floor accessible in some areas.

Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC) **No**

Admission Criteria

1. Looked after children or children in public care including children who were in care but have since been adopted or become subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.
2. Children for whom it is essential to be admitted to Claremont High School Academy because of special circumstances to do with significant medical needs, social needs or special educational needs. The recommendation must be received in writing from a consultant at an NHS hospital or equivalent. This criterion relates to the child's medical, social and special needs and does not include any other member of the child's family. The supporting evidence should set out the particular reasons Claremont High School Academy is the most suitable school and difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.
3. Children who have a brother(s) and/or sister(s) (including half or stepbrother(s) and sister(s) if residing at the same address) attending Claremont at the time of application and on the date of admission. This excludes a brother(s) or a sister(s) of those students who join the academy in Year 12 or Year 13.

4. Children of members of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years at the time the application is made and/or recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is an evident skill shortage.
5. Up to ten per cent of children will be admitted on the basis of aptitude in music. Each child applying under this criterion will be invited to attend an online musical aptitude assessment at the school.
6. Those children attending one of the four Academy feeder primary schools; Harris Primary Academy South Kenton, Mount Stewart, Preston Park and Uxendon Manor.
7. Other Children.

Tie Breaker

Within each criterion, priority will be given to the applicant who lives closer to the academy. This will be measured in a straight line from the pupil's permanent address to the the main entrance gate on Greenway. A random allocator will be used to determine the offer of a place where two or more children are deemed to live the same distance from the Claremont.

Please note: Criteria 5 and 6 cease to apply to applications and the waiting list from 31st October of the admittance year.

The information above is a summary of the admissions criteria for this school. For the full criteria and admission arrangements please check the school's website or go to www.brent.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. The criteria will apply after children with an Education, Health and Care plan which names the school have been admitted. All schools operate a tie breaker in the event that two or more children have equal priority under the criteria.

E-Act Crest Academy

crestacademy.e-act.org.uk

DfE number: **3046907**

Head teacher: **Ms Andrea Rosewell**

Crest Road, Neasden, NW2 7SN

Tel: **020 8452 4842**

Email: **thecrestacademyinformation@E-ACT.org.uk**

Supplementary information form needed?	No
Denomination:	None
Age range:	11-18 years
Type:	Academy
Specialism:	None

Published admission number (Year 7):	330
Number of pupils at the school in January 2026:	1116
Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions:	144

Physical accessibility:	Restricted
The school has access and lift facilities on all floors, however there are restrictions on floors 3 and above.	
The school has a number of disabled toilets located around the Academy	

Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC)	BC and ASC
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3. Children who attend Braintcroft E-ACT Primary Academy.

4. Children whose parent/carer is employed by E-ACT (teaching and non-teaching) at the Crest Academy site who has either been employed at the school for two (2) or more years at the time of application or has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Applications under this criterion must be supported by the completion and submission of a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) by the published deadline.

5. Children living nearest to the school.

6. Tie Breaker

Where two or more applications cannot be separated by the admission criteria outlined above, priority will be given to the child living nearest to the school, measured in accordance with the distance methodology used by the relevant Local Authority.

Where two or more applicants live at the same distance from the school and it is therefore not possible to determine priority, random allocation will be used to decide between them.

Admission Criteria

- 1.** 'Looked After Children' and children who have previously been a 'Looked After Child' but immediately following this became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, including those who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2.** Children who will have siblings on the roll of the school at the point of the new pupil joining the school. Sibling means a brother or sister, half-brother or half-sister (sharing one common parent), step-brother or step-sister living at the same address, and adopted or fostered children living at the same address.

Harris Lowe Academy Willesden

www.harrislowewillesden.org.uk

DfE number: **3046905**

Head teacher: Mr Josh Deery	
Doyle Gardens, Willesden, NW10 3ST	
Tel: 020 8838 8700	
Email: info@harrislowewillesden.org.uk	
Supplementary information form needed?	No
Denomination:	None
Age range:	11-18 years
Type:	Academy
Specialism:	None
Published admission number (Year 7):	180
Number of pupils at the school in January 2026:	1149
Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions:	285
Physical accessibility:	Full
School has 3 levels with a lift to all floors and three accessible toilets	
Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC)	BC and ASC

Admission Criteria

1. 'Looked After Children' and children who have previously been a 'Looked After Child' but immediately following this became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, including those who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children with Exceptional medical or social need which means that only Harris Lowe Academy Willesden is suitable for the child to attend, and no other local school is suitable. To apply under this category you must submit the Exceptional Social and/or Medical Need Supplementary Information Form available from the Academy's website before the closing date.

