

Oversubscription Criteria for Transfer to Community Junior School in 2018-19

Offers of places at the preferred community school(s) will be made unless the number of applicants for the school(s) in question exceeds the relevant admission limit(s). When a particular school is oversubscribed, the following criteria would be applied, in order, to allocate the places available.

1. 'Looked after children' and children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been 'looked after' (see Note 1)
2. Children who, when the applications are processed, attend the linked infant school.
3. Children who the Director of Education & Skills accepts have an exceptional medical, social or other need which the school is particularly able to meet (see Note 2)
4. Children who live within the individual school's defined area and who are without a school place because they have moved
5. Children who, at the time of admission, have a sibling living at the same address who already attends the school, or the linked school in the case of separate infant and junior schools. Siblings would include half, step, adoptive and foster siblings provided they also live at the same address as the applicant.
6. Children of teaching staff of the school 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 will be in employment as a teacher at the school when the child starts school
7. Children living within the individual school's defined area, with priority given to those who live closest to the school when measuring distance in a straight line (See Note 3)
8. Children living outside the individual school's defined area, with priority given to those who live closest to the school when measuring distance in a straight line (See Note 3)

A child looked after is a child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. An adopted child is defined by section 12 of the Adoption Act 1976 and section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. Child arrangements orders are defined in Section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by Section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order. A special guardianship order is defined by section 14A of the Children Act 1989.

Note 2

Applications made under this criterion must be supported by a current letter from a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional. The letter must name the school and specify the reasons why the particular school is most suitable for the child and the difficulties that would be faced if the child attends an alternative school. Information not provided at the time the application is submitted may not be considered at a later date.

Note 3

A map showing a school's defined area may be viewed at the school. Distance is measured in a straight line between the address point for the child's home, supplied by Ordnance Survey, to the school's main gate (unless specified otherwise) using the Council's computerised geographical information system.

Tie Breaker

Distance will be used as a tie-breaker within each category.

Final Tie Breaker

Applicants from the same block of flats, or applicants who live the same distance from the school will be selected in random order and places will be offered accordingly.

Applications made on behalf of twins or triplets

When the over-subscription criteria are applied to applications made on behalf of twins or triplets, they will be selected in random order and places will be offered accordingly. This could result in one (or two) children in a family being offered a place but not the other(s). Where relevant, the remaining child(ren) would be retained automatically and given priority on the particular school's waiting list.

Fair processing and Sharing Information

The information provided with an application for a school place will be used in line with the provisions of the **Data Protection Act 1998**. Barnet has a duty under the Children's Act 2004 to work with partners to provide and improve services to children and young people in the area. Therefore, Barnet may also use this information for other legitimate purposes and may share this information where necessary with other bodies responsible for administering services to children and young people. Barnet also has a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end, it may use the information you have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud.

The people who may receive this information are:

- o The current school
- o The school to which the child is to be admitted
- o Other Admission Authorities so as to ensure that parents have provided consistent information and do not hold on to more than one school place
- o Any organisation legitimately investigating allegations of fraud, criminal offences or child protection.