3. Children with a sibling at the Academy in Years 7 to 11 at the time of application and admission.

For the purpose of this category, a 'sibling' is a full sibling (sharing both parents), a half sibling (sharing one parent), a step sibling (one child's parent married to the other child's parent), or a child of their parent's cohabiting partner. In all cases, the sibling must live at the child's home address as part of the same core family unit.

4. Children of staff members employed at Harris Lowe Academy Willesden. For inclusion in this category, the staff member must be permanently based at Harris Lowe Academy Willesden for more than 50% of their normal working hours each week during term time, and have been:

- Employed for at least two years at the time of application; and/or
- Recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage, as confirmed by their HR Manager.

5. All other children - This category will include all children who do not fall into any of the admission categories above.

Tie Breaker

Where there are more applications than places remaining in any of the admission categories, the order in which places will be allocated will be determined by the distance between the child's home address and the Academy, with those living nearest receiving highest priority.

Where two or more children live an equal distance from the Academy the order in which places are allocated will be determined by random allocation.

The information above is a summary of the admissions criteria for this school. For the full criteria and admission arrangements please check the school's website or go to www.brent.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. The criteria will apply after children with an Education, Health and Care plan which names the school have been admitted. All schools operate a tie breaker in the event that two or more children have equal priority under the criteria.

Head teacher: **Dr David Moody**

The Mall, Kenton, Harrow, HA3 9TE

Tel: **020 8206 3100**

Email: **reception@jfs.brent.sch.uk**

Supplementary information form needed? **Yes**

Denomination: **Jewish**

Age range: **11-18 years**

Type: **Voluntary-Aided**

Specialism: **None**

Published admission number (Year 7): 300

Number of pupils at the school in January 2026: **2091**

Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions: **772**

Physical accessibility: **Full**

Lifts to all floors.

Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC) **BC and ASC**

5. All other children who meet the religious practice test.

6. All other looked after or previously looked after children.

7. All other children.

Tie Breaker

In any of the above admission categories, if there are more applicants than there are places available, the order in which places are allocated will be determined by random allocation, which will be carried out by Brent Local Authority using its Schools Admissions Module software which is independently verified.

Admission Criteria

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children who (in either case) meet the religious practice test.
2. Children who meet the religious practice test who have accommodation provided for them by a Jewish care home or care organisation.
3. Children who meet the religious practice test who have a sibling at the School at the time of application or who formerly attended the School for a period of at least three consecutive terms within the 5 years preceding the proposed date of entry.
4. Children who meet the religious practice test and who at the time of the application attend the following schools:
 - 26 places will be allocated to children who attend Sinai Jewish Primary School
 - 9 places will be allocated to children who attend North West London Jewish Day School.

Kingsbury High School

www.kingsburyhigh.org.uk

DfE number: **3045402**

Head teacher: **Mr Alex Thomas**

Princes Avenue, Kingsbury, NW9 9JR

Tel: **020 8206 3000**

Email: **school@kingsburyhigh.org.uk**

Supplementary information form needed? **No**

Denomination: **None**

Age range: **11-18 years**

Type: **Academy**

Specialism: **None**

Published admission number (Year 7): 336

Number of pupils at the school in January 2026: **2001**

Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions: **539**

Physical accessibility: **Full**

Lift access available.

Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC) **BC and ASC**

4. Children of staff at the school where the member of staff has been employed for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or who is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Children who attend named feeder schools. Fryent Primary School; Kingsbury Green Primary School; Oliver Goldsmith Primary School and Roe Green Junior School.
6. Any remaining places will be filled according to the distance of the child's home from the school, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address (including flats) to the mid-point between the Lower and Upper School, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system.

Tie Breaker

Where two or more applications that cannot be separated by the admission criteria outlined above, the school will use random allocation as a tie-break to decide between applications.

Admission Criteria

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children.
2. Children with siblings on roll at the point of application.
3. Children with significant medical needs requiring a level of education best met by admission to this school. Applications should be supported in writing with a recommendation from a recognised professional of senior status. This criterion relates to the child's medical needs and does not include another member of the child's family.

The information above is a summary of the admissions criteria for this school. For the full criteria and admission arrangements please check the school's website or go to www.brent.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. The criteria will apply after children with an Education, Health and Care plan which names the school have been admitted. All schools operate a tie breaker in the event that two or more children have equal priority under the criteria.

Michaela Community School

michaela.education

DfE number: **3044000**

Head teacher: **Ms Katharine Birbalsingh**

North End Road, Wembley, HA9 0UU

Tel: **020 8795 3183**

Email: **info@mcsbrent.co.uk**

Supplementary information form needed? **No**

Denomination: **None**

Age range: **11-18 years**

Type: **Free School**

Specialism: **None**

Published admission number (Year 7): 120

Number of pupils at the school in January 2026: **747**

Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions: **925**

Physical accessibility: **Full**

School has 7 floors but we have a lift to all floors.
Wheelchair accessible toilets on all floors. Accessible entrance to school through vehicle gate.

Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC) **No**

Admission Criteria

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. A child with a sibling on roll in years 8-11 at the time of admission.
3. Applicants who are children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - 3a. Where the member of staff has been employed at the school permanently for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or;
 - 3b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage, and has successfully completed the probationary period.
4. Random allocation for children within a 5 mile radius from the school. The random allocation of places is carried out using Brent Council's admissions software. This process is carried out by someone independent of the school and a fresh round of random allocation is used each time a child is offered a place from a waiting list.
5. Distance over 5 miles from the school. The distance from the child's permanent home address to the school. Priority will be given to the child living nearest the school. Distances are measured using the post office address point of the home to the post office address point of the school using Brent Council's computerised distance measuring software.

Where a child lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the permanent home address for the purposes of school admissions will be the one where the child spends the majority of school nights Monday-Friday.

Tie Breaker

Where two applications cannot otherwise be separated because the distance from the applicants' home address to the school is equal, the order in which places will be allocated will be determined by random lottery in the presence of a person who is independent of the school.

Newman Catholic College

www.ncc.brent.sch.uk

DfE number: **3045407**

Head teacher: **Mr Marius Carney**

Harlesden Road, NW10 3RN

Tel: **020 8965 3947**

Email: **office@ncc.brent.sch.uk**

Supplementary information form needed? **No**

Denomination: **Catholic**

Age range: **11-18 years**

Type: **Voluntary Aided**

Specialism: **Mathematics and Computing**

Published admission number (Year 7): 120

Number of pupils at the school in January 2026: **582**

Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions: **89**

Physical accessibility: **Restricted**

School mostly at ground level.

Wheelchair accessible toilets.

Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC) **BC and ASC**

Newman Catholic College is an all boys' voluntary aided 11-18 comprehensive college.

Admission Criteria

1. Catholic looked after children and Catholic children who have been adopted (or made subject to child arrangements order or special guardianship orders) immediately after having been looked after.
2. A child with a "Certificate of Catholic Practice" (a certificate given by the family's Parish priest). Within this criterion the following order of preference will be applied.
 - 2a. The presence of a brother in the school at the time of admission.
 - 2b. The proximity of the child's home to the school measured in a straight line from the main school gate to the front door of the home.
3. Other baptised Catholic applicants.
4. Other looked after children and children who have been adopted (or made subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately after having been looked after.
5. Those preparing for the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion with the Catholic Church (Catechumens).
6. Members of Christian churches.
7. All other applicants.

Tie Breaker

Where the offer of places to all the applicants in any of the categories listed above would still lead to over subscription, the places up to the admissions number will be offered to those living nearest to the school. The school will use straight line distance measured from the main school gate to the front door of the home address. This will be measured by the local authority on behalf of the school using a computerised geographical mapping system to calculate the distance. In the case of a tie break where two applicants are living equidistant from the school the place will be allocated by random allocation undertaken in the presence of an independent witness.

The information above is a summary of the admissions criteria for this school. For the full criteria and admission arrangements please check the school's website or go to www.brent.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. The criteria will apply after children with an Education, Health and Care plan which names the school have been admitted. All schools operate a tie breaker in the event that two or more children have equal priority under the criteria.

North Brent School

www.northbrentschool.co.uk

DfE number: **3044003**

Head teacher: Mr Edward Martin	
Neasden Lane, London, NW10 2UF	
Tel: : 020 8373 6419	
Email: reception@northbrentschool.co.uk	
Supplementary information form needed?	No
Denomination:	None
Age range:	11-18 years
Type:	Academy
Specialism:	None
Published admission number (Year 7):	180
Number of pupils at the school in January 2026:	521
Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions:	557
Physical accessibility: Ramps, lift, hygiene room.	Full
Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC)	No

Admission Criteria

1. Looked After Children, including previously Looked After Children and children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Special medical or social reasons relating to the student where supporting evidence from a professional e.g. a consultant is provided, stating why North Brent School is the most suitable school and the difficulties caused if the child attends another school.
3. Siblings of students attending North Brent School on the date of admission. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, or adopted brother or sister. The child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.

4. Children of staff of North Brent School in either of the following circumstances:

- 4a. where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; and/or
- 4b. the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

5. Distance Measurement

- 5a. 75% of places will be offered to children who live closest to Wembley High Technology College (Zone A): distance will be measured in a straight line from the main entrance of Wembley High Technology College to the main entrance of the child's permanent address (including flats) [using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system], with those living nearest to the College being accorded the highest priority. Where applicants live in the same block of flats, measurements will be taken from the door of each individual.

- 5b. 25% of places will be offered to children who live closest to the permanent site of North Brent School (Zone B): distance will be measured in a straight line from the main entrance of North Brent School to the main entrance of the child's permanent address (including flats) [using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system], with those living nearest to the school being accorded the highest priority. Where applicants live in the same block of flats, measurements will be taken from the door of each individual.

Tie Breaker

Within each criterion (1-5), priority will be given to the applicant who lives closer to the school (in a straight line from the front door of the child's permanent address to the school reception). A random allocator will be used to determine the offer of a place where two or more children are deemed to live the same distance from the school.

Preston Manor School

www.preston-manor.com

DfE number: **3045410**

Executive Head: **Mr Russell Denial**

Carlton Avenue East, East Wembley, HA9 8NA

Tel: **020 8385 4040**

Email: **info@preston-manor.com**

Supplementary information form needed?	No
Denomination:	None
Age range:	11-19 years
Type:	Academy
Specialism:	None

Published admission number (Year 7):	252
Number of pupils at the school in January 2026:	1902
Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions:	452

Physical accessibility:	Restricted
Access to part of ground floor teaching spaces and facilities, including external spaces. No access to upper floors. School has capacity to deliver and inclusive curriculum through time tabling adjustments, but physical barriers restrict scope.	

Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC)	BC and ASC
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Preston Manor School will admit up to 252 students to Year 7 in 2025 of whom 60 may be students progressing from Year 6 within the school. See page 12 for further information about All-Through schools.

Admission Criteria

1. Children in public care (looked after children) a 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order.
2. Children who have a brother or sister (including blood, half, step, adoptive or foster who live at the same home address) attending the school in the year in which the application is made and will continue to be on roll at the date of admission.

3. Children for whom it is essential to be admitted to Preston Manor School because of special circumstances to do with significant medical needs, social needs or special educational needs. This criterion relates to the child's medical, social and special needs and does not include any other member of the child's family. The supporting evidence should set out the particular reasons Preston Manor School is the most suitable school and difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.
4. Children who have attended Preston Manor Lower School and completed Year 6.
5. Children of Preston Manor School staff, teaching and non-teaching, who have been employed for two or more years, or who will meet a skills shortage.
6. Proximity to the school (for children who do not fall within criteria 1-5) distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's permanent address (including flats) to the school reception, (using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system), with those living nearest to the school being accorded the highest priority. The method used by the LA will be adopted when measuring home to school distance and when selecting between applicants with equal priority and those living in flats.

Tie Breaker

If two or more students have equal priority under criteria 1-5, the criterion of proximity to the school will apply with those living nearest to the school (in a straight line from the front door of the child's permanent address to the school reception) being accorded the highest priority.

The information above is a summary of the admissions criteria for this school. For the full criteria and admission arrangements please check the school's website or go to www.brent.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. The criteria will apply after children with an Education, Health and Care plan which names the school have been admitted. All schools operate a tie breaker in the event that two or more children have equal priority under the criteria.

Queens Park Community School

www.qpcs.brent.sch.uk

DfE number: **3045403**

Head teacher: **Ms Judith Enright**

Aylestone Avenue, NW6 7BQ

Tel: **020 8438 1700**

Email: **info@qpcs.brent.sch.uk**

Supplementary information form needed? **No**

Denomination: **None**

Age range: **11-18 years**

Type: **Academy**

Specialism: **Business**

Published admission number (Year 7): 240

Number of pupils at the school in January 2026: **1328**

Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions: **563**

Physical accessibility: **Full**

School all on three floors. Ground floor fully accessible, lift to first and second floors. Three wheelchair accessible toilets.

Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC) **BC and ASC**

Admission Criteria

1. Looked after children. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. This also includes adopted children from international state care systems.
2. Children with significant special medical or social reasons where the supporting evidence at the time of application (a letter from a registered health professional e.g. a doctor, social worker) sets out the additional difficulties if the child was to attend another school.
3. Children of a member of staff who has been directly employed by the school for at least two years at the time of application or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Children who have a sibling, by birth or marriage, who has attended the school for at least one year, including the sixth form, and is expected to continue to do so on the date of admission. Siblings include half and step brothers and sisters and foster children so long as they live at the same address - but not cousins.
5. Twelve places will be designated for children not attending one of our partnership primary schools, those living closest to QPCS will be accorded the higher priority.
6. Children attending one of our partnership primary schools – (Anson Primary School; Ark Franklin Primary Academy School; Donnington Primary School; Gladstone Park Primary School; Kenmont Primary School; The Kilburn Park School; Malorees Junior School; Princess Frederica CE Primary School; Salusbury Primary School). Priority within this category will be decided by the proximity of the child's home address to the school, with those living nearer to the school being accorded higher priority.
7. Proximity of the child's home address to the school, with those living nearer the school being accorded higher priority.

The information above is a summary of the admissions criteria for this school. For the full criteria and admission arrangements please check the school's website or go to www.brent.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. The criteria will apply after children with an Education, Health and Care plan which names the school have been admitted. All schools operate a tie breaker in the event that two or more children have equal priority under the criteria.

St Claudine's Catholic School for Girls

www.stclaudines.co.uk

DfE number: **3045404**

Head teacher: **Dr Louise McGowan**

Crownhill Road, Willesden, NW10 4EP

Tel: **020 8965 2986**

Email: **office@stclaudines.co.uk**

Supplementary information form needed? **Yes**

Denomination: **Catholic**

Age range: **11-19 years**

Type: **Academy**

Specialism: **None**

Published admission number (Year 7): 150

Number of pupils at the school in January 2026: **858**

Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions: **150**

Physical accessibility: **Restricted**

Stairs access over 4 floors. No lift access.

Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC) **BC and ASC**

3. Other 'looked after' children, previously 'looked after' children who have been adopted, or made subject to child arrangement orders, or special guardianship orders and children who appear to have been in state care (ie in the care of or accommodated by a public authority, religious organisation or any other provider whose sole/main purpose is to benefit society) outside of England but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted only.
4. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.
5. Other children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission.
6. Pupils of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
7. Pupils of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
8. All other applicants.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- (ii) The attendance of a sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

Tie Breaker

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance.

In the event of distances being the same for two or more children priority will be determined via random allocation.

St Claudine's Catholic School for Girls is an all girls' Academy school for 11-19 year olds.

Admission Criteria

1. Catholic 'looked after' children, previously 'looked after' children who have been adopted, or made subject to child arrangement orders, or special guardianship orders and children who appear to have been in state care (ie in the care of or accommodated by a public authority, religious organisation or any other provider whose sole/main purpose is to benefit society) outside of England but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted only.
2. Baptised Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice.

The information above is a summary of the admissions criteria for this school. For the full criteria and admission arrangements please check the school's website or go to www.brent.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. The criteria will apply after children with an Education, Health and Care plan which names the school have been admitted. All schools operate a tie breaker in the event that two or more children have equal priority under the criteria.

St Gregory's Catholic Science College

www.stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk

DfE number: **3045406**

Head teacher: **Mrs Madeleine Moran**

Donnington Road, Kenton, Harrow, HA3 0NB

Tel: **020 8907 8828**

Email: schooloffice@stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk

Supplementary information form needed? **Yes**

Denomination: **Catholic**

Age range: **11-18 years**

Type: **Academy**

Specialism: **Science**

Published admission number (Year 7): 192

Number of pupils at the school in January 2026: **1175**

Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions: **536**

Physical accessibility: **Restricted**

School across 4 floors. Ground floor accessible.

One lift that services half of the main building.

Wheelchair accessible toilet.

Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC) **No**

Within each criterion priority will be given in the following order:

(1) Siblings

The governors will give top priority to children with a sibling at the school at the time of enrolment within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.

(2) Exceptional Need

Second priority after those in 1 above will be given to children whose exceptional medical, social or pastoral needs justify a place at the school. To demonstrate an exceptional social or medical need, which can only be met at this school, the admission authority will require compelling written evidence at the time of application, from an appropriate professional e.g. doctor, priest or social worker.

(3) Staff with children at the school

Third priority after those in 1 or 2 above, will be given to children with a parent employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made.

(4) All Saints' Trust

Fourth priority after those in 1, 2 and 3 above, will be given to applicants attending primary schools in the North Brent Hub ie. St Bernadette's Catholic Nursery and Primary School, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Junior School, St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School.

Tie Breaker

In the event of there being insufficient places to admit all candidates in any of the categories detailed above, priority will be given to candidates living nearest to the school, measured in a straight line from the child's house. The school will adopt the Local Authority method of measuring distance between the school gate and the front door of the home address using a computerised geographical system to calculate the distance in a straight line from the main school gate to the front door of the home address. In the case of a number of addresses in a block with the same geographical reference, priority will be given to those nearest to the main entrance of the block.

Admission Criteria

1. Baptised Catholic "looked after" and previously looked after children.
2. Baptised Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice.
3. Other baptised Catholic children.
4. Other "looked after" and previously looked after children.
5. Catechumens and baptised children of Eastern Christian Churches where the application is supported by either a certificate of baptism or a certificate of reception into the catechumenate of the Catholic Church.
6. Other children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission.
7. Children from Christian families with either a certificate of baptism or a letter from their minister confirming membership of the faith community.
8. Children from other faith backgrounds with a letter from their faith leader confirming membership of the faith community.
9. Any other children.

The information above is a summary of the admissions criteria for this school. For the full criteria and admission arrangements please check the school's website or go to www.brent.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. The criteria will apply after children with an Education, Health and Care plan which names the school have been admitted. All schools operate a tie breaker in the event that two or more children have equal priority under the criteria.

Wembley High Technology College

www.whtc.co.uk

DfE number: **3044006**

Head teacher: Mr Thomas Best	
East Lane, Wembley, HA0 3NT	
Tel: 020 8385 4800	
Email: reception@whtc.co.uk	
Supplementary information form needed?	No
Denomination:	None
Age range:	11-18 years
Type:	Academy
Specialism:	None
Published admission number (Year 7):	210
Number of pupils at the school in January 2026:	1555
Number of on-time applications received for September 2026 admissions:	1124
Physical accessibility:	Restricted
No ramps for wheelchairs, stair access only to upper floor.s	
Breakfast (BC) or After School club (ASC)	No

Admission Criteria

1. Looked After Children, including previously Looked After Children and children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Special medical or social reasons. These reasons must relate to the student and does not apply to family members. Parents applying under this criterion must provide supporting evidence from a professional e.g. a consultant, stating why Wembley High Technology College is the most suitable school and the difficulties caused if the child attends another school.
3. Children who have a sibling at Wembley High Technology College on the date of admission.

4. Children of staff of Wembley High Technology College: priority will be given to children of staff in either of the following circumstances:
 - 4a. where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; and/or
 - 4b the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Feeder Schools: Wembley High has 5 feeder schools: East Lane Primary School, Barham Primary School, Harris Primary Academy South Kenton, Lyon Park Primary School and Sudbury Primary School. First priority will be given to students who attend East Lane Primary School which is within the Wembley Multi Academy Trust. Places will then be allocated from the other 4 feeder schools. Where the number of applications arising from this criteria exceeds the number of places available, those living nearest the college will be accorded a higher priority.
6. Those living closest to the College: distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's permanent address (including flats) to the school reception, [using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system], with those living nearest to the College being accorded the highest priority. Where applicants live in the same block of flats, measurements will be taken from the door of each individual.

Tie Breaker

Within each criterion (1-6), priority will be given to the applicant who lives closer to the College (in a straight line from the front door of the child's permanent address to the school reception). A random allocator will be used to determine the offer of a place where two or more children are deemed to live the same distance from the College.

The information above is a summary of the admissions criteria for this school. For the full criteria and admission arrangements please check the school's website or go to www.brent.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. The criteria will apply after children with an Education, Health and Care plan which names the school have been admitted. All schools operate a tie breaker in the event that two or more children have equal priority under the criteria.

Studio School or University Technical College (UTC) for September 2027

UTCs are set up by universities and businesses and specialise in one or two technical subjects. In years 10 and 11 they offer a similar GCSE curriculum to a typical secondary school, including English and Maths, as well as their specialist subject. You can find out more at www.utcolleges.org.

Studio Schools are similar to UTCs in that they have employer involvement in the curriculum and focus on developing skills needed for employees, involving personal coaching and work experience. They have a similar curriculum to a typical secondary school.

A list of schools in the London and Hertfordshire area which admit pupils into Year 10, together with contact details, are listed below.

There are no UTCs or Studio Schools in Brent. If you have any questions please contact the UTC or Studio School you are interested in directly using the details provided. The full application process is set out on the website for each school.

Where a UTC or Studio School requires an application to be made via the local authority, these can be made in the same way, and use the same deadlines as for Year 7 applications, on the eadmissions.org.uk website.

Studio Schools in London (schools for 14–19 year olds)

NAME AND ADDRESS	SPECIALISM/NUMBER OF PLACES IN YEAR 10	CONTACT DETAILS	HOW TO APPLY
De Salis Studio College, Hewens Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB4 8JP	Computer Science, Legal Criminal Sciences, Law, Economics, Technical Award in Finance, and Retail 60 places	www.desalisstudiocollege.co.uk desalisstudiocollege@trhat.org 020 3819 3421	Via your home Local Authority
Logic Studio School, Browells Lane, Feltham, TW13 7EF	Computing Technologies and International Logistics 40 places	www.logicstudioschool.org info@logicstudioschool.org 020 8831 3001	Via your home Local Authority
Parkside Studio College, Wood End Green Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 2SE	Creative Media, Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy, Health and Social Care, Hospitality & Catering, and Sport Science 60 places	www.parksidestudiocollege.co.uk parksidestudiocollege@trhat.org 020 8573 2097	Via your home Local Authority
Space Studio West London, Letchworth Avenue, Feltham, Middlesex, TW14 9RY	Space Aerospace Science Maths 75 places	www.spacestudiowestlondon.org info@spacestudiowestlondon.org 020 3696 8140	Direct to the school

University Technical Colleges in London and the surrounding area (schools for 14–19 year olds)

NAME AND ADDRESS	SPECIALISM/NUMBER OF PLACES IN YEAR 10	CONTACT DETAILS	HOW TO APPLY
Elstree Screen Arts Academy Studio Way, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 5NN	Multimedia Production Arts Digital technology and communication for entertainment industries 100 places	www.esaacademy.org admin@esaacademy.org 020 8386 6220	Direct to the school
Global Academy UTC The Old Vinyl Factory, 1 Record Walk, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 1DH	Media and Entertainment, including technical, television, radio and digital media 150 places	www.globalacademy.com reception@globalacademy.com 020 3019 9000	Direct to the school
London Design and Engineering UTC Docklands Campus, University Way, London, E16 2RD	Design Engineering 80 places	www.ldeutc.co.uk admin@ldeutc.co.uk 020 3019 7333	Direct to the school
Mulberry UTC 64 Parnell Road, London, E3 2RU	Health and Social Care T-Level Health Science and Maths Business and IT Creative and Digital Media & Performing and Production Arts 80 places	www.mulberryutc.org info@mulberryutc.org 020 3137 7024	Direct to the school
UTC Heathrow Potter Street, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 1QG	Engineering and Digital Technologies 150 places	www.heathrow-utc.org info@heathrow-utc.org 01923 602130	Direct to the school

Section 4 – Additional Information

Contact Information

Brent School Admissions

■ For information and enquiries about school admissions and how to apply.

Tel: **020 8937 3110**

Time: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Email: **school.admissions@brent.gov.uk**

www.brent.gov.uk/admissions

Brent Customer Services

■ Get help and access a computer to make your application at the Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ.

Neighbouring local authorities

■ Barnet

Tel: **020 8359 7651**

Email: **school.admissions@barnet.gov.uk**

www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions

■ Camden

Tel: **020 7974 1625**

Email: **admissions@camden.gov.uk**

www.camden.gov.uk/admissions

■ Ealing

Tel: **020 8825 5522**

Email: **mainroundadmissions@ealing.gov.uk**

www.ealing.gov.uk/admissions

■ Harrow

Tel: **020 8901 2620**

Email: **schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk**

www.harrow.gov.uk/schools

■ Hammersmith and Fulham

Tel: **020 8753 1085**

Email: **school.admissions@lbhf.gov.uk**

www.lbhf.gov.uk/schooladmissions

■ Kensington and Chelsea

Tel: **020 7745 6432**

Email: **school.admissions@rbkc.gov.uk**

www.rbkc.gov.uk/schools/admissions

■ Westminster

Tel: **020 7745 6433**

Email: **schooladmissions@westminster.gov.uk**

www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions

Department for Education

■ The government department responsible for schools and education.

Tel: **0370 000 2288**

www.education.gov.uk

Ofsted

■ Ofsted inspect and report on standards of schools, childminders and local authorities.

Email: **enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk**

www.ofsted.gov.uk

Applicants with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

Brent Council's policy is that children with SEND or Education, Health and Care plans (EHCP) should attend their local secondary school wherever possible. A small number of children who have an EHCP and the most complex needs attend a special school or have special provision attached to a mainstream school. The Special Educational Needs Assessment Service (SENAS) The SEND 0-25 Team will discuss this with parents of children with EHCPs and provide information regarding the most appropriate placements for individual children.

Transfer process for children with an EHCP

The main admission criteria and application processes do not apply to children who have an EHCP. The council will apply for places on behalf of all such children. An annual review of the EHCP will be held before the end of the summer term in Year 5. Discussion will take place at the review between parents, school staff and other professionals about appropriate arrangements for secondary transfer. Parents should note there is no automatic right for any pupil to receive assistance with transport, and should consider carefully how their child would get to school if they do not express a preference for a local school. For further information please contact Brent Council's SEND 0-25 Team.

Tel: **020 8937 3229**

Email: **sen.assessments@brent.gov.uk**

If you have made a request for your child to receive an Education, Health and Care assessment, but they do not yet have a final EHC Plan you should still apply via the main admissions process.

The SEN Team will only make applications for children who have a finalised EHC Plan.

Admission process for children without an EHCP

Children who have SEND but do not have an EHCP will transfer to secondary school through the coordinated admission procedures. The Code of Practice on School Admissions states: 'Children with SEND but without an Education, Health and Care plan must be treated as fairly as other applicants. Admission authorities may not refuse to admit a pupil because they consider themselves unable to cater for his or her SEND'. Admission authorities must consider applications from children who have SEND but no EHCP, on the basis of the school's published admissions criteria. All mainstream schools receive funding to provide extra help for children with SEND.

Admission process for children who are undergoing statutory assessment

It is vital that you apply for a place in the usual way through completing the normal Common Application Form (CAF).

Children with SEND, with or without EHC Plans, are entitled to the services of Brent SEND Information Advice and Support Services. For further information you can contact the Brent SEND Information Advice and Support Services on 020 8937 3434.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN BRENT

Special schools in Brent cater for the small number of children who have complex needs that cannot be met at their local school. All applications to special schools must be made through the Special Educational Needs Assessment Service (SENAS). You cannot apply directly to these schools.

BRENT LOCAL OFFER

The Local Offer is an online directory of information and advice for families with children with special education needs and disabilities (SEND)

- Find out: What SEND is, what to do if you think your child has SEND, getting an assessment of your child's needs and how support can change to meet those needs.
- Get information, support and advice: Find the right school in Brent, information on health services, the range of support and advice out there, help with travel and transport needs, financial support and more.
- Find out things to do: A directory of things to do, including sporting activities, clubs and hobbies and short respite breaks.

View the Brent Local Offer at
www.brent.gov.uk/localoffer

SPECIALIST OUTREACH SERVICES

Where children do not attend a specialist provision, Brent outreach teams offer a continuum of specialist support to pupils and schools which is flexible in nature and tailored to meet individual needs. Pupils who access these services have a medical diagnosis of either significant hearing impairment, visual impairment or autistic spectrum disorder and may also have an Education Health and Care Plan.

Brent Deaf and Hearing Impairment Service (BDHIS)

Team Leader: **Mrs Milly Mastroianni**
Tel: **020 8937 5107**

Brent Visual Impairment Service (BVIS)

Team Leader: **Mr Paul Fielding**
Tel: **020 8937 3312**

Brent Outreach Autism Team (BOAT)

Team Leader: **Ms Clare Henshaw**
Tel: **020 8937 4659**

Home to school travel

Parents are responsible for ensuring their child attends school. This means they must take all the action necessary to enable their child to attend school.

The local authority is only required to provide travel assistance in a limited number of cases where a child is of compulsory school age, attends their nearest suitable school and:

- lives more than the statutory walking distance from that school
- could not reasonably be expected to walk to that school because of their special educational needs, disability or mobility problem, even if they were accompanied by their parent, or
- would not be able to walk to that school in reasonable safety, even if they were accompanied by their parent.

The nearest suitable school is nearly always the nearest school to your home address, therefore the local authority will not provide travel assistance because you have chosen a school that is further away. Furthermore, a local authority is not required to arrange travel for an eligible child where suitable free travel is provided by someone else, for example, their school or the local transport authority (TfL).

In London, travel is free on buses for children up to 18 years of age. Where it is possible for a child to travel to school free of charge the council would expect that option to be taken. The council will not provide travel assistance if parents have chosen for their child to attend school further away, but it would be possible to offer a

place at a school within the statutory walking distance.

Some exceptions may apply for children from low income families. Our full school travel assistance policy is available on the Brent website at

www.brent.gov.uk/travelassistance

Free school meals

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, FSM eligibility is expanding to all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of household earnings.

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

A pupil is only eligible to receive a free school meal where both:

- a claim for this support has been made
- their eligibility has been verified by the school where they are enrolled or by the local authority

Households may also be entitled to a meal if they:

- are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- meet criteria set out in separate guidance for families with no recourse to public funds.

Application forms are available from

www.brent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Private fostering

- If a child or young person under the age of 16 (or 18 if they have a disability) is living for more than 28 days with someone other than a close family member*, this is known as a private fostering arrangement. (*A close family member is a grandparent, aunt or uncle, sibling or step-parent either by blood or marriage).
- There is a duty on parents and carers entering into private fostering arrangements to notify the council. This is in order to safeguard and protect the child's welfare as well as ensuring that the child, carer and parent are receiving appropriate support and help.
- If you know or are not sure if that a child is being cared for in a private fostering arrangement, please call the

Brent Fostering team on **020 8937 4538** or visit **www.brent.gov.uk/privatefostering** to make a referral.

Fostering

Interested in becoming a foster carer for Brent?

Start your fostering journey today by emailing

fostering@brent.gov.uk or calling **0800 001 4041**.

Further information and contact form at

www.brent.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/fostering-and-adoption/fostering

Data Protection

Information parents provide when applying for a school place will be used for registered purposes under the Data Protection Act 2019 and the General Data Protection Regulation and will be entered on a secure computerised database. The information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2019 and the General Data Protection Regulation, which ensures the information can only be used for defined purposes and can only be passed to specific people.

The defined purposes are:

- Administering the admissions process as set out in this booklet relevant to my application.
- Preventing fraud or criminal offence or to ensure the safety of any child.
- To ensure the council fulfils its statutory obligation to provide every child within the area with a suitable school place.

The people who may receive the information are:

- The current school (if any).
- The school to which the pupil is to be admitted.
- Other admission authorities so as to ensure that parents have provided consistent information and do not hold on to more than one offer of a place.
- Any organisation legitimately investigating allegations of fraud, criminal offences or child protection.



